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Please submit the following as testimony for public hearing:

To Honorable Committee Members:

Introducing genetically engineered (GE) fish on the West Coast is a bad idea. The very idea of eating any creature created in a laboratory is beyond bizarre- it's creepy.

But that it is impossible to foresee the implications of man-made fish in our ecosystem. But even if we are to consider such a possibility, releasing GE salmon would still be a bad idea for the following reasons:

According to the National Academy of Sciences, the release of just sixty GE salmon into a population of 60,000 individuals would lead to the extinction of the wild population in less than 40 fish generations. This would bring us to a place of no return.

However, the extinction of wild salmon populations are not the only environmental threat posed by GE salmon. Such fish farming encourages the propagation of deadly fish diseases, and the over-fishing of vast quantities of commercial fish to feed carnivorous fish such as salmon.

Let's move against the tide of such harmful practices and safeguard our resources so that we can reap the many benefits of our wild, healthy salmon populations for years to come. Support HB 2530, support our future!

Thank you.

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