

## **Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review**

**Lease name : GLENLAPA  
Lease number : PS 020**

### **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.

The report attached is released under the Official Information Act 1982.

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## FISH AND GAME RESOURCES REPORT FOR THE GLENLAPA PASTORAL LEASE

Prepared by the  
Southland Fish & Game Council

### 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 bird values present on the land included in the Glenlapa Crown pastoral lease. The lease is being considered for tenure review and disposal under the provisions of the Crown Pastoral Land Act. As well as habitat values this report covers angling and game bird hunting values and associated access values.

Information for this report has been researched and prepared by staff of the Southland Fish and Game Council.

#### 1.2 Location

The Glenlapa pastoral lease is accessed by Glenlapa Road 25kms north of Balfour in northern Southland. The lease includes the headwaters of the Garvie Burn and a portion of the catchment of the Dome Burn. The rest of the property fronts the Mataura River.

### Section Two – General Resources Information

#### 2.1 Sports Fisheries Values

The Mataura River is a world class brown trout fishery which is protected by a National Water Conservation Order. There is no dispute that the reach of the river adjacent to the Glenlapa pastoral lease meets the strict requirements of this Order. This reach is a very popular fishing area and although usually accessed from the right bank the smaller nature of the river allows anglers to cross and fish from either bank.

The upper reaches of the Garvie Burn are useful for brown trout spawning. The Dome Burn provides some angling opportunities and is a good nursery stream for juvenile brown trout.

#### 2.2 Game bird values

Limited game bird values exist within the Glenlapa pastoral lease. Paradise shelduck frequent the Mataura River flats and mallard and grey duck occur. Some hunting of these species does occur along the Mataura river frontage.

#### 2.3 Other Recreational Values

Unknown

*Statutory managers of freshwater sports fish, game birds and their habitats*

**2.4 Access Information**

A problem exists with anglers wishing to drive upstream of the Cattle Flat Huts on the Mataura River where their access is blocked by a nearby locked gate. There is potential to provide access through the Glenlapa lease to help rectify this though a more practical solution would be to pursue a remedy in the Cattle Flat Station tenure review process.

Because of the fixed nature of the marginal strip on the Mataura River adjoining Glenlapa pastoral lease legal access along its banks is dependent on the location of the river.

**Section Three – Consultation**

**3.1 Consultation Undertaken**

26<sup>th</sup> April 1995 Consultation with Maurice Rodway, Manager Southland Fish and Game  
29<sup>th</sup> November 1995 Early warning meeting in Invercargill

**3.2 Issues Identified Through Consultation**

Support for replacing the existing unmovable marginal strip along Mataura River with a moveable strip.

**Section Four – Fish and Game Perspective.**

**4.1 Habitat Views**

A marginal strip should be created along the Dome Burn frontage to protect the fishery. Any fencing proposed as part of the review process should where possible reflect the need to protect stream values.

**4.2 Access Views**

Legal access for anglers and game bird hunters along the Mataura adjoining Glenlapa must be improved. This would be best accomplished by replacing the existing marginal strip with a strip that migrates with the river.

**Section Five – Bibliography**

Tenure Review Document  
Crown Pastoral Land Act (1998)

Dated 13th July 1999

Signed  
Southland Fish and Game Council



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