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January 17, 2023



Dear <>First Name>>,

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is accepting comments until midnight today (1/17) on the environmental impact of AquaBounty's facilities used for the production of genetically-engineered (GE) salmons. In addition to being inhumane for the captive salmons, such facilities also endanger wild salmons and other wildlife.

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be raised.

Atlantic salmon is an endangered species, and the facilities are located near where their population is already struggling to survive. If the GE salmons were to escape into the environment, they could outcompete the wild fishes and possibly interbreed with them, further threatening the wild population and wreaking havoc on the environment.

AquaBounty claims it will only produce sterile females. However, there is no guarantee that they will be sterile, and fishes can change gender. The company will also need to keep fertile GE fishes in order to produce additional offspring. There is no guarantee that the eggs or fishes won't escape into the environment.

The public has voiced clear opposition to GE salmon production. Instead of allowing this cruel and reckless technology, the government should be encouraging people to eat more healthful, humanely obtained foods, and doing all it can to protect wildlife and the environment.

A court ruled the FDA's initial environmental assessment was inadequate. The agency is now accepting public comments on its second assessment, which is also inadequate!

The FDA should do a more complete assessment of the impacts of GE salmon production, including disclosure of the drugs and other chemicals used and of any fish illnesses, the release of untreated wastes and other substances, and how harm to wild fishes and the environment would be mitigated in the case of GE salmon escape. Additional talking points are at:

**<https://earthjustice.org/features/what-you-should-know-about-ge-salmon>
and at: <https://www.centerforfoodsafety.org/issues/309/ge-fish/aquadvantage-salmon>**

Please click here to post your comment (for comment category, select: Food Industry - C0027):

<https://www.regulations.gov/document/FDA-2022-N-2672-0003>

Thank you for putting your concern and compassion into action!

Most sincerely,

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