

Activists claim 'faulty' environmental assessment led to approval of Canadian GMO salmon facility

It was a faulty environmental assessment process that allowed a company in eastern [Prince Edward Island (P.E.I), Canada] to build a plant that will produce the first genetically-modified food animal in North America, says the Coalition for the Protection of [Prince Edward Island] Water.

AquaBounty received permission in mid-June to build an enclosed facility in Rollo Bay West that will produce 250 tonnes of genetically-modified salmon a year for food.

What was approved [during initial approval in 2016]...was an egg production facility, with the eggs being shipped out of the country to be grown to market size. AquaBounty amended its proposal after receiving approval.

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"The environmental impact assessment for this project was woefully inadequate," said coalition member Gary Schneider, who also sits on the multi-interest advisory committee reviewing federal environmental assessment processes.

"This is a classic example of project splitting, where the company was able to get approval for a smaller piece of the project (raising eggs) and then returned a short time later with what would seem to be their actual plan, thereby avoiding an independent evaluation of a very different project."

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