Canada green lights commercial production of AquAdvantage GMO salmon at Prince Edward Island facility

Environment Canada has approved the commercial production of genetically-modified salmon produced in a facility in eastern [Prince Edward Island], says the company that owns the facility in a news release.

The AquAdvantage salmon, produced by AquaBounty, are modified to grow at a much faster rate than regular salmon.

AquaBounty has created a land-based, self-contained facility for the fish in Rollo Bay. Currently, the company has permission to export GM salmon eggs from P.E.I. to a facility in Indiana to be grown out. The [US] approved the import of the eggs to the Indiana plant last month.

[Editor's note: Read AquaBounty's press release for more information.]

AquaBounty CEO Sylvia Wulf said in a news release she was pleased by the news.

"We take biosecurity and sustainability seriously, and our state-of-the-art recirculating aquaculture system (RAS) design includes multiple and redundant physical barriers to escape," said Wulf.

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AquaBounty estimates the first commercial harvest from the plant will be in the last quarter of 2020.

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