

# Say **No** To Frankenfisch



*In Alaska, we're fighting for our livelihood. Frankenfisch pose a significant threat to our way of life. Throughout this entire process, not one individual has come out in support of GM salmon. Salmon fishing has existed in Alaska for generations, and Frankenfisch threaten that tradition.*

## **Benefits to Alaskan Seafood**

- Alaska seafood is naturally high in essential vitamins.
- 2012: 124 million salmon were harvested totaling \$505 billion.
- Jobs: Approximately 70,000
- In total, gross earnings for Alaskan fisherman is \$285 billion.
- Alaska leads the world in sustainable fishery management practices.

## **Why Alaskans oppose Frankenfisch**

- Insufficient consultation with National Marine Fisheries Service
- Threat to human health consumer confidence in salmon
- Erode the strength of wild seafood industry
- No requirement for labeling GM Salmon

## ***Who's fighting GM Salmon in Alaska?***

- **U.S. Senator Mark Begich**
- **U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski**
- **U.S. Representative Don Young**
- **Alaska Governor Sean Parnell**
- **United Fisherman of Alaska**
- **Alaska Trollers Association**
- **Alaska Glacier Seafoods**
- **Pickled Willy's**
- **Sea Beef**
- **Wild Alaskan Seafood Company**
- **International Seafoods of Alaska**
- **Petersburg Vessel Owners Assn**
- **Cordova District Fishermen United**
- **Southeast Alaska Guide Organization**
- **Commercial Fishermen**
- **City and Borough of Yakutat**
- **Haines Borough**

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## Concerns for Alaskan Fishermen

Alaska fishermen are concerned that if genetically modified salmon is allowed to be sold in the U.S., then coastal communities will suffer job losses and economic hardship due to consumer confusion about the wholesomeness of salmon in general.

In the Cordova Fishing District alone, there are over 800 fishermen and their families that rely on the fishing industry for their livelihood. Continued sustainability and productivity of Alaska's wild salmon runs is very important, and without that resource, their lives would be completely changed.

In Petersburg, there are over 100 commercial fishermen and businesses rely on the fishing industry to some degree. Throughout the state, from fishermen to processors to retailers and wholesalers, the fishing industry has a huge impact. Economically, the fishing industry is second only to oil and gas development. Throughout this entire process, not one individual has come out in support of genetically modified salmon.

