

Subject: Statement in Opposition to HB 1151

Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Doug Grant. I am a Navy veteran and co-founder of Atlantic Fish Co., a North Carolina-based company leading in cultivated seafood innovation. Our mission is to provide healthy, sustainable seafood that meets consumer demand for products free from mercury, antibiotics, and contaminants.

I am writing to oppose HB 1151. This bill seeks to impose unnecessary restrictions on labeling cultivated seafood, limiting the ability of North Dakota consumers to make informed decisions about their food. Our products are safe, sustainable, and align with consumer values. The government should not interfere with the right of individuals to choose what they eat based on outdated notions or special interests.

Atlantic Fish Co. creates seafood using innovative technology that eliminates the risks of mercury, antibiotics, and pathogens while reducing environmental harm. These advancements allow consumers to access premium products that prioritize health and sustainability. Restrictive policies like those proposed in HB 1151 undermine this progress and deny people access to choices that meet their preferences and values.

I urge the Committee to reject HB 1151 and instead champion policies that empower consumers and encourage innovation.

Thank you for considering our perspective. I am happy to provide further information or answer questions.

Sincerely,

Doug Grant
Co-Founder
Atlantic Fish Co.