

To; State of Alaska Legislators

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Subject: GE Fish and Labeling food.

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Dear House Resources Committee,

I am a 10 year Alaskan resident. Prior to moving to Alaska, I was your typical “organic food” is a racket... Little did I know. I had trusted food companies for ensuring the best quality food for the price. There are numerous books about our over processed food system.

FDA and USDA for years has accepted the research from the companies processing the food. This is not empirical science. The companies “pick and choose” what information was supplied. Mar 2015 IARC (International Agency on the Research on Cancer);

“What were the results of the IARC evaluations? The herbicide glyphosate and the insecticides malathion and diazinon were classified as probably carcinogenic to humans (Group 2A). The insecticides tetrachlorvinphos and parathion were classified as possibly carcinogenic to humans(Group 2B).”

Before folks say what does that have to do with fish and labeling? The GE fish labels should read PESTICIDE RESIDUAL. You and I know they will not do that! By the way labels should reflect what is in the product you are selling otherwise “Soylent Green” comes to mind.

Please step forth and demand labels on food. We are rural, not all folks bring their cell phones in to read the label, in the grocery store?

Let’s reflect;

“U.S. regulatory agencies FDA and USDA do NOT regulate use or dangers of Glyphosate Prior to 1970, Glyphosate was synthesized in a laboratory by a Swiss chemist that patented the chemical chelator “agent” that was known then to bind and remove the minerals calcium, magnesium, copper, zinc and manganese. Glyphosate also kills plants and bacteria by interfering with the synthesis of the amino acids tyrosine, tryptophan and phenylalanine by inhibiting certain enzymes. Glyphosate residues are NOT always immobile and do have the potential to contaminate surface waters through soil erosion as it adsorbs (remains as thin film on surface) to soil particles suspended in runoff. Glyphosate is NOT tested by the FDA’s Pesticide Residue Monitoring Program nor the USDA’s Pesticide Data Program, and field tests show that carrots, lettuce and barley contain residues up to ONE YEAR after the soil is treated with just three pounds of Glyphosate per acre. **Contamination of rain, groundwater and surface water** is attributed to urban and agricultural use. People spray Roundup on sidewalks, to clear railroad tracks, and to try to eradicate weeds from their yards. It’s also used in aerial spraying. Laboratory toxicology studies reveal that other ingredients in combination with Glyphosate may have greater toxicity than Glyphosate and might also propel the toxicity and carcinogenic (cancer-causing) actions of Glyphosate itself.”
(<http://www.truthwiki.org/glyphosate/>)

GE fish are not okay. We are having a problem with documentation from companies trying to sell us their product. GE fish is just like the foods we eat(over processed)not labeled correctly and have pesticide residual they consider tolerable. We have an opportunity to claim FRESH FISH, not farmed.

I must comment about pesticides. It is all related, we are dealing with chemical companies that want to sell their product. Please ask yourself why does Cannabis(another market missed) require it to be organic? Why not the "stuff" we feed daily to our children? As food advocate, I am a cheap Norwegian(100% American) When I got wise to cancer.(myself 2013) I found all the research about nutrition. It is astonishing if you take a look. I am deeply disappointed at Rep. Don Young. He signed off on not labeling foods. It's not too late for him to state his position-not "I made a mistake". I have had young parents say they cannot afford to buy organic for their children. I feel for them, but my cat and plants get filtered water. It's important to care about what you drink and eat.

On our Island every community stated they do not want pesticides. We do not want GE salmon!. We want to label our food.

If you succumb to chemical companies all bets are off.

As a medic 24 years Air Force and civilian I have learned a lot. One being, the tumor registry board. Please heed this; Alaska is one of the highest cancer mortalities. Slightly above the average. I called about myself to see if I was on the list. Alaska is a bit different as Native and White are documented differently. I was not on the registry/ I called the tumor folks and they explained that if the tumor was taken out in another state it counted there. I also spoke to the native cancer board. They say their tumor board is more detailed. I added myself to the Caucasian list. Each person counts.

I choose to stay at the position I held: enlisted medical, that does not mean I did not learn, as I became a patient. As a cancer patient, I learned a lot can be environmental. A lot can be avoided.

Thank you for your attention on this matter-it's our economy and a way on life.

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On route for this but my plane lands at 12:15

