

## **Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review**

**Lease name: ISLAY DOWNS**

**Lease number: PO 363**

### **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 Islay Downs Lease.

Prepared by the  
Otago Fish and 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 values present on the land included in the Islay Downs 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 Islay Downs pastoral lease is located on the south side of the Kakanui Mountains, with Kakanui Peak being the northern most part of the lease. The lease is bounded by the Shag River to the west and takes in the headwaters of the Kakanui River and Pigroot Creek.

### Section Two - General Resources Information

#### 2.1 Sports Fisheries Habitat Values

- Shag River

The lease bounds the upper sections of the Shag River. This section of the river contains a small resident population of brown trout, which due to a culvert under State Highway 85 is isolated from upstream migration from the rest of the Shag River trout fisheries. The spawning provided by the population does provide some restocking of lower sections of the Shag River through downstream migration.

- Pigroot Creek

There is no known sports fish or spawning values in this section of Pigroot Creek.

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- Kakanui River

There is not thought to be any sports fish this high in the catchment.

*2.2 Sports Fisheries Recreation Values*

There are no sports fisheries recreation values on the lease due to the high altitude and small size of the streams.

*2.3 Gamebird Habitat Values*

Occasional paradise shelduck and mallard ducks visit the property but values are low.

*2.4 Gamebird Recreation Values*

There is very limited opportunity for gamebird hunting.

*2.5 Other Recreational Values*

No other recreational values identified.

*2.6 Access Information*

No access is required as marginal strips already exist on qualifying waters

**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*

Further habitat protection is not required.

*4.2 Fisheries Recreation Views*

No issues identified on the lease.

*4.3 Gamebird habitat Views*

Further habitat protection is not required.

*4.4 Gamebird Recreation Views*

No issues identified.


*4.5 Access Views*

No access is required

Section Five - Bibliography  
Tenure Review Document  
Crown Pastoral lands Act. (1998)  
Land Status Report for Islay Downs.

Dated: Monday, 19 March 2001

Signed

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

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