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RE: FDA Docket# FDA-2010-N-0385 - Genetically Engineered Salmon

To all responsible parties on this Issue,

As a wild seafood harvester from Alaska we are very concerned and command your attention to the need of proper labeling that distinguishes a manufactured, engineered, genetically and drug fed seafood product from other "natural wild caught" seafood. Respective to genetically engineered salmon specifically, we are not in favor of such manufacturing, but especially sensitive to the public's need to know where their raw food comes from and how it may be produced. Pen raised seafood deserves a different focus of full disclosure compared to naturally wild caught product. We encourage FDA to consider potential ramifications to other seafood providers if this does not occur.

The State of Alaska and its fishing industry has committed itself to managing for a lasting natural wild seafood resource that has resulted in \$5.8 billion of direct, indirect and induced annual economic output. As lifelong residents and career participants in Alaska's fisheries, we take seriously the protection of our seafood industry and its market image as wild, sustainable, and natural.

Genetically engineered salmon will threaten the market share for Alaskan salmon as well as other wild salmon species along the west coast of North America. In order to mitigate this prospect, and to especially inform the public about manufactured salmon, it is only proper that labeling laws be mandated to draw distinction between pen raised, genetically modified salmon / seafood and wild caught salmon / seafood. Without such distinction, FDA would be favoring an unequal playing field among seafood providers and allowing public deception.

We urge you to make food policy that is responsible and allows the public to make informed decisions especially about their seafood choices.

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Sincerely yours.

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