ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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Summary of Changes from Version A to Version H of HJR 28

The House Fisheries Committee introduced a Committee Substitute that modified the original version of the resolution. The House Fisheries Committee made another amendment to the resolution during the committee process.

Changes made with the House Fisheries Committee Substitute

1. **Page 2, Line 12 – The word "inevitable" was deleted**
2. **Page 2, Lines 14-23, deleted and replaced with this:**

WHEREAS a May 2013 McGill University research report detailed findings demonstrating interbreeding between genetically modified salmon and brown trout could occur suggesting that the potential for similar hybridization between other closely related species could pose risks for wild populations, including wild salmon; and

WHEREAS the research showed that transgenic hybrid salmon can outcompete both wild and genetically modified salmon, making hybridization relevant to risk assessments; and

WHEREAS, each year, thousands of salmon escape from open water net pens into the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, demonstrating that escapement is a serious threat to wild fish populations; and

WHEREAS the AquaBounty facility on Prince Edward Island, is producing genetically engineered eggs and sits adjacent to a water body that is directly connected to the Saint Lawrence Seaway and the Atlantic Ocean; and

WHEREAS, the proximity of the AquaBounty facility to this waterway puts at risk wild Atlantic salmon, which are listed under the Endangered Species Act; and

3. **Page 3, Lines 2-5, deleted (this will lead to changing the title by deleting page 1, Line 4 "and encouraging" through the end of the title on Line 6)**

Changes Made in House Fisheries Committee

In the House Fisheries Committee HJR 28 was amended to including language supporting the efforts of the state's congressional delegation to delay the confirmation of the new commissioner of the United States Food and Drug Administration until there is an agreement on labeling.