



Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name : SCOTSBURN

Lease number : PT 080

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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Schedule B - Fish and Game Report

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Attention: Mike Todd

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Dear Mike

TENURE REVIEW - SCOTSBURN

The following is an assessment of Fish and Game values associated with the Scotsburn property.

1. The Orari River system provides chinook salmon and brown trout fisheries of local significance. It is the sixth most popular fishery in the South Canterbury area with an estimated 6,300 angler days per season. Angling activity is largely concentrated on the lower reaches and to a lesser extent the upper reaches and inflowing tributaries, including Scotsburn Stream.
2. The upper Orari River and Scotsburn Stream where they bound the property are a valuable resource to anglers seeking a wilderness experience. Whilst numbers of fish present may be low the solitude and scenic values of these create a unique experience, for South Canterbury. Special features of the two waterways are the exceptionally clear water, bedrock that forms a stable bed, and a proliferation of aquatic invertebrates. These features also meet the habitat requirements to sustain the resident brown trout population.
3. Access for anglers to the Orari River and the Scotsburn Stream is important. With this in mind we request that marginal strips are set off or retained on these waterways where they bound or flow through the property.

Note we understand that marginal strips are set off as a requirement of the process and that they are administered by the Department of Conservation. However, since they are vital in providing recreational access to rivers we continue to draw this aspect to your attention to ensure that they are not overlooked.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "V. Lynn".

Vaughan Lynn
Fish and Game Officer

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