

At epicenter of GMO salmon debate, Prince Edward Island divided about need for labelling

Earlier this month, a public consultation session on food affordability, accessibility, safety and conservation in Charlottetown heard perspectives on GMO foods from stakeholders, Indigenous representatives, experts, and key policy makers.

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[Canadian Broadcasting Corporation] P.E.I. reporter Stephanie Kelly hit the streets to ask Islanders their thoughts on GMOs and how they should be labelled.

Rebecca Dickson, a student of neuroscience and genetics, said more education is needed on what the labels mean.

"If we labelled everything that was genetically modified, we would end up labelling everything that was on the shelf," she said.

"I think people don't understand what GMO means: there's a lot of pseudo-science articles out there that make it sound a lot scarier than it is."

Island resident Sylvie Arsenault expressed concerns about a lack of clarity on which products are genetically modified.

"I feel strongly that they should be labelled so that people know what they're buying," Arsenault said.

"You need to be careful about those things and there doesn't seem to be enough care taken around that."

Still, as chef Michael Smith pointed out at the consultation about Canada's Food Policy, with pressure to feed some 10 billion people on the planet by 2050, GMO is another "tool in our toolkit."

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