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To prevent the escapement of genetically altered salmon in the United States,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 17, 2011

Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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the United States, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Prevention of
5 Escapement of Genetically Altered Salmon in the United
6 States Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON SALE OF GENETICALLY ALTERED**

8 **SALMON.**

9 It shall be unlawful for a person to—

1 (1) ship, transport, offer for sale, sell, or pur-
2 chase genetically altered salmon or other marine
3 fish, or a product containing genetically altered
4 salmon or other marine fish, in interstate or foreign
5 commerce; or

6 (2) have custody, control, or possession of, with
7 the intent to ship, transport, offer for sale, sell, or
8 purchase genetically altered salmon or other marine
9 fish, or a product containing genetically altered
10 salmon or other marine fish, in interstate or foreign
11 commerce.

12 **SEC. 3. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES.**

13 (a) ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary of Commerce
14 may enforce section 2 in the same manner, by the same
15 means, and with the same jurisdiction, powers, and duties
16 provided under sections 308, 309, 310, and 311 of the
17 Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Manage-
18 ment Act (16 U.S.C. 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861).

19 (b) PENALTIES.—A person who violates section 2
20 shall be subject to the penalties, and entitled to the privi-
21 leges and immunities, under sections 308, 309, 310, and
22 311 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and
23 Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861).

24 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

25 In this Act—

1 (1) the term “allotransgenic” means a geneti-
2 cally modified organism produced with genes from
3 another species;

4 (2) the term “autotransgenic” means a geneti-
5 cally modified organism produced by rearranging a
6 species’ own genome; and

7 (3) the term “genetically altered salmon or
8 other marine fish” means transgenic,
9 autotransgenic, or allotransgenic salmon or other
10 marine fish.

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