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**CITY OF SEATTLE**  
**RESOLUTION 31443**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, scientists have predicted that the introduction of genetically modified salmon into populations of native salmon could have severely detrimental ecological and economic impacts on coastal communities whose livelihoods depend heavily on fishing, including



1 the devastation of populations of native salmon, as well as other fish and marine  
2 mammals that feed on native salmon populations; and

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

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

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7 Section 1. The City of Seattle opposes any action by the Food and Drug Administration  
8 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.  
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**FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS**

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**Legislation Title:**

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**Summary of the Legislation:**

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**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:**

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

Appropriations Notes:

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



Fund Name and Number	Department	Revenue Source	2013 Revenue	2014 Revenue
<b>TOTAL</b>				

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*
<b>TOTAL</b>							

Position Notes:

**Do positions sunset in the future?**

N/A

**Spending/Cash Flow:**

Fund Name & #	Department	Budget Control Level*	2013 Expenditures	2014 Anticipated Expenditures
<b>TOTAL</b>				

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: