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Rep. Paul Seaton
House Fisheries Committee
State Capitol Room 102
Juneau, AK 99801
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RE: HJR 5 - "A Resolution opposing the US FDA's preliminary finding relating to genetically engineered salmon"

Dear Chairman Seaton and Committee Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Cordova District Fishermen United Board of directors and our membership to express our support of HJR 5 and proposed position of statewide opposition to the US Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) preliminary approval of Aquabounty's New Animal Drug Application (NADA) for genetically engineered salmon.

As one of Alaska's oldest fishing organizations, CDFU represents over 800 fishermen and their families in the Prince William Sound region, each with tremendous investment in their fishing operations and a commitment to the continued sustainability and productivity of Alaska's wild salmon runs.

We are extremely concerned with the ramifications that approval of GE salmon may have on Alaska's fishing industry. And are appreciative of the authors' recognition of the deficiencies in the FDA process to adequately assess the broader implications of approving GE salmon based on the limited scope considered in the preliminary EA and FONSI. We also support the state's proposed commitment to pursue mandatory product labeling should federal approval of this product be granted.

Thank you for your thorough consideration of HJR 5.

Sincerely,

Alexis Cooper
Executive Director

CC: Rep. Tarr