

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1717

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and for other purposes.

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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

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## 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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