

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: LONGSLIP

Lease number: PO 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.

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Dear Sir,

Sportsfish and Game Assessment - Longslip Station

Attached is our assessment of fish and game values relating to Longslip Station, Omarama. Streams draining Longslip include the Timaru River which drains into Lake Hawea, the Lindis which drains southwest to the Clutha River near Tarris, the Avonburn and Longslip which are tributaries of the Ahuriri and part of the Ahuriri River itself.

Avonburn and Longslip Stream are important spawning streams for the famous Ahuriri River trout fishery. The apparent low level of angler popularity is we believe related to the high reputation of the Ahuriri River. The importance of the Ahuriri River as a fishery is recognised by the National Conservation Order placed on that river and its tributaries.

We note that there is a road reserve and an existing Crown land strip (marginal strip?) along the Ahuriri River and the Central South Island Fish and Game Council would seek a continuation of those provisions. With regard to Longslip Creek, the road reserve for State Highway 8 allows access for those anglers wishing to fish that stream. However it may be necessary to have a marginal strip to enable access to those sections not covered by the road reserve.

With regard to the Avonburn, the Central South Island Fish and Game Council would also seek a marginal strip to extend up to about the 800 metre contour to enable access for anglers and other recreational users.

Longslip Station also takes in the upper headwaters of the Timaru and Lindis River with much of the catchment being above 750 metre contour. While the streams in question may support a variable native fish habitat, we consider their value to the introduced fishery to be minimal. Access provisions via a marginal strip along these rivers could not be supported on fisheries values alone.

From Land Use Capability maps it appears that about 30% of this property is Class VIII and 40% is Class VII land. We understand that a draft Soil and Water Conservation Plan was prepared in the early 1980's. As to the outcome of that document we have no information. Was the document finalised and registered against title? If not, was Government funding expended on the understanding that a plan could be completed including some lands to be retired? I trust these comments will be helpful.

Yours faithfully



Frank Scarf
Fish and Game Officer

Location OMARAMA Area _____ Landholder R. PATTERSON

INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF SPORTS FISH & GAME VALUES

1) SPORT FISHERY ASSESSEMENT

RIVER/STREAM <u>TIMARU STREAM, LINDIS RIVER (HEADWATERS)</u>															
Sports Fish Present	<u>(Br)</u> Rb Sa <u>BROWN</u>					Br <u>(Rb)</u> Sa <u>RAINBOW</u>					Br Rb Sa				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Value Assess															
Fish Stocks		✓					✓								
Nursery Value		✓					✓								
Spawning Value		?	—	✓?			?	?							
Angler Popularity	✓					✓									

Comment Little known about these streams. Indications are both streams have some fish stock and nursery value. Difficult to access so not popular with anglers. Unlikely there are any fish in these headwaters of the Lindis (ie above 2500ft)

2) GAME BIRD PRESENCE

AREA

LEGEND:

SPECIES									
Mallard duck	✓?								
Grey duck	✓?								
Paradise duck	✓?								
Canada goose									
Chukar									
Quail									
Pheasant									

Comment low numbers (if any) thought to be present.

3) MARGINAL STRIP/PROVISIONS SOUGHT

Recommend retention of a marginal strip along the Timaru River to enable access to high altitude reworked lands. We understand there was (is) intention to retain Classo VII E, VIII lands in the headwaters of the Timaru and Lindis.

4) GENERAL COMMENT

Location OMARAMA Area _____ Landholder R. PATTERSON

INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF SPORTS FISH & GAME VALUES

1) SPORT FISHERY ASSESSEMENT

RIVER/STREAM <u>AKURIRI RIVER (UPSTREAM FROM LONGSLIP CONFLUENCE)</u>															
Sports Fish Present	<u>Br</u> <u>Rb</u> <u>Sa</u> <u>Brown</u>					<u>Br</u> <u>Rb</u> <u>Sa</u> <u>RAINBOW</u>					<u>Br</u> <u>Rb</u> <u>Sa</u>				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Value Assess															
Fish Stocks				✓					✓						
Nursery Value			✓					✓							
Spawning Value				✓					✓						
Angler Popularity					✓					✓					

Comment *A famous trout fishery, the Akuriri River, is noted nationally (and internationally) for its quality fish and angler experience. The Akuriri River is subject to a National Conservation Order, imposed in recognition of its trout fishery values. The river is readily accessed from SH8 and the Bridwood Road.*

2) GAME BIRD PRESENCE

AREA

LEGEND:

SPECIES								
Mallard duck	✓							
Grey duck	✓							
Paradise duck	✓							
Canada goose	✓							
Chukar	✓ <i>M/S</i>							
Quail	✓							
Pheasant								

Comment *Paradise ducks and Canada geese available in numbers throughout the river reaches, although seldom targeted by waterfowl hunters.*

3) MARGINAL STRIP/PROVISIONS SOUGHT

Road reserve and marginal strip already exists along the Akuriri River. The CSPECC would seek continued access provision along the river and from the road.

4) GENERAL COMMENT

Location OMAKAMA Area _____ Landholder R. PATTERSON

INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF SPORTS FISH & GAME VALUES

1) SPORT FISHERY ASSESSEMENT

RIVER/STREAM AVON BURN (UPSTREAM FROM AHUEIRI LWER)																	
Sports Fish Present	<u>Br</u> Rb Sa BROWN						Br <u>Rb</u> Sa RAINBOW						Br Rb Sa				
	1	2	3	4	5		1	2	3	4	5		1	2	3	4	5
Value Assess																	
Fish Stocks	✓						✓										
Nursery Value		✓						✓									
Spawning Value			✓						✓								
Angler Popularity	✓						✓										

Comment *Important spawning tributary for the Ahueiri trout fishery. The stream is noted for a small number of larger fish early in the season. (i.e. November)*

2) GAME BIRD PRESENCE

AREA

LEGEND:

SPECIES								
Mallard duck	✓							
Grey duck	✓							
Paradise duck	✓							
Canada goose								
Chukar								
Quail								
Pheasant								

Comment *Low numbers of waterfowl present*

3) MARGINAL STRIP/PROVISIONS SOUGHT

Avon Burn forms boundary between Longslip and Ben Avon Stations. CSIFGG seeks a marginal strip along the Avon Burn extending up to about 800m contour to enable angler and other recreationalists access to the Avon Burn and its headwaters.

4) GENERAL COMMENT

Location OMARAMA Area _____ Landholder R. PATTERSON

INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF SPORTS FISH & GAME VALUES

1) SPORT FISHERY ASSESSEMENT

RIVER/STREAM <u>LONGSHIP STREAM (UPSTREAM FROM AHUKIRI CONFLUENCE)</u>															
Sports Fish Present	<u>Br</u> Rb Sa <u>BROWN</u>					Br <u>Rb</u> Sa <u>RAINBOW</u>					Br Rb Sa				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Value Assess															
Fish Stocks		✓						✓							
Nursery Value			✓					✓							
Spawning Value				✓						✓					
Angler Popularity	✓					✓									

Comment *Electric fishing monitoring also shows good populations of indigenous fishery species, notably bullheads and eels. Longship Stream is an important spawning tributary of the Ahukiri River fishery.*

2) GAME BIRD PRESENCE

AREA

LEGEND:

SPECIES								
Mallard duck	✓							
Grey duck	✓							
Paradise duck	✓							
Canada goose								
Chukar								
Quail								
Pheasant								

Comment *Few waterfowl present in the catchment.*

3) MARGINAL STRIP/PROVISIONS SOUGHT

Marginal strip along the Longship Stream is sought to provide angler and other recreational access.

4) GENERAL COMMENT