Alaskan Sen Murkowski introduces bill to label GMO 'frankenfish' salmon that could 'wreak havoc'

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, has introduced new legislation mandating that genetically engineered salmon be so labeled.

The Genetically Engineered Salmon Labeling Act would also require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to ensure a third-party independent scientific review of the Food and Drug Administration's environmental assessment for all genetically engineered finfish, including salmon, for human consumption.

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Murkowski said the main purpose of the legislation is to ensure that consumers have all the facts and can make an informed decision when purchasing salmon.

"There's a huge difference between 'Frankenfish' and the wild, healthy, sustainably-caught, delicious real thing – and I want to make sure folks are aware of that," Murkowski said. I will not accept that this 'fake fish' will be sold in stores without clear labeling," she said.

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"These 'Frankenfish' could wreak havoc upon wild stocks and pose a serious threat to the livelihoods of fishermen everywhere," she said.

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