

GMO fish can help feed the world sustainably

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. . . [E]nvironmental groups have united with fishing barons to frustrate introduction of a new, genetically modified variety of salmon, called AquAdvantage.

Hysteria is their weapon, and hysteria is winning. It must be stopped.

Late last year. . . U.S. Food and Drug Administration scientists approved the unrestricted sale of this seafood which . . . [reaches] full maturity twice as fast.

Fish is good for us. . . A faster-growing fish makes sense because it reduces depletion of wild salmon while promoting locally grown, sustainable farming. . . .

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. . . [T]he world's need for GMO salmon . . . comes down. . . to simple arithmetic. Over the past 50 years, the world's population has grown from 3.3 billion to 7 billion. . . .

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Currently, the ocean serves as an important source of animal protein. In the years ahead it must become the major source. . . .

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But while fish is an essential part of the answer, catching more wild fish is not. . . .

. . . [B]etween 1970 and 2012, global marine life was slashed in half. The reasons include decline of habitat — the aquatic equivalent of peak farmland — pollution and overfishing.

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. . . .A 21st-century approach to sustainable fish is the obvious answer.

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