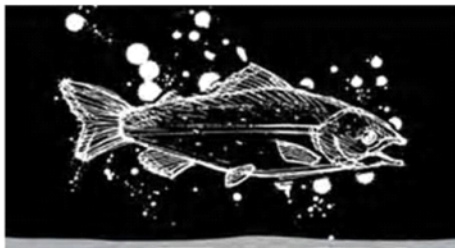


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Tell FDA: Do Not Approve Genetically Engineered Salmon!



Just Say No To FrankenFish

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The GE Atlantic salmon being considered was developed by AquaBounty Technologies, and genetically engineered to produce growth hormones year-round, creating a fish the company claims grows at twice the normal rate. This could allow factory fish farms to crowd the salmon into pens and still get high production rates.

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