

Explanation of Changes between Version W and Version A of HJR 28

1. Page 2, Line 12 – The word “inevitable” is deleted

2. Page 2, Lines 14-23, deleted and replaced with this-

WHEREAS a May 2013 McGill University research report detailed findings demonstrating interbreeding between genetically modified salmon and brown trout could occur suggesting that the potential for similar hybridization between other closely related species could pose risks for wild populations, including wild salmon; and

WHEREAS the research showed that transgenic hybrid salmon can outcompete both wild and genetically modified salmon, making hybridization relevant to risk assessments; and

WHEREAS, each year, thousands of salmon escape from open water net pens into the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, demonstrating that escapement is a serious threat to wild fish populations; and

WHEREAS the AquaBounty facility on Prince Edward Island, is producing genetically engineered eggs and sits adjacent to a water body that is directly connected to the Saint Lawrence Seaway and the Atlantic Ocean; and

WHEREAS, the proximity of the AquaBounty facility to this waterway puts at risk wild Atlantic salmon, which are listed under the Endangered Species Act; and

3. Page 3, Lines 2-5, deleted (this will lead to changing the title by deleting page 1, Line 4 “and encouraging” through the end of the title on Line 6)