

GM salmon farm won't require new federal assessment, Canadian government says

A plant in eastern [Prince Edwards Island] that plans to produce genetically modified salmon will not require a new federal assessment, says Environment and Climate Change Canada.

According to a statement sent to CBC News, the project does not involve any activity that would require a federal environmental assessment.

The new facility is being proposed by AquaBounty, which currently operates a salmon egg facility in Fortune, P.E.I. In the past the eggs have been shipped to Panama for grow out. The new proposal would see a commercial grow out plant in Rollo Bay West.

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The Atlantic Salmon Federation believes the new proposal is something completely different from the egg production facility, and should have a new assessment.

"I was surprised to hear [no assessment was required] because the original risk assessment that was completed was very specific and limited," said director of communications Neville Crabbe.

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The new provincial environmental impact statement is currently being reviewed. The federal department says it will review the provincial assessment and participate as needed.

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