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Sent: Friday, March 15, 2013 2:26 PM
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From: Derek Spragg
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2013 2:25:53 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: Patrino Beth
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Dear Members of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee,

Have we learned NOTHING? This is SO unnatural and will only lead to problems in the future. When Farmed Salmon started they assured us they would not escape. WRONG! When they did eventually escaped they said they would not interbreed. WRONG AGAIN. I repeat 'Have we learned nothing?'

I value Oregon's wild, native fish and support the proactive approach outlined in HB 2530, which prohibits the importation, cultivation, growth and release of genetically engineered or Atlantic salmon in Oregon's waters. The negative impacts of farming Atlantic salmon are well documented in British Columbian and Washington waters, as they increase vectors for disease and parasites as well as concentrate harmful waste. Likewise, our wild salmon do not need additional threats to their survival from the known and unknown impacts of cultivating genetically engineered salmon. Please support this piece of legislation and be an advocate for safeguarding one of Oregon's most iconic and precious animals – our wild, native salmon and steelhead.

Sincerely,
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