

Resolution No. 31443

A RESOLUTION stating the City of Seattle's opposition to any action by the Food and Drug Administration to approve genetically engineered salmon.

The City of Seattle – Legislative Department

Resolution sponsored by: Richard Conlin

Committee Action:

Date	Recommendation	Vote

This file is complete and ready for presentation to Full Council.

Full Council Action:

Date	Decision	Vote
April 22, 2013	Adopted as Amended	9-0

Law Department

Related Legislation File: _____

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CITY OF SEATTLE
RESOLUTION 31443

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3 A RESOLUTION stating the City of Seattle's opposition to any action by the Food and Drug
Administration to approve genetically engineered salmon.

4 WHEREAS, AquaBounty Technologies Inc. has applied for federal approval to commercially
5 produce a growth-enhanced transgenic (genetically modified) Atlantic salmon; and

6 WHEREAS, this genetically modified salmon has been altered with growth genes from the Pacific
7 Chinook salmon and eel-like Ocean Pout; and

8 WHEREAS, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has extended its public comment period until
9 April 26, 2013; and

10 WHEREAS, salmon is important to the Northwest from an economic as well as cultural standpoint;
and

11 WHEREAS, more than 400,000 fishermen, environmentalists, food safety advocates and others have
12 written to the FDA with concerns about the agency's preliminary findings; and

13 WHEREAS, these faster-growing farmed fish could threaten the livelihood of Northwest and Alaska
14 fishermen by flooding the market with cheap fish; and

15 WHEREAS, there are no current requirements to label genetically modified food; and

16 WHEREAS, Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray of Washington, Senators Mark Begich and
17 Lisa Murkowski and Representative Don Young of Alaska are part of a bipartisan coalition
18 that supports legislation that would ban the fish outright or require it to be labeled as
transgenic if the FDA approves it; and

19 WHEREAS, the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community has sent a letter to the FDA strongly urging
20 them to deny the approval of genetically engineered salmon stating that " the risks of forever
21 contaminating our wild salmon populations – and irreversibly harming tribal culture and
traditions – are too great."; and

22 WHEREAS, the FDA has not conducted any safety testing and has generally neglected to adequately
23 address serious concerns about the safety of consuming salmon that has been genetically
24 engineered (GE) to produce growth hormones at all times, allowing it to grow faster and
bigger than natural salmon; and

25 WHEREAS, scientists have predicted that the introduction of genetically modified salmon into
26 populations of native salmon could have severely detrimental ecological and economic
impacts on coastal communities whose livelihoods depend heavily on fishing, including
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1 the devastation of populations of native salmon, as well as other fish and marine mammals
2 that feed on native salmon populations; and

3 WHEREAS, there is little data on the human health impacts of GE fish; NOW, THEREFORE,

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5 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR**
6 **CONCURRING, THAT:**

7 Section 1. The City of Seattle is officially opposed to any action by the Food and Drug
8 Administration to approve genetically engineered salmon.

9 Section 2. The City of Seattle supports federal labeling of genetically engineered and
10 modified food and animals.

11 Section 3. This resolution will be submitted to the FDA as public comment.

12 Adopted by the City Council the 22nd day of April, 2013, and signed
13 by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 22nd day
14 of April, 2013.

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16 President _____ of the City Council

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18 THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

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21 Michael McGinn, Mayor

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23 Filed by me this 23rd day of April, 2013.

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26 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	CBO Analyst/Phone:
Legislative	Phyllis Shulman/684-8805	

Legislation Title:

A RESOLUTION stating the City of Seattle's opposition to any action by the Food and Drug Administration to approve genetically engineered salmon.

Summary of the Legislation:

Section 1. The City of Seattle opposes any action by the Food and Drug Administration to approve genetically engineered salmon.

Section 2. The City of Seattle supports federal labeling of genetically engineered and modified food and animals.

Section 3. This resolution will be submitted to the FDA as public comment.

Background:

Please check one of the following:

This legislation does not have any financial implications.
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This legislation has financial implications.

Appropriations:

Fund Name and Number	Department	Budget Control Level*	2013 Appropriation	2014 Anticipated Appropriation
N/A				
TOTAL				

Appropriations Notes:

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from this Legislation: N/A



Fund Name and Number	Department	Revenue Source	2013 Revenue	2014 Revenue
TOTAL				

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes:

Total Regular Positions Created, Modified, or Abrogated through this Legislation, Including FTE Impact: N/A

Position Title and Department	Position # for Existing Positions	Fund Name & #	PT/FT	2013 Positions	2013 FTE	2014 Positions*	2014 FTE*
TOTAL							

Position Notes:

Do positions sunset in the future?

N/A

Spending/Cash Flow:

Fund Name & #	Department	Budget Control Level*	2013 Expenditures	2014 Anticipated Expenditures
TOTAL				

Spending/Cash Flow Notes:

Other Implications:

- a) Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?

N/A

- b) What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation? N/A

- c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

N/A

- d) What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives

N/A

- e) Is a public hearing required for this legislation? N/A



- f) **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation? N/A**
- g) **Does this legislation affect a piece of property? N/A**
- h) **Other Issues:**

List attachments to the fiscal note below:

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5 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

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2 signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this _____ day
3 of _____, 2013.

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5 President _____ of the City Council
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7 THE MAYOR CONCURRING:
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10 Michael McGinn, Mayor
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12 Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2013.
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15 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk
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CITY OF SEATTLE, CLERKS OFFICE

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Affidavit of Publication

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The amount of the fee charged for the foregoing publication is the sum of \$33.00 which amount has been paid in full.



Affidavit of Publication



Subscribed and sworn to before me on
05/16/2013 

Notary public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle

State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle

The full text of the following legislation, passed by the City Council on April 22, 2013, and published below by title only, will be mailed upon request, or can be accessed at <http://clerk.seattle.gov>. For information on upcoming meetings of the Seattle City Council, please visit <http://www.seattle.gov/council/calendar>. Contact: Office of the City Clerk at (206) 684-8344.

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