

## FDA ruling on GMO salmon worries Alaska fishermen

Making a living on fishing has always been a gamble, but this year Alaska's fisherfolk have even more cause for worry. On December 26 the FDA quietly issued its approval of genetically modified "AquaAdvantage" salmon. After more than a decade of regulatory uncertainty, the FDA's decision all but paves the way for the fish to be "farmed." The FDA is taking public comments on the issue until February 24, but the unambiguous wording of the decision suggests little room for charting a new course. Alaskans who make a living fishing for wild salmon have long opposed AquaAdvantage, saying the freakishly fast-growing fish puts wild stocks — and the state's fishing industry — at risk.

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