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Commercial Supply of Trout Fry and Fingerlings

Dear Mr Pfeiffer,

Thank you for your letter of 28 October 2024 regarding the commercial supply of Trout fry and fingerlings for stocking into private waterways. I appreciate your concern about any potential biosecurity risks which may eventuate because of this activity.

Please be assured that the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (the Department) is committed to working with the NSW aquaculture industry to promote the highest possible biosecurity safeguards.

For example, the Department requires all aquaculture permit holders to have completed a Biosecurity Risk Management Plan (BRMP). The BRMP addresses the risks associated with the introduction, spread and impact of harmful pathogens, diseases, pests, or invasive species.

Permit holders are required to provide detail on risk identification, risk assessment, mitigation measures, record keeping, staff training, compliance with relevant legislation, emergency disease action plans and reporting procedures (including notifying the department of any unusual mortality and/or suspected disease events, which is also a condition of every permit).

This information is published on the Department's website. Please see:

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/dpi/fishing/aquaculture/land/permits/permit-conditions>

As you note, the Department also stipulates in its advisory material relating to stocking fish in farm dams that it is illegal to permit fish (Trout or otherwise) to escape from farm dams into natural waterbodies. It also recommends that only dams above the one in 100-year flood level on the eastern drainage and dams not inundated by a one in 100-year flood on the western drainage should be used for fish stocking, to preclude escape.

I hope the above is of use. Should you require additional information, I have asked Mr Jim Harnwell, Program Leader, Fish Stocking & Enhancement Operations, to be available to assist. Mr Harnwell can be contacted on 0428 610 879 or at jim.harnwell@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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