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Re: AquaAdvantage salmon

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Jennifer Schultz <Jennifer.Schultz@noaa.gov>

10/28/11

to me

Thanks, Jason. Two more questions: If USFWS considers those requests for eggs, would they potentially consult with NMFS (if not NE)? Or would it be USFWS jurisdiction?

Jenny

On 10/28/2011 3:21 PM, Jason.Kahn wrote:

I'll be around M, T, and Th next week. As for the below:

1. FDA did not request formal consultation

2. NMFS does not concur with no effect determinations - I'll provide the letter we sent. Basically, it says due to their NE determination, we consider consultation complete.

3. FDA's authority is on interstate food sales, and in this case, importing the meat for sale in stores across the US.

4. AquaAdvantage currently has no intention of growing salmon or producing eggs in the US. However, they can sell eggs they produce to companies anywhere in the country for those companies to grow out. There have been requests from several companies to USFWS (they regulate importing salmon to the US) to import those eggs, though AquaAdvantage has not discussed this with FDA.

Jason

On 10/28/2011 3:16 PM, Jennifer Schultz wrote:

Hi Jason,

Are you going to be around next week? If so, can we talk about AquaAdvantage salmon? I want to make sure that I understand the situation:

1) FDA did not request formal consultation.

2) NMFS concurred on their final determination of "no effect."

3) FDA's action was approving the permit for AquaBounty to sell AquaAdvantage salmon in the US (egg production occurring in Canada; grow out and processing in Panama).

4) At the time, there was no plan to build egg production or grow out facilities in the US.

Have you heard anymore about whether or not they want to sell their eggs to other facilities or build new facilities in the US?

Thanks!

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