

## Can 'Frankenfish' survive politics?

*The following is an edited excerpt.*

Sometime this summer or soon after, the federal Food and Drug Administration may finally approve the first-ever genetically modified animal for human consumption. The man to thank — or blame, depending on how you feel about these things — is a former Soviet biologist who is bankrolling the endeavor with an eye on becoming a U.S. salmon farmer.

"I have no doubt the FDA will approve a genetically modified animal at some point," says Kakha Bendukidze, who has laid out millions of dollars bankrolling AquaBounty Technologies.

Whether it's this fish or some other animal, it has to do this, or it risks America losing its biotechnology edge to countries like China.

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