

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: SHAG VALLEY STATION

Lease number: PO 331

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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Shag Valley Station Crown Pastoral Lease

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1. Introduction

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 Shag Valley Station 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.

2. General Description

Shag Valley Station is a parcel of land located in the headwaters of the Waianakarua and Shag River Valleys. The property consists of some sloping terrace land with the largest proportion being steep rolling hill country. The gullies through which water flows are generally steep sided. Many waterways on the property are ephemeral in nature from a combination of natural low flows and/or in the case of some streams water extraction.

3. Sports Fish Values

The steep and ephemeral nature of many of the waterways on this parcel of land limits the amount of fishery habitat or recreational values. No fish were found during Electric Fishing surveys.

4. Game Bird Values

There is little in the way of ideal upland game bird habitat to be found on Shag Valley Station due to vegetation changes as a result of cultivation and burning. There may be a small population of upland game birds on the lease property but they have little recreational value.

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5. Access

Access on the Shag Valley property is at the lease holders discretion.

6. Fish & Game Perspective

There were few if any sports fish or game bird recreational values on this property and none that we consider require protection.

Dated: March 3 2004.



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