



Dear Costco Manager,

As a Costco customer, I urge Costco to protect wild salmon and my right to know what I’m feeding my family. I ask that Costco fully **commit to not sell genetically modified salmon, even if it’s approved by the FDA.**

Nearly two million people — including scientists, fishermen, business owners and consumers — have written to the FDA in opposition to the approval of genetically engineered salmon due to the risks it poses to human health, the environment and wild salmon. Despite this outcry, the FDA is still considering GMO salmon's approval under outdated and inadequate regulations meant to regulate “animal drugs.” If approved, this would be the first genetically engineered animal allowed by regulators to enter the U.S. food supply, and it will likely not be labeled. It could also pave the way for GMO pigs, chickens and cows to enter the market in the future.

If Costco were to carry GMO salmon, customers like me could unknowingly purchase GMO salmon. As [the largest seller of certified organic food](#), selling GMO salmon would run counter to its recent moves toward sustainable sourcing and erode my trust in Costco as a retailer.

Costco recently stated it had no plans to sell GMO salmon, but Costco has left the possibility open that it will sell GMO salmon if approved by the FDA. This commitment falls short of those made by a [growing number of Costco’s competitors](#). In the past year, more than 60 major food retailers with more than 9,000 stores nationwide including Kroger, Safeway, Target, Aldi, Whole Foods, Trader Joes, H-E-B, Hy-Vee, Giant Eagle, Meijer and many others, have already made commitments to not purchase or sell genetically engineered salmon or seafood.

This past July, a coalition of organizations delivered a letter and [petitions](#) signed by more than 300,000 people asking your company to follow suit. This week people in cities across the U.S. and Canada are visiting, calling and writing Costco delivering this message as well.

Costco, don’t be the GMO Salmon store — say no to GMO salmon, even if approved by the FDA. Your customers will thank you and so will wild salmon. To learn more please visit www.GEfreesalmon.org or contact foodtech@foe.org.

Sincerely,

NAME _____, CITY _____, STATE _____ Costco Member

