



## 2015 Letter of Assurance For Aquaculture Fish – Parasite Control Letter

As a supplier of aqua-cultured fish, we assure that:

1. Product is harvested from approved sources will not be from areas that are identified as having biological or chemical contamination.
2. Aquaculture products will be sourced from farms that comply with the US FDA regulations on approved drugs and usage. Furthermore, these products will not contain any drugs or chemicals that are not approved by the US FDA or applicable Federal or State regulations.

Furthermore, pertaining to the following species or products, Farm Raised Salmon we assure that:

1. Fish are raised in open ocean water net pens or land based operations. If raised in land based freshwater bodies, controls exist to exclude parasites, particularly those that may enter through the skin such as trematodes.
2. Fish feed used for aquaculture operations is either frozen or heat-treated and does not contain any live parasites. The pellets used to feed Atlantic Salmon (*Salmo Salar* specie) are produced with the following main ingredients. Fish Meal (from pelagic fish, not salmon), fish oil, vegetable oils, wheat and wheat flour, avian protein, soybean meal, corn gluten, sunflower meal, lupins, vitamin and mineral premixes and pigments. All ingredients are exposed to a high pressure / thermal process (extrusion). This process guarantees that our feed does not contain parasites.
3. As stated in chapter 5, section 10 of the FDA Fish and Fisheries Products Hazard and Control Guidelines, a secondary method of parasite control relates to freezing and storing the product at a sub-zero temperature for 7 or more days. The product produced is then stored at the processing facility in sub-zero conditions before being shipped to their primary distribution facility. During the shipping process the product is transported in sub-zero shipping containers to -20 Degrees Celsius with a minimum travel time of 15 days. The product is being stored at sub-zero temperatures for more than the 7 day period required by the FDA.

By following these procedures, we insure the destruction of parasites creating a parasite free product.

AQUABEST SEAFOOD LLC.

14335 S.W. 120<sup>th</sup> St. Suite 213 Miami, Fl. 33186

Phone: 305-386-1772

Fax 305-386-1773