

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: MT ASPIRING

Lease number: PO 231

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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Mount Aspiring

Otago Fish & Game Council Resource Report

General:

The Mount Aspiring CPL is a large parcel of land extending up both the west and east Matukituki Valley.

Sports Fishery Values:

The Matukituki River contains predominantly brown trout (*Salmo trutta*) although rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) are also present. Low gradient tributary streams of the Matukituki River provide habitat for juvenile rearing and adult spawning habitat and as such are important to the sustainability of the fishery. Many of the tributary streams on the property have a steep gradient and contain no sports fish. These streams are important however as they provide a source of good quality water for downstream fisheries. Not all waterways were fished due to the size of the property and therefore sports fish may be present in other waters.

Game Bird Values:

Paradise Shelducks (*Tadorna variegata*), Mallard Ducks (*Anas platyrhynchos*), New Zealand Shoveler (*Anas rhynchos*), Grey Ducks (*Anas superciliosa*) and Canada Geese (*Branta canadensis*) are found on some river flat areas of the property and are targeted by game bird hunters. Hunting on the property is at the discretion of the leaseholder.

Recommendations:

Section 24 marginal strips should be applied to all waterways that qualify if they are not already present.

Access to freehold sections of the property for sports fish and game bird management purposes should allowed for as part of the negotiation process.

Access for recreational pursuits across freehold land to conservation land should be allowed for as part of the negotiation process.

Dated 16 June 2005

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

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