

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name : Shingley Creek

Lease number : Po 034

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 Shingley Creek 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 Shingley Creek 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 any associated access issues.

1.2 Location

The Shingley Creek lease block is located to the west of the Kakanui Mountain range and north of the area known as Dead Horse Pinch on the "Pigroot" (State Highway 85)

Section Two - General Resources Information

2.1 Sports Fisheries Habitat Values

Siberia Creek contains areas of habitat for brown trout (*Salmo trutta*) spawning, juvenile rearing, along with some adult fish habitat.

2.2 Sports Fisheries Recreation Values

Siberia Creek provides limited recreational fishery opportunities but is important for the recruitment of sports fish for the Shag River fishery. This particularly so as the Shag River contains relatively few areas of suitable spawning gravels and that many of its tributaries are ephemeral, making permanent waterways such as the Siberia of increased importance.

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2.3 Game Bird Habitat Values

The leasehold land contains some habitat for Paradise shelduck (*Tadnora variegata*), particularly for nesting pairs.

24. Game Bird Recreational Values

There are few game bird hunting values on this property with any hunting occurring likely to be at the leaseholders discretion.

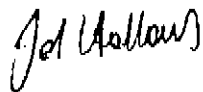
Section Three - Fish and Game Perspective

3.1 Fisheries Habitat Views

Siberia Creek is worthy of marginal strip protection, and conservation covenant protection in other sections where a marginal strip may not apply, up to the 700 metre above sea level contour to protect fishery habitat and recruitment values.

Dated: 2 October 2003

Signed



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