

## **Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review**

**Lease name : Matura Valley**

**Lease number : Ps 090**

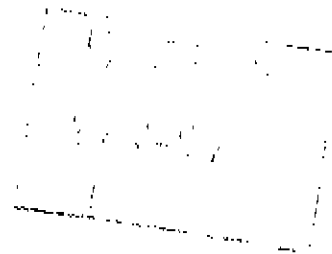
### **Fish & Game report**

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 Phil

On behalf of the Southland Fish & Game Council I enclose a report for the Mataura Valley Pastoral Lease.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions

Yours faithfully  
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## FISH AND GAME RESOURCES REPORT FOR THE MATAURA VALLEY Ps090 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 Mataura Valley 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 lease is situated adjacent to the true right bank of the upper Mataura River upstream of Fairlight

### Section Two – General Resources Information

#### *2.1 Sports Fisheries Values*

Large brown trout inhabit the adjoining Mataura River in low numbers and are fished for by an increasing number of anglers. Further up in the headwaters there are few large trout to attract anglers. Those that are there are most probably winter spawning migrants that have stayed on in the area during summer. There is a downstream migration of juveniles as a result of this spawning and this provides recruitment for the more productive parts of the river. Proof of this is found when the Mataura River dries up near the Mataura Valley homestead and juveniles are stranded.

#### *2.2 Game bird values*

Apart from paradise shelduck which breed on the Mataura River and associated streams a few grey and mallard duck are found on the lease. Few game bird hunting opportunities exist.

#### *2.3 Other Recreational Values*

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#### *2.4 Access Information*

The upper Mataura is accessed by an increasing number of anglers.

### Section Three – Consultation

#### *3.1 Consultation Undertaken*

Nil

### **3.2 Issues Identified Through Consultation**

Nil

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

#### **4.1 Habitat Views**

Domestic stock are unlikely to be concentrated near waterways except near the downstream part of the lease. It is the Southland Fish and Game's view that fencing of waterways is desirable where cattle are concentrated. Stock should therefore be excluded from the Mataura River berm on the true right bank down stream of the confluence of the Roberts and Mataura.

#### **4.2 Access Views**

As a result the introduction of catch and release regulations an increasing number of anglers frequent the area, thus practical legal public access must be provided up the Mataura River. Vehicle access to the vicinity of Roberts Creek is desirable with foot access from there on. (This may be more practical on the Cainaird Station track.)

We support the retention of existing marginal strip providing it allows for the migration of the Mataura River.

### **Section Five – Bibliography**

Project Plan

Land Status Report

Crown Pastoral Land Act (1998)

Dated

Signed

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