

## **Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review**

**Lease name: LOWER CASCADE**

**Lease number: PH 002**

### **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.

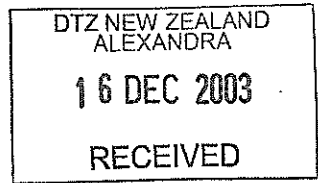
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## Lower Cascade

### Otago Fish & Game Council Resource Report

#### **General:**

Lower Cascade Pastoral Lease is located in the Cascade River in South-Westland. It is a small irregular shaped parcel of land on the river flats, and flanked by native bush on the slopes and mountains. The flats contain a mixture of exotic pasture grasses and swampy wetted areas. Access through the property is at the leaseholders discretion.

#### **Sports Fishery Values:**

The main river channel and side tributaries contain some excellent angling opportunities with large resident and sea-run sports fish caught on a regular basis, particularly during the whitebait season.

#### **Game Bird Values:**

The property contains excellent Paradise shelduck habitat () and there are resident birds in the valley. There is little, if any, recreational game bird hunting, possibly due to the isolation of the property.

#### **Recommendations:**

The side tributaries require marginal strip or conservation covenant protection to protect fishery habitat values.

Vehicle access to the waters edge is required to allow for jet boat entry into the Cascade River. Legal foot access that allows travel through the property to the lower and upper reaches of the river should be provided for.

Dated 14 December 2003

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Hollows".

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