

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: LOCHABER

Lease number: PT 061

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.

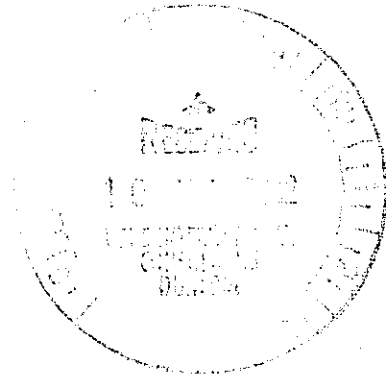
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Dear Dave

Tenure Review - Lochaber

The following provides an assessment of Fish and Game's interest in relation to the Lochaber property.

1. The Orari River and its tributaries support a locally important salmon and trout fishery. Approximately 6300 angler days are spent on the river each season. It is the sixth most utilised sportfishery in the Central South Island Region. Fishing is largely concentrated to the coastal reaches and to a lesser extent the upper reaches and tributaries as the middle reaches go dry in most seasons.
2. The Orari River, Hewson River and the lower reaches of Mount Peel Creek in the vicinity of the property are a valuable resource to anglers who enjoy wilderness fishing. Numbers of brown trout may not be great but the reward comes from the solitude and scenic values attached to these waterways. The trout populations are self-sustaining with suitable areas available for spawning and juvenile rearing with good pools of clear water holding the larger fish.
3. Continued angler access to these waterways is important. With this in mind we request that marginal strips are retained or set off along:
 - a) The Orari River and the Hewson River where they are within the property boundary.
 - b) Mount Peel Creek from the confluence with the Orari River to at least map reference J37:587-052.
4. We also seek that all legal roads are retained.

Yours faithfully

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