

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: SANDY POINT

Lease number: PO 350

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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Fish and Game Resources Report for the Sandy Point 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 values present on the land included in the Sandy Point 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 Sandy Point pastoral lease is located on the eastern side of the Clutha River. The Long Gully pastoral lease and the Deep Creek pastoral lease are located to the south and east, of the Sandy Point lease, respectively.

Section Two - General Resources Information

2.1 Sports Fisheries Habitat Values

The property contains rolling modified hill country with the creeks that flow into the Clutha catchment ephemeral in nature, while creeks that flow into the Lindis catchment tend to flow all year around. West Coast Gully Creek contains good trout spawning and juvenile rearing grounds and in some sections there is sufficient water to provide good adult trout habitat.

2.2 Sports Fisheries Recreation Values

There are no recreational fishery values within the pastoral lease; however, West Coast Gully stream is a feeder stream for the Lindis River, which has recreational fishery values.

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2.3 Gamebird Habitat Values

Although we have limited information, the highly modified nature of this property suggests that there are few, if any game bird habitat values.

2.4 Gamebird Recreation Values

Sandy Point may contain occasional coveys of Californian quail but due to low population numbers there are limited recreational gamebird values.

2.5 Other Recreational Values

No other recreational values identified.

2.6 Access Information

None identified.

Section Three - Consultation

3.1 Consultation Undertaken

Nil

3.2 Issues Identified Through Consultation

Nil

Section Four - Fish and Game Perspective

4.1 Fisheries Habitat Views

All tributaries of West Coast Gully creek upstream from the boundary of the Deep Creek pastoral lease (NZMR G40 E 2499 N 0199) contain habitat worthy of some form of protection. Large proportions of this waterway are eligible for marginal strip protection due to size. The upper narrower sections of this waterway are equally important and require conservation covenant protection

4.2 Fisheries Recreation Views

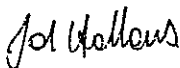
Recruitment values to the Lindis River recreational fishery would be adequately protected by the measures outlined in 4.1.

4.3 Access Views

None identified.

Dated: Monday, 19 August 2002

Signed



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