

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: MT CREIGHTON

Lease number: PO 107

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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Fish and Game Resources Report for the Mount Creighton Pastoral 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 bird values present on the land included in the Mount Creighton 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 Mount Creighton pastoral lease is a large heart shaped parcel of land located on the eastern shores of Lake Wakatipu. Wyuna pastoral lease is immediately to the north along the lake faces while White Point defines the Southern boundary. Moke Creek, Moke Lake and Moonlight Creek roughly define the eastern and southeastern limits of the lease land.

Section Two - General Resources Information

2.1 Sports Fisheries Habitat Values

The majority of the 'lake-face' streams flowing into Lake Wakatipu contain spawning, juvenile rearing and some adult sports fish habitat.

Luna Creek, Crush Creek, Moonlight Creek, Moke Creek, and all tributaries flowing into these waters, including Moke Creek Right Hand Branch, are important for sports fish spawning and juvenile rearing, and contain some adult fish habitat.

Lake Luna contains good habitat for adult and juvenile sports fish.

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2.2 Sports Fisheries Recreation Values

Lake Luna provides good fishing opportunities and is commonly utilised by anglers. Moke Creek, Moonlight Creek and some of their larger tributaries provide limited angling opportunities, but do attract some angling pressure early in the fishing season.

2.3 Gamebird Recreation Values

There are Paradise Shelducks, Chukor and Californian Quail present within the lease. These are of limited recreational value due to the large size of the pastoral lease and the small numbers of birds present.

2.4 Other Recreational Values

No other recreational values identified.

2.5 Access Information

Anglers and day walkers utilise the road past Mount Creighton Station (roughly parallel to Simpson Creek) up its end points, and up the marked walking track to Dukes Tarn and Lake Luna.

Section Three - Consultation

3.1 Consultation Undertaken

N/A

3.2 Issues Identified Through Consultation

N/A

Section Four - Fish and Game Recommendations

4.1 Fisheries Habitat Values

The present marginal strips near waterways, within the lease block, need to be changed to section 24 marginal strips if they are not already so.

Luna Creek and Crush Creek are worthy of sectional 24 marginal strips due to their sports fish recruitment values.

All streams originating from hill faces above Lake Wakatipu, and those streams that flow into Moonlight Creek and Moke Creek, require section 24 marginal strip protection for at least 500m from the lake or stream junction.

4.2 Fisheries Recreation Values

Recreational fishery values would be adequately protected by the measures outlined in 4.1.

4.3 Recreational Game Bird Values

Limited value to game bird hunters due to the low numbers of birds, what values exist should be protected by measures outlined in 4.1.

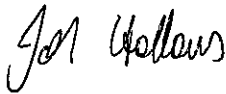
4.4 Access Views

The road past Mount Creighton Station needs to be designated for public vehicle access if it is not already so.

The walking track from the end of the above mentioned road up to Lake Luna needs to be designated as a public walking easement.

Dated: Wednesday, 19 February 2003

Signed



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