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To the Honorable Members of the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources,

I believe and agree that Genetically Engineered farmed fish place a unique threat on West Coast fisheries by threatening the environment of wild salmon. The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences notes that a release of just 60 GE fish into a wild population of 60,000 would lead to the extinction of the wild population in less than 40 fish generations.

The environmental problems arising from the industry are altering the biodiversity of entire ecosystems. In addition to the threat of these GE salmon displacing native salmon populations, such fish farming encourages the propagation of deadly fish diseases, the concentration of harmful wastes and industrial drugs and chemicals escaping into open waters, and the over-fishing of vast quantities of non-commercial fish to feed carnivorous farmed fish, such as salmon.

It generally takes three pounds of wild fish to grow one pound of farmed salmon. Since these salmon have been engineered for fast growth, it stands to reason that their feed requirements will be even higher. GE Atlantic salmon are a bad idea whether farmed on the west or east coast.

Please support HB 2530 to protect Oregon's wild salmon. We are really counting on your support.

Thank you so much,

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