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Subject: CS for House Joint Resolution No. 12 (Fish)

I strongly oppose the approval of AquaBounty AquAdvantage genetically engineered salmon. They are the first genetically modified organism to attempt to be approved.

Many concerns exist. The hormone used to cause the fish to grow faster and larger than normal Chinook has unknown consequences on humans. Perhaps they will act as endocrine disrupters, causing negative results in people. The fish to be grown are supposedly in escape proof pens, but it would not take too many escapees to enter salmon streams and outcompete normal sized Chinook fish and contaminate precious wild runs. The food given to young GM fish (also known colloquially as FrankenFish) could contaminate water sources as would the vast amount of accumulating feces of all those fish in great concentration.

As soon as the word came out a year or so ago about the eventual availability of GM fish, numerous big food stores came out opposed to carrying them, in part because of public pressure, in part because of the potential dangers to humans consuming them. These experiments on humans and the environment must not be allowed. Please vote NO on approving these fish.

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