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EHS Circular Letter 2013-02

To: Local Directors of Health
Chief Sanitarians
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Date: January 28, 2013

Subject: Whole Foods Market Recalls Whole Catch Wild Alaskan Sockeye Salmon Because of Possible Health Risk from Listeria

Whole Foods Market is recalling one lot code of Whole Catch Wild Alaskan Sockeye Salmon (4 oz.), cold smoked and sliced, sold in stores in 12 states, because it may contain Listeria Monocytogenes, an organism which can cause a sometimes fatal infection in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer short-term symptoms, such as high fever, severe headaches, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, Listeria infection can also cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The recalled items were sold in stores in Connecticut.

The recalled salmon is sold in black-and-gold, flat, rectangular vacuum-sealed packages; the lot code being recalled is **7425A2298B**. The lot code is ink-jet printed on the back of the package, on the upper left side. The UPC code is **0 99482 40880 0**. Signage is posted in Whole Foods Market stores to notify customers of this recall.

No illnesses have been reported. A sample of the product tested positive for listeria.

Customers should dispose of the product in the garbage and wash their hands immediately to avoid any potential cross-contamination. Full refunds will be given at the store. Customers with questions may call (512)542-0060, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Central Time.



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Consumers reporting illness should be advised to contact their primary care physician for proper follow-up and treatment. Local health department staff that receives calls from consumers with possible foodborne illness after consumption of this product should follow the usual procedure of completing the 3-page Foodborne Alert form and faxing it to the Food Protection Program within 24 hours at (860) 509-8071.

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