



Australian Government

NOTICE OF INTENTION

BIOSECURITY REGULATION 2016

Commencement of a Biosecurity Import Risk Analysis for Live Sturgeon for Aquaculture Purposes

I, Dr Peter Finnin, delegate of the Director of Biosecurity, pursuant to subparagraph 24(a)(i) of the *Biosecurity Regulation 2016* (the Regulation), hereby give notice that I am proposing to conduct a Biosecurity Import Risk Analysis (**BIRA**) in relation to the importation of Siberian sturgeon (*Acipenser baerii*) and beluga sturgeon (*Huso huso*) for aquaculture purposes.

For the purposes of subparagraph 24(a)(ii) of the Regulation, this is the first of two opportunities for consultation during the regulated BIRA process. The next opportunity for consultation will be when the draft BIRA is released. Consultation throughout the BIRA process aims to seek stakeholder views on issues relevant to the risk analysis. The department also welcomes stakeholder comments or submissions on matters relevant to the BIRA at any time.

Pursuant to subparagraph 24(b) of the Regulation, I, as the delegate, have prepared an Issues Paper in relation to the BIRA and it is published on the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment's website at <https://www.awe.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/animal>

The department invites comment on the Issues Paper by 22 August 2022.

Stakeholders can submit comments through the Have Your Say page at <https://haveyoursay.awe.gov.au/>

Dated this 21st day of June 2022

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Dr Peter Finnin