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Are Frankenfish safe to eat? In August the US Food and Drug administration began a 60-day process to approve genetically engineered salmon critics call 'frankenfish'. In a preliminary analysis released on Friday Food and Drug Administration officials jumped the gun proclaiming the DNA-altered salmon are "as safe to eat as food as other Atlantic salmon" and have "no biologically relevant differences." Aqua Bounty Technologies has been seeking FDA approval since 1995 for its salmon. They're designed to grow to full size as much as twice as quickly as regular ones with the help of genetic material taken from two other types of fish. Environmental groups have objected to the farming of such fish. Outside advisers to the FDA will meet Sept. 20 to evaluate the findings. If the fish is approved, it could take two years or so to reach U.S. grocery shelves. More here, here and here

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