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FACT SHEET – WHEAT GLUTEN USED IN SALMON FEED

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Farmed Salmon a Safe and Healthy Food Choice

- The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) continues to confirm that farmed salmon are completely safe for consumers, and that the risk of exposure to contaminants that may be in salmon feed ingredients is low.
- Farmed salmon are an excellent source of high-quality protein and are low in saturated fat, which make them a healthy food choice. Government, academic, and consumer advocacy groups with expertise in human health and nutrition confirm this fact. The CFIA regularly tests farmed salmon to ensure its safety for consumers.

Concern Related to Wheat Gluten in Salmon Feed

- In response to media reports that wheat gluten that may have been contaminated with melamine was used in salmon feed, the CFIA has confirmed a low risk to consumers from eating farmed salmon.
- As the quality and safety of our products are of paramount importance, salmon farmers and feed manufacturers recognize the concern related to potential contamination issues.
- Salmon farmers and feed manufacturers routinely cooperate with government regulators and the research community on all issues of concern.

QA/QC in Salmon Feed Production

- Feed used to grow farmed salmon contains ingredients that meet nutritional requirements and ensure the health and welfare of the fish, and produces a healthy and safe product for consumers. Feed is also used for enhancement facilities where salmon are fed and then released into the ocean.
- Salmon feed is made in facilities that are regulated by the CFIA. The CFIA regularly conducts inspections of these facilities, the ingredients used in feed production, and the final feed product.
- Salmon feed manufacturers only source ingredients from reputable suppliers and demand quality assurance and control (QA/QC) from these suppliers. In addition, feed manufacturers conduct their own QA/QC tests on feed ingredients and final products.
- Salmon feed manufacturers maintain a library of feed ingredients and QA/QC results. Each batch of feed is fully traceable with respect to the type, source, and quality of ingredients.

For further information contact the BC Salmon Farmers Association.