

Canadian court upholds approval of AquaAdvantage GMO salmon

The Federal Court of Appeal in Canada has upheld the approval of genetically modified salmon produced by AquaBounty Technologies Inc, after dismissing an appeal brought by ecological organisations.

Such an appeal had been brought by Ecojustice on behalf of the Ecology Action Centre and Living Oceans Society against Canada's Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Minister of Health and the company.

The Court also ordered the appellants to pay one set of costs to the respondent Ministers and one set of costs to AquaBounty.

The dismissal of the appeal means that the Ministers of Environment and Health were correct to allow production of AquaAdvantage® Salmon in Canada for commercial use stands.

Official documents show the Federal Court had ruled that the Ministers had arrived at a decision that was "reasonable and made in the manner prescribed by the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, SC 1999, c 33.

As stated In May this year, Health Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency has also approved AquaAdvantage Salmon for production, sale and consumption in Canada.

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