

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name : TWIN PEAKS

Lease number : PO 204

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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14 March 2012

Attn: S Bowie

Re: Twin Peaks Tenure Review

Thank you for the opportunity to be part of the tenure review process. The following is the Fish and Game Resources Report for Twin Peaks.

1. FUNCTIONS OF FISH AND GAME COUNCILS

- 1.1 The Central South Island Fish and Game Council is one of twelve Fish and Game Councils in New Zealand established under Section 26 of the Conservation Act 1987 to manage, maintain and enhance sports fish and game bird resources in the recreational interests of anglers and hunters.
- 1.2 Sports fish (including Brown trout, Rainbow trout and Chinook salmon) and game birds (including paradise shelduck, California quail and Chukor) are public resources protected under the Conservation Act 1987 and Wildlife Act 1953 respectively.
- 1.3 Fish and Game has a specific responsibility of representing the interests of anglers and hunters in planning processes such as this under the regions respective Sports Fish & Game Management Plan's (SFGMP), which have been approved by the Minister of Conservation.
- 1.4 Relevant Central South Island SFGMP goals, objectives and policies include:

GOAL: To protect, maintain and enhance sports fish and game habitat to ensure species sustainability in the wild for the enjoyment and benefit of anglers and hunters

Objective 4: To promote through statutory processes and mechanisms, the protection, maintenance, and enhancement of sports fish and game habitat

Policy 5.3.1

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- *The Council will advocate through administrative and legal processes for the maintenance, enhancement, and restoration of sports fish and game bird habitat on private and publicly owned lands, including protection of riparian margins and waterways, from the adverse effects of stock.*

- *The Council, during due process relating to Crown lands disposal, will review the proposal to identify sports fish and game habitat and advocate reservation to the Crown those areas of significant value.*

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GOAL: To satisfy the expectations and maximise the opportunities for participation of anglers and hunters through sustainable and wise management of the regions sports fish and game resources.

Policy 7.1.1

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- *The Council will in response to Governments high country tenure review programme, advocate for the setting aside of marginal strips as provided for under the Conservation Act 1987, in order to secure public recreational access to rivers, lakes, and streams within the pastoral leasehold areas concerned.*

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Objective 11: To maintain and enhance access and opportunity for anglers and hunters to participate in sports fish angling and game bird hunting.

2. FISH AND GAME RESOURCES

- 2.1 Twin Peaks Station is located south of Omarama, adjacent to the Broken Hut Road, Upper Waitaki.
- 2.2 Manuka Creek forms the western boundary of the station, and Omarama Stream flows through the north east corner of the block.
- 2.2.1 Manuka Creek maintains a small self-sustaining brown trout fishery. Given the ephemeral nature of the watercourse the Fish and Game values are not high; however given the resident trout population we would be concerned about the likely resultant changes to natural water quality if the existing land use were to change to include intensified cattle grazing.
- 2.2.2 Fish and Game place very high value on Omarama Stream for both spawning for brown and rainbow trout and the stream exhibits high angler values; this importance is recognised by the Ahuriri Water Conservation Order. It has gained increased popularity in recent years and is fished. Often public access is limited with most anglers relying on the good will of landowners to gain access to much of Omarama Stream. In order to ensure the Fish and Game values are not compromised access and stream bank protection should be provided for.
- 2.2.3 Some game bird hunting opportunity exists for upland game birds, namely chukor and quail. As such, Fish and Game advocates maintaining all existing legal road and foot access on the property

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require anything further.

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