

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: GLEN NEVIS

Lease number: PO 201

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 Glen Nevis 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 of the sports fish and game habitat present on the land included in the Glen Nevis 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 Glen Nevis pastoral lease is located between the Nevis valley and the southern end of Lake Wakatipu.

Section Two - General Resources Information

2.1 Sports Fisheries Values

The section of the Nevis River from Nevis Crossing to the headwaters is renowned for the size of the brown trout. Drummond Creek is a significant spawning creek for the Nevis River brown trout but the other creeks in the area also contain some spawning. Small populations of brook char exist in Drummond, Kingston and Wrights creeks.

The streams that flow to the eastern side of Lake Wakatipu do not contain any significant fish or game-bird values.

2.2 Game-bird Values

The series of sluicing ponds on the property are used as nesting sites for a variety of ducks. Areas include significant moulting sites for paradise shelducks. Due to the difficulty in reaching this location, hunting pressure is low.

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2.3 Other Recreational Values N/A

2.4 Access Information

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 Habitat Views

The creeks that flow to the Nevis River through this lease are of considerable value to the Nevis River fishery. Marginal Strips should be created along Drummond, Kingston and Wright creeks where they qualify or alternative conservation measures applied to riparian areas where it does not for the protection of the spawning brown trout. Any area where the marginal strip is currently not beside the river should be converted to the relevant type. The old dredge ponds have high habitat values for game-birds so riparian margin protection in this area is important.

4.2 Access Views

Access along the Nevis River should be assured, including modify of marginal strips if required to match the river, while access to the to the dredge ponds by way of public easement to allow for the gamebird hunting. Access should be arranged to allow angling of the brook char population in Drummond, Kingston and Wrights creeks.

Section Five - Bibliography

Tenure Review Document Crown Pastoral Lands Act (1998) Land Status Report for Glen Nevis Station

Dated: Friday, 12 November 1999

Signed

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