



# THE CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY

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FDA Commissioner  
Dockets Management Branch  
5630 Fishers Lane  
Room 106i (HFA-305)  
Rockville, MD 20852

**Re: Docket No. 01P-0230**

Dear Commissioner:

The Center for Food Safety (CFS) submits the following information in support of its "Petition Seeking A Moratorium On The Domestic Marketing And Importation Of Transgenic Fish" filed May 9, 2001. The following scientific study, recently published, further supports CFS' request for a moratorium on the commercialization of transgenic fish and a prohibition of growing any transgenic fish in net pens.

In Population effects of growth hormone transgenic coho salmon depend on food availability and genotype by environment interactions, the authors confirmed the aggressive and competitive nature of transgenic fish in a laboratory study. This study shows transgenic salmon out-competing their wild relatives to the point of extinction. Robert H. Devlin, et al., Population effects of growth hormone transgenic coho salmon depend on food availability and genotype by environment interactions at <http://www.pnas.org/cgi/doi/10.1073/pnas.0400023101> (2004). Due to the harm predicted to be caused by transgenic fish, CFS encourages the FDA to grant CFS' requests in the petition.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We look forward to hearing your response to the petition.

Sincerely,

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Fish Program Director

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