

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name : MT PEEL

Lease number : PT 138

Lease name : WAIKARI HILLS

Lease number : PT 137

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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The Manager
Knight Frank
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Dear Sir,

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TENURE REVIEW - MT PEEL/WAIKARI HILLS

Attached is a copy of our submission to Department of Conservation dated 13 June 1995 in respect of the above properties.

Since then we have seen the introduction of the Proposed Timaru District Plan in which the following rivers and streams are listed as significant and deserving of priority under the RMA Esplanade provisions. Included in that list are:

- Rangitata River
- Boundary Stream
- Raules Gully
- Lynn Stream

reflecting the level of public interest in these waters. The tenure review process presents opportunity to effect these aspirations through the marginal strip provisions.

Also attached is a copy of our submission relating to the Kirkleston Block (Haldon).

Yours faithfully



Frank Scarf
Fish and Game Officer



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13 June 1995

District Conservator
Department of Conservation
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Attention: Bronwyn Hunt

TENURE REVIEW: MT PEEL/WAIKARI HILLS

Our initial assessment regarding Fish and Game values relating to Mount Peel/Waikari Hills properties is as follows:

1. The Rangitata River and its tributaries support a valuable sports fishery, most notably its quinnat salmon. Annual angler catch varies but is typically in the order of 1,000 - 5,000 adult salmon each year. Based on recent analysis work by Webb (1994) a further 5,000 - 10,000 salmon escape angler harvest and spawn in the headwaters of the Rangitata River.

Deep Creek and Deep Stream are possibly the most recognised spawning streams, although spawning also takes place on lesser tributaries including Boundary Creek, Rawles Gully, and Lynn Creek within Mt Peel/Waikari Hills properties.

2. The Central South Island Fish and Game Council typically has 8,000 full season licence holders of which about 50% target salmon in preference to trout. The number of anglers fishing the Rangitata River for salmon is about 1,500 - 2,000 anglers each year.

Most angler activity is concentrated at the mouth with a lesser proportion (40%) preferring to fish the main river. Of those the gorge area around Mt Peel/Waikari Hills has its adherents who obtain access to the river at Mt Peel, and Rawles Gully. On the north side anglers get access through Shepherds Road and Klondyke Terrace Road to the RDR intake.

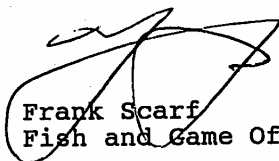
Continued and if possible improved access to the Rangitata gorge fishing resources is sought. While the existing runholder has not discouraged genuine anglers from crossing his property particularly along Rawles Gully and Lynn Creek to reach the Rangitata River, that existing amicable situation may not continue with subsequent owners of the property. For this reason the Fish and Game Council would seek more formal provisions with an access strip along the Rangitata River, Rawles Gully, Chapmans, Lynn Creek, and Boundary Stream.

We note the existence of a 'public' road which branches off the Rangitata Gorge road towards Rawles Gulley. It may be possible to negotiate with the runholder for a car park to be located at Rawles Gulley to enable access to the Rawles Gulley Scenic Reserve as well as access to the river for anglers. If extension of that road down to the river could be included in negotiation strategy that would be even better.

3. We note that much of the Class VIII land backing along the Little Mt Peel/Coal Hill Ridge has been retired from sheep grazing except for extreme emergency situations. We would trust that the grazing restrictions pertaining to the land improvement agreement will continue under any freehold arrangement.

I trust these comments are of assistance for your assessment.

Yours faithfully



Frank Scarf
Fish and Game Officer

Property MT PEEL / WAIKARI HILLS

Date 3. 6. 95

Locat 1 RANGITATA GORGE Area 7496 ha. Landholder ACLAND BROS

INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF SPORTS FISH & GAME VALUES

1) SPORT FISHERY ASSESSEMENT

RIVER/STREAM <i>Rangitata River</i>																		
Sports Fish Present	Br Rb Sa						Br Rb Sa						Br Rb Sa					
	Low		High				Low		High				Low		High			
Value Assess	1	2	3	4	5		1	2	3	4	5		1	2	3	4	5	
Fish Stocks				✓				✓										
Nursery Value	✓							✓										
Spawning Value	✓							✓										
Angler popularity				✓				✓										
Comment																		

2) GAME BIRD PRESENCE

AREA MT Peel Station

LEGEND:

SPECIES									
Mallard duck	✓								
Grey duck	✓								
Paradise duck	✓								
Canada goose	✓								
Chukar (No)									
Quail	✓								
Pheasant (minimal numbers)	✓								

Comment Several ponds on the river terrace provide excellent ducks habitat. Ready access to good hunting. Several other ponds on property in gullies inland - more difficult to get at and not same popularity with shooters - still good habitat for ducks.

3) MARGINAL STRIP/PROVISIONS SOUGHT

Rangitata Gorge - appears there is already a road reserve or marginal strip in existence along much of the gorge upstream of Chapman's Creek confluence.

Romies Gully, Chapman's Lyon Ck and Boundary Stream to about 300m contour.

4) GENERAL COMMENT

Date

Property MT PEEL/WAIKAREI HILLS

Locati RANGITATA GORGE Area 7496 HA Landholder ACLAND BROS

INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF SPORTS FISH & GAME VALUES

1) SPORT FISHERY ASSESSEMENT

RIVER/STREAM	Lynn Creek					Rawles Gully					Rawles Gully				
	Br		Rb	Sa		Br		Rb	Sa		Br		Rb	Sa	
Sports Fish Present	Low			High		Low			High		Low			High	
Value Assess	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Fish Stocks															
Nursery Value		✓							✓						✓
Spawning Value			✓						✓						✓
Angler popularity	✓							✓					✓		

Comment 1) Lynn Creek - flooding in recent has seriously impacted on spawning potential of this stream.
 2) Rawles Gully - good head and talus spawning stream between Rangitoto City road bridge and Rangitoto River. Angler activity concentrated at confluence Rawles Gully and Rangitoto River.

2) GAME BIRD PRESENCE

AREA Waikare Hills

LEGEND:

SPECIES									
Mallard duck	✓								
Grey duck	✓								
Paradise duck	✓								
Canada goose	✓								
Cnukar No									
Quail No									
Pheasant No									

Comment Reasonable ducks habitat but not notable as Mt Peel. A few ponds (3-5) on river terrace provide good habitat for ducks. Other ponds on stream are limited.

3) MARGINAL STRIP/PROVISIONS SOUGHT

4) GENERAL COMMENT

