

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name : Silverbirch

Lease number : Po 290

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 Silverbirch 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 Silverbirch 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 Silverbirch pastoral lease is located on the Old Man Range, at the top of the Timber Creek and an unnamed tributary of the Bullock Creek catchment.

Section Two - General Resources Information

2.1 Sports Fisheries Habitat Values

Due to the high altitude of this pastoral lease, it supplies high quality water via the Timber Creek and Bullock Creek catchment to the Pomahaka River.

2.2 Recreational Sports Fisheries Values

There are no known recreational sports fisheries values in this pastoral lease.

2.3 Gamebird Habitat Values

There are no known gamebird habitat values in this pastoral lease.

2.4 Recreational Gamebird Hunting Values

There are no known gamebird hunting values in this pastoral lease.

2.5 Other Recreational Values

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N/A

2.6 Access Information

We are uncertain of the use of access via Mt Bengier Road, however it is possible that it is used for recreational access to the Upper Pomahaka River.

Section Three - Consultation

3.1 Consultation Undertaken

N/A

3.2 Issues Identified Through Consultation

N/A

Section Four - Fish and Game Perspective

4.1 Fisheries Habitat Views

Due to the high water quality of the tributaries of the Pomahaka River in the pastoral lease, a protective mechanism is required, either by the retention of this area of crown land by the Department of Conservation, or covenant to ensure preservation of the water quality.

4.2 Fisheries Recreation Views

No issues identified

4.3 Gamebird habitat Views

No issues identified

4.4 Recreational Gamebird Hunting Views

No issues identified

4.5 Access Views

Alternative access methods may be required on Mt Bengier Road where the legal road alignment deviates from the formed road. This could be achieved by retention of crown land by the Department of Conservation or access covenant.

Section Five - Bibliography

Tenure Review Document

Crown Pastoral lands Act. (1998)

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