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To the Editor:

Time's editors must have been watching too many mad scientist movies if they consider genetically-engineered salmon among the 50 best inventions of the year (Nov. 22, page 73).

Despite the supposed advantage of growing twice as fast as wild salmon, serious concerns remain about the environmental and human health impacts of these gene-spliced fish. There are glaring deficiencies in the Food and Drug Administration's closed-door review process and public opposition to eating these creatures is so strong proponents are fearful of labeling their product what it is: genetically-engineered.

Want more salmon? Here's a better idea: protect its natural habitat, maintain water quality and manage wild stocks for sustainability. That's what Alaska has done for over 50 years and now returns of wild salmon are at historically high levels. And wild salmon taste a lot better than anything you'll ever cook up in a laboratory.

Let's leave "Frankenfish" on the operating table and not the dinner table.

Sincerely,

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