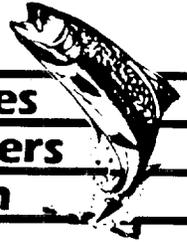


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The United States Trout Farmers Association (USTFA) endorses the National Aquaculture Association's (NAA) position and comments on "Development of Options to Encourage Animal Drug Approval for Minor Species and Minor Use" (Docket No. 97N-0217).

There is a need for greater flexibility in drug use for minor species and minor uses. USTFA endorses the idea of using a veterinary feed directive for using feed in an extra label fashion while working closely with FDA.

The research and development of options for animal drug approval for minor species and minor uses is critical to the United States aquaculture industry. USTFA strongly encourages the FDA to move forward with approval for research while recognizing the immediate need for more therapeutics in the domestic aquaculture industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra Sloan".

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