Study claims GE salmon can breed with brown trout and pass on genes

The following is an edited excerpt.

Scientists from Canada say that transgenic Atlantic salmon can cross-breed with a closely related species – the brown trout. The fish, which have been engineered with extra genes to make them grow more quickly, pass on this trait to the hybrid offspring.

The research <u>is published the Proceedings of the Royal Society B.</u>. However, the biotech company AquaBounty, which created the salmon, said any risks were negligible as the fish they were producing were all female, sterile and would be kept in tanks on land.

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