

## Is the White House interfering with a scientific review?

As president, Barack Obama promised to change “the posture of our federal government from being one of the most anti-science administrations in American history to one that embraces science and technology.” To publicly guarantee that, the White House issued a science integrity memorandum in 2009 pledging, “Political officials should not suppress or alter scientific or technological findings and conclusions.”

Except, it appears, when it comes to the fate of the first transgenic animal to be considered for federal approval—a genetically modified (GM) salmon developed by [AquaBounty Technologies](#) of Massachusetts.

### Additional Resources:

- [“FDA AquaBounty Draft Environmental Assessment Summary,”](#) Genetic Literacy Project
- [“AquaBounty Backgrounder,”](#) Genetic Literacy Project
- [“The global transgenic menagerie,”](#) Genetic Literacy Project

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