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Representative Louise Stutes, Chairman  
House Special Committee on Fisheries  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

**RE: Support for HJR 12, opposing FDA approval of genetically modified salmon and urging labeling.**

Dear Chairman Stutes and Committee Members,

UFA is on record with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in opposition to approval of genetically modified salmon for production and consumption in the U.S., and we have strongly requested that FDA regulations require that any genetically modified salmon or other seafood products be clearly labeled as such.

Alaska leads the world in sustainable fishery management practices and we have gone to great effort and expense to differentiate our seafood products in the marketplace. We are very concerned that if genetically modified salmon is allowed to be sold in the U.S. at all, or not labeled clearly, Alaska fishermen and coastal communities will suffer job losses and economic hardship due to consumer confusion about the wholesomeness of salmon in general.

United Fishermen of Alaska represents 34 Alaska Commercial fishing organizations, and hundreds of individual fishermen and related businesses. We support HJR 12 and applaud the State Legislature for your dedication to Alaska's fisheries and our position in the global marketplace.

Sincerely,

Jerry McCune  
President

Mark Vinsel  
Executive Administrator

CC: Representative Geran Tarr

#### MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers • Alaska Independent Tendermen's Association • Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association • Alaska Scallop Association  
Alaska Trollers Association • Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association • Armstrong Keta • At-sea Processors Association • Bristol Bay Fishermen's Association  
Bristol Bay Reserve • Cape Barnabas, Inc. • Concerned Area "M" Fishermen • Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association • Cordova District Fishermen United  
Douglas Island Pink and Chum • Freezer Longline Coalition • Golden King Crab Coalition • Groundfish Forum • Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association  
Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association • North Pacific Fisheries Association • Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association  
Petersburg Vessel Owners Association • Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation • Purse Seine Vessel Owner Association  
Seafood Producers Cooperative • Southeast Alaska Herring Conservation Alliance • Southeast Alaska Fisherman's Alliance  
Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association • Southeast Alaska Seiners • Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association  
United Cook Inlet Drift Association • United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters • Valdez Fisheries Development Association