

Let your retailers know you won't buy farmed salmon

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Let your retailers know you won't buy farmed salmon. Recent study says that consuming more than one serving of farmed salmon per month could pose unacceptable cancer risks. Wildcanada.net Action Alert - 150(b) Thursday, January 15, 2003. In what is being considered the most thorough analysis of farmed and wild salmon to date, a study released in the respected journal Science last week found that, in most cases, consuming more than one serving of farmed salmon per month could pose unacceptable cancer risks, according to United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards for determining safe fish consumption levels. Take action now at www.FarmedandDangerous.org and let your retailers know you won't buy farmed salmon. Send a free fax to Safeway, Whole Foods, George Weston Limited, and Loblaw Companies Limited - includes Presidents Choice, Zehr, Atlantic Superstore, Real Canadian Superstore, Fortinos Provigo and Your Independent Grocer. Samples totaling approximately 700 farmed and wild salmon (2 metric tons) from eight major salmon producing regions were obtained from retail and wholesale outlets from 16 major North American and European cities. The study established that concentrations of several contaminants such as PCBs and dioxins, which are associated with serious health risks ranging from neurological effects to cancer, are significantly higher in farmed salmon than in wild salmon. Farmed salmon contain up to 10 times the level of dangerous chemicals found in wild Pacific salmon. Along with PCBs and dioxins, two banned pesticides were detected. What You Can Do: 1. Take Action: and protect your health - make a request for only safe seafood products. 2. Support Us: Your support will help protect wild salmon in Canada. 3. Download this letter, print it out and take it to your local grocery store. Strike a conversation about your concerns with the store manager! Salmon has long been promoted as a health food item, however according to this recent study, there could be health risks associated with eating this product. Farmed salmon from Frankfurt, Edinburgh, Paris, London, Oslo, Boston, San Francisco, and Toronto received maximum consumption recommendations of 1/2 to 1 meal per month. In light of this study, take action to request that retailers take this product off their shelves. Instead of selling farmed salmon, ask them to offer healthy sustainable alternatives such as wild salmon or halibut. Ask them to label their products so that you can make safe and healthy seafood choices. Take action at

www.FarmedandDangerous.org.-----Retailers have a choice about where they purchase their products. You can request retailers to take concerns to suppliers and require they source their farmed salmon only from companies employing technology that: Eliminate the risk of disease transfer to wild fish and escapes of salmon into the wild. Prevent fish farm waste from being released into the ocean. Label all farmed fish so consumers can make informed choices. Use fish feed that does not result in a global loss of seafood for human consumption. Use fish feed that does not result in unsafe levels of contaminants in farmed salmon. Ensure that wildlife is not harmed as a result of fish farming. Prohibit the use of genetically modified fish. Eliminate the use of antibiotics, biocides and harmful chemicals in fish farming. Respect the views of coastal residents and do not locate farms where First Nations or other communities object. Take action now to send a free fax from www.FarmedandDangerous.org. Let your retailers know that you won't buy farmed salmon until

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your concerns have been addressed. For more information on the study in Science visit www.salmonstudy.org. For more information on wild and farmed salmon visit www.FarmedandDangerous.org.