

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: MATUKITUKI

Lease number: PO 351

Fish & Game report

As part of the process of tenure review Fish & Game councils may provide advice on significant inherent values within the pastoral lease, and the information may be incorporated in the conservation resources report. The advice is part of the information gathered and assessed for the development of a preliminary consultation document.

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Fish and Game Resources Report for the Matukituki Pastoral Lease

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Section One - Introduction

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise the Commissioner of Crown Lands on the sports fish and game values present on the land included in the Matukituki Crown pastoral lease. The lease is being considered for land tenure review and disposal under the provisions of the Crown Pastoral Land Act. As well as habitat values the report covers angling and hunting values and associated access issues.

Information for this report has been researched and prepared by Otago Fish and Game Council staff.

1.2 Location

The Matukituki pastoral lease is located on the true right bank of the Matukituki River. It is bound by the Niger Stream to the north-west and Carmel Burn to the south.

Section Two - General Resources Information

2.1 Sports Fisheries Habitat Values

The sports fish habitat values are confined to the Matukituki River, the lower reaches of Phoebe Creek and creeks on the flats. The Matukituki River is a major spawning tributary of Lake Wanaka, contributing significantly to the lake Wanaka fishery. The lower reaches of Phoebe Creek, Leaping Burn, Big Boggy Burn, Niger Stream and several of the creeks on the flat contain varying numbers of juvenile brown and rainbow trout. Spawning has been identified in the lower reaches of Phoebe Creek, Leaping Burn, Big Boggy Burn, and Niger Stream. The outlet from Big Boggy Swamp used to contain considerable spawning trout until the mid nineteen-eighties when the creek was drag-lined and the spawning gravel removed.

2.2 Recreational Sports Fisheries Values

The recreational sports fisheries values of the Matukituki River are high. The remaining streams have a little recreational value.

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2.3 Gamebird Habitat Values

There are several pond and wetland complexes on the lease. The gamebird habitat values are high for these wetlands with the presence of mallard, shoveler and grey ducks, paradise shelducks and swans. All these birds are known to feed and nest in the area especially around the Big Boggy conservation area and the two other areas (grid reference listed below). Canada geese feed on the property and swan numbers are increasing on the lease area.

2.4 Recreational Gamebird Hunting Values

There are good levels of gamebird hunting on the lease, primarily by local hunters.

2.5 Other Recreational Values

N/A

2.6 Access Information

Drainage ditches can make access difficult to some areas.

Section Three - Consultation

3.1 Consultation Undertaken

N/A

3.2 Issues Identified Through Consultation

N/A

Section Four - Fish and Game Perspective

4.1 Fisheries Habitat Views

The creation of marginal strips along creeks that qualify will be adequate protection for the sports fish habitat values.

4.2 Recreational Fisheries Views

Continued secure access to the Matukituki River is important for recreational anglers. A common access point the river is just before the bluffs above the homestead. Grid Reference (260 F39 838216). The creation of a carpark area and walking right of way through an access easement (if not already on marginal strip) would ensure high use by recreational users, anglers and hunters. At the southern boundary of the property is another area where there is traditional angler access to the Matukituki River. This needs to be protected with an access easement and the creation of carparking.

4.3 Gamebird habitat Views

The Big Boggy Burn Reserve needs to be extended to include all areas of value as gamebird habitat. It appears that the reserve does not take in all the wetland values in the area.

Two other wetland areas have been identified as containing significant habitat values and should be protected from further drainage by being covenanted. These are the wetland located at GR 260 F39 837215 and the pond located at GR 260 F39 835220.

4.4 Recreational Gamebird Hunting Views

No gamebird hunting access needs to be formalised.

4.5 Access Views

Formalised access arrangements as noted in section 4.2

Section Five - Bibliography

Tenure Review Document

Crown Pastoral lands Act. (1998)

Dated: Monday, 15 May 2000

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Nelson', written in a cursive style.

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