

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: The Dasher

Lease number: Po 022

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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Attention: Dave Payton

Dear Dave,



The Dasher Station includes the Kauru River, Waddells and Mackerras Creeks and Hughie Stream and a number of small tributaries that traverse the property. The most notable waterway from a Fish and Game perspective is the Kauru River.

Although the Kauru River does not receive a lot of angler attention, it does have significant salmonid habitat and fishery values. The river has a self – sustaining population of brown trout, some very large, and is an important contributor for spawning and juvenile habitat for trout from the Kakanui River.

Fish and Game are uncertain as the existence of a marginal strip along the Kauru River which borders the southern boundary of the property and then traverses eastward through the property.

If a marginal strip exists, Fish and Game advocate the retention of this strip, if not we seek a provision for the establishment of a strip, primarily to enable the completion of management activities.

Fish and Game have received reports of the occasional chukor being sighted, and although not in any significant numbers, Fish and Game advocates maintaining all existing legal road and foot access on the property.

Yours Sincerely

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Bridget Zoe Pringle Resource Officer

Statutory managers of freshwater sports fish, game birds and their habitats