



*Conserving Ocean Fish and Their Environment  
For Over 25 Years*

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FDA Commissioner  
5630 Fishers Lane  
Room 1061 (HFA-305)  
Rockville, MD 20852

RE: Docket No. 01P-0230

Dear Commissioner,

The National Coalition for Marine Conservation (NCMC) is the nation's oldest public advocacy organization dedicated exclusively to conserving ocean fish and their environment. Fishermen, divers, boaters and wildlife enthusiasts support us nationwide.

We are highly concerned with the marketing, importation and cultivation of transgenic fish in the U.S. The impacts to the environment and to marine ecosystems resulting from the inadvertent release of transgenic fish into the wild are potentially catastrophic, not to mention that there are also unknown risks to human health from eating transgenic fish.

We strongly urge the FDA to implement a moratorium on the domestic marketing and importation of transgenic fish and to permanently ban the release of transgenic fish into open waters, including in net pens and ponds.

Sincerely,

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