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Re: Docket No. OIP-0230

Dear Commissioner,

Here is another splinter-size offering in the name of science, alledgedly to improve upon the totality of nature, which genuine scientists acknowledge that we know very little about. If it were not for the apparently unlimited cash behind these GE offerings, plus the potential for intellectual property monopolies that attract the cash in the first place, these offerings would be confined to the 25th century fiction genre.

In fact, fish supplies are an ever declining resource world-wide. Instead of fooling around with the idea of growth freak fish, with all the growth hormone risks for those who eat these fish that are necessarily associated with them, we should be doing everything we can to improve conditions for the native fish supplies that are at risk.

What makes anyone think that man-made fish will do better in natural conditions--we're talking about survival, not the time it takes to get a pound of fish from fish egg to Safeway--than natives, which have been declining for decades due to overfishing and pollution? And if the idea is to waste natural fish ecologies in favor of fish-farming, one must conclude that these fast-growth fish scientists are smoking something. Think of the economics: the costs of producing, processing and distributing fast food for fast growth fish versus free food for the fish that fed the world for thousands of years. No wonder we're looking at energy crises on so many fronts, as well as starvation for millions who do not live in a VISA economic culture.

While Congress has been sleeping on watch for years on GE food issues, your agency cannot do so. You know too much. So, there must be no marketing of these foods, let alone full-scale release into the sea, without full study of their public health effects on consumers--both other fish predators, as well, obviously, as humans--their effects on the environment, including

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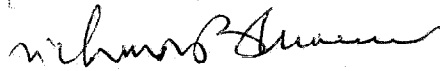
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existing fish supplies, and mandatory labeling of their Genetic Engineering components.

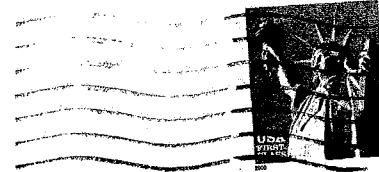
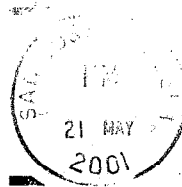
In view of the foregoing, I must urge that the FDA disapprove all applications for such fish, and that you join with other nations to seek a treaty that will assure that no other nation supports such development.

Very truly yours,



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