
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 8-K
CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) June 4, 2019

AquaBounty Technologies, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	001-36426	04-3156167
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
2 Mill & Main Place, Suite 395, Maynard, Massachusetts		01754
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code	978-648-6000	

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	AQB	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On June 4, 2019, AquaBounty Technologies, Inc. issued a press release regarding the appointment of David F. Melbourne, Jr. as its Chief Commercial Officer, effective June 17, 2019. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
<u>99.1</u>	<u>Press release issued by AquaBounty Technologies, Inc. on June 4, 2019, furnished herewith.</u>

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

<u>June 4, 2019</u>	<u>AquaBounty Technologies, Inc.</u> (Registrant) /s/ David A. Frank <u>David A. Frank</u> Chief Financial Officer
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AquaBounty Technologies, Inc. Announces

Appointment of David F. Melbourne, Jr. as Chief Commercial Officer and Commencement of AquAdvantage Salmon Production at its Indiana Farm

MAYNARD, Massachusetts, June 4, 2019 - AquaBounty Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ: AQB) (“AquaBounty” or the “Company”), a biotechnology company focused on enhancing productivity in the aquaculture market, is pleased to announce the appointment of David F. Melbourne, Jr. as Chief Commercial Officer effective on June 17, 2019, and the commencement of the commercial production of AquAdvantage Salmon at the Company’s Indiana farm.

Mr. Melbourne joins AquaBounty from Bumble Bee Foods, LLC, the largest branded seafood company in North America, where he served as Senior Vice President of Consumer Marketing, Government & Industry Relations and Corporate Social Responsibility. He previously held senior positions at Castleberry/Snow’s Brands, Inc., primarily in operations and marketing. As the Company begins its commercialization of AquAdvantage Salmon, Mr. Melbourne’s 25 years of marketing and strategic planning experience will be a strong asset to AquaBounty in developing its customer business model.

Sylvia Wulf, Chief Executive Officer of AquaBounty, stated: “With the first shipment of AquAdvantage Salmon eggs received at our Indiana facility last week, we have begun commercial production in the United States, a world’s first. Having David join the Company now is perfect timing, as we anticipate the first harvest from the Albany farm in the autumn of 2020. We are focused on successfully commercializing AquAdvantage Salmon and bringing its many benefits to consumers.”

Mr. Melbourne added “I am thrilled to join AquaBounty now as it begins the next stage of its development and I look forward to introducing the climate-smart and environmentally sustainable AquAdvantage Salmon to consumers.”

About AquAdvantage Salmon - AquAdvantage Salmon is an Atlantic salmon that has been bioengineered to grow to market size in about half the time of a traditional farmed Atlantic salmon. It significantly improves the economics of producing salmon in land-based contained facilities. AquAdvantage Salmon is a healthy, environmentally sustainable alternative to imported farmed Atlantic salmon.

For further information, please contact:

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Forward-Looking Statements:

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. All statements other than statements of historical fact contained in this press release are forward-looking statements, including statements regarding the potential for and timing of harvests, the potential for production and successful commercialization, and the anticipated economic benefits of AquAdvantage Salmon. Forward-looking statements may be identified with words such as “will,” “may,” “expect,” “plan,” “anticipate,” “upcoming,” “believe,” “estimate,” or similar terminology, and the negative of these terms. Forward-looking statements are not promises or guarantees of future performance and are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated in these forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof, and, except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update or revise these forward-looking statements. For additional information regarding these and other risks faced by us, please refer to our public filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), available on the Investors section of our website at www.aquabounty.com and on the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov.