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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring the labeling of transgenic fish during
2 sale; and amending RCW 69.04.934.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 69.04.934 and 2013 c 290 s 5 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) It is unlawful to knowingly sell or offer for sale at wholesale
7 or retail any fresh, frozen, or processed salmon without identifying:

8 (a) Private sector cultured aquatic salmon or salmon products as
9 farm-raised salmon(~~(, or identifying)~~);

10 (b) Commercially caught salmon or salmon products as commercially
11 caught salmon; or

12 (c) Transgenic salmon or salmon products as transgenic.

13 (2) Identification of the products under subsection (1) of this
14 section must be made to the buyer at the point of sale such that the
15 buyer can make an informed purchasing decision for his or her
16 protection, health, and safety.

17 (3) A violation of this section constitutes misbranding under RCW
18 69.04.938 and is punishable as a misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, or

1 felony depending on the fair market value of the fish or shellfish
2 involved in the violation.

3 (4) This section does not apply to salmon that is minced,
4 pulverized, coated with batter, or breaded.

5 (5) This section does not apply to a commercial fisher properly
6 licensed under chapter 77.65 RCW and lawfully engaged in the sale of
7 fish to a fish buyer.

8 (6) Nothing in this section precludes using additional descriptive
9 language or trade names to describe food fish or shellfish as long as
10 the labeling requirements of this section are met.

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