



**CORDOVA DISTRICT FISHERMEN UNITED
RESOLUTION 2010-10-08**

**A RESOLUTION by the CORDOVA DISTRICT FISHERMEN UNITED (CDFU)
BOARD of DIRECTORS OPPOSING GENETICALLY ENGINEERED ANIMALS
INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION, SPECIFICALLY THE
AQUADVANTAGE SALMON PRODUCED BY AQUABOUNTY TECHNOLOGIES
(DOCKET NO. FDA-2010-N-0001).**

WHEREAS, the approval of genetically modified salmon, the first such hybrid to be considered for human consumption, is unprecedented, risky and a threat to the survival of wild species;

WHEREAS, the escape of genetically engineered farmed salmon into the wild carries the risk that genetic material from these fish will invade wild gene pools of native Pacific salmon populations;

WHEREAS, approving genetically engineered salmon is a sharp contradiction to the agreements the United States has signed with the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization, where transgenic salmonids are considered a serious threat to wild salmon;

WHEREAS, the methodology of scientific research conducted by AquaBounty supporting the safety of consuming genetically engineered salmon is inadequate. Further independent research is necessary to demonstrate the long-term effects of human consumption of genetically engineered salmon;

WHEREAS, there was insufficient opportunity for the public to weigh in on this important issue;

WHEREAS, emphasis should be placed on protecting and maintaining the sustainability of wild salmon stocks as opposed to developing and introducing genetically engineered versions of wild foods into the consumer market;

WHEREAS, millions of farmed salmon have escaped from open-water net pens, outcompeting wild populations for resources and straining ecosystems. The approval of GE salmon would represent a serious threat to the survival of native salmon populations, many of which have already suffered severe declines related to salmon farms and other man-made impacts;

WHEREAS, unlabeled GE salmon may force consumers to fear all types of salmon, further hindering an already strained wild fisheries industry.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Cordova District Fishermen United urges the FDA to delay approval of genetically engineered salmon until it can conduct independent, well-designed, long-term studies on the effects of consuming genetically engineered fish.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Cordova District Fishermen United opposes the introduction of genetically engineered salmon into the marketplace.

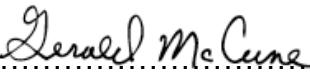
NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event of the approval of AquAdvantage GE salmon, Cordova District Fishermen United supports clear and mandatory labeling differentiating genetically engineered salmon from wild or farmed salmon enabling consumers to make informed purchasing decisions.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that if approved by the FDA, genetically engineered salmon must be farmed in secure, self-contained, land-based facilities.

Adopted by the CDFU Board of Directors on October 8, 2010.

Signed: 

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