
From: bobsal@gci.net
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 12:45 PM
To: Rep. Scott Kawasaki
Subject: GMOs and Frankenfish

Categories: GM Fish Bill

Dear Mr. Kawasaki,

This is in response to your note to me about my letter to the editor on GMOs.

Here are two great sites regarding GMOs, both involving Jeffrey Smith, an expert on the subject.

The discussion mainly revolves around the big chemical companies and seed involvement.

The results from seed modification is disastrous and there is no reason to believe messing around with the genetics of fish will have a different outcome.

The greed by both the chemical companies and our federal involvement has the potential for great harm to the world's people, not just American's.

On a different note from GMOs is the USDA Food Guidelines for the American Diet. Government involvement thirty to fifty years ago has lead to the increased health problems of cancer, diabetes, obesity and mental health problems. They still cannot see the forest for the trees, as to the problem, blaming the people, instead of the high carbohydrate and low-fat recommendations. This problem should be investigated by legislators as it would go a long way to solving the high expense of healthcare.

I am thankful for the interest by a legislator. Sincerely, Sally Stuart

<http://www.responsibletechnology.org>

The Institute for Responsible Technology (IRT)

The Institute for Responsible Technology is a world leader in educating policy makers and the public about genetically modified (GM) foods and crops. We investigate and report their risks and impact on health, environment, the economy, and agriculture, as well as the problems associated with current research, regulation, corporate practices, and reporting.

<http://www.seedsofdeception.com/Public/Home/index.cfm>

International bestselling author Jeffrey M. Smith is the leading spokesperson on the health dangers of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs). He documents how the world's most powerful Ag biotech companies bluff and mislead critics, and put the health of society at risk. At this site is a video well worth the time to watch.

There are a myriad links to good sites regarding how wrong the USDA Guidelines are. These are just a start to get your interest.

<http://www.hulu.com/watch/196879/fat-head> this movie explains in a humorous but accurate way how wrong the current recommendations are by the USDA.

Many bloggers have a scientific background and are up to date on the documented research, whereas, doctors seem to be indoctrinated in the low carb theory from medical school and not open minded.

<http://www.fathead-movie.com/index.php/2011/02/01/fat-kids-and-thermodynamics/> blog: by Tom Naughton

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From: litsaofalaska@yahoo.com
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To: Rep. Scott Kawasaki
Subject: Please Introduce Bill to Label GMO Foods

Categories: GM Fish Bill

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January 21, 2011

The Honorable Scott Kawasaki
Alaska House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Kawasaki:

Like most consumers, I want to avoid foods that contain genetically modified organisms, but they are not labeled.

In fact, the federal government does nothing to regulate, or guarantee the safety of, agricultural crops -- and now food animals -- that have been altered with foreign genes. There has never been a longitudinal scientifically rigorous health study on the impacts of eating genetically altered foods.

The little science there is shows that GMOs are more likely to trigger novel allergies, are less nutritious, sprayed with more herbicides, and contain elevated levels of hormones that correlate with common cancers.

And, there's no doubt that the most common GMO foods are linked to epidemic levels of obesity and diet-related diseases. These include artery-clogging meat and milk products from animals fed GMO grains, trans fats from GMO vegetable oils, and high fructose (GMO) corn syrup.

Public health depends on labeling GMO foods so consumers can avoid them. Mandatory GMO labels are popular with consumers, consistently earning polling numbers politicians dream of.

I am hoping that you and your colleagues in the state legislature can help. Please stand up for consumers' right to know and truth in labeling by introducing a bill to label GMO foods this year.

I look forward to hearing from you on this important topic.

Sincerely,

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From: Kristine Niles [kryniles@alaska.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 4:08 PM
To: Rep. Scott Kawasaki
Subject: thank you for taking on the farmed salmon propositions

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Categories: GM Fish Bill

Scott,

I thank you for introducing bills that will protect our wild salmon from the potential ravages of farming and hybridizing salmon. It has happened time and again that by farming salmon- inevitably some escape and decimate the local populations of salmon because they are usually much more aggressive hybrid salmon species or they introduce pathogens that in turn decimate the local salmon populations through infection, and yet companies continue to farm salmon.

Dipnetting at Chitna is my family's main source of meat throughout the year. It is a healthy source of omega-3's and they have such low mercury levels that I can eat them throughout my pregnancy. It is vital to my family that the salmon remain strong and healthy!

I also support your efforts to ensure that all genetically modified salmon along with farmed salmon are required to be labeled as such. I, for one, will always purchase wild salmon over farmed or genetically modified.

Thank you for fighting to maintain our wild Alaskan salmon populations,
Kristine Niles

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From: nis@mosquitonet.com
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Subject: GE Salmon

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Scott, Sen Begich has introduced S 230 to ban genetically engineered salmon so if this becomes federal law it should solve the problem. But i agree that any genetically engineered food if approved, should be conspicuously labeled as such so the public can make the decision to buy or not to buy the product. If the feds won't establish this requirement, the state should for sale of such products in AK.

Thanks for your service.

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