

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: THE LARCHES

Lease number: PO 254

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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Fish and Game Resources Report for the Larches 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 on the sports fish and game values present on the land included in the Larches 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 Larches pastoral lease is located on the true right hand side of the Cardrona River, mainly, with three smaller parcels of land on the true left-hand side of the river.

Section Two - General Resources Information

2.1 Sports Fisheries Habitat Values

The property contains rolling modified hill country with many of the tributary streams that flow into the Cardrona River steep and/or ephemeral in nature. Timber Creek and the Cardrona River contain trout spawning, juvenile rearing and adult habitat values.

2.2 Sports Fisheries Recreation Values

The Cardrona River contains seasonal recreational fishery values.

2.3 Gamebird Habitat Values

The Larches pastoral lease block is highly modified, with the upper sections in particular containing dense infestations of Heracium. The highly modified nature of this property suggests that there are few, if any game bird habitat values.

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2.4 Gamebird Recreation Values

The Larches may contain occasional coveys of Californian quail but due to low population numbers and poor habitat, it has limited recreational values.

2.5 Other Recreational Values

No other recreational values identified.

2.6 Access Information

None identified.

Section Three - Consultation

3.1 Consultation Undertaken

Nil

3.2 Issues Identified Through Consultation

Nil

Section Four - Fish and Game Perspective

4.1 Fisheries Habitat Views

The section of both Timber Creek and the Cardrona River located within the lease block contain habitat worthy of some form of protection. The Cardrona River should be protected by marginal strip protection and is eligible for such due to being greater than 3 metres in width. If Timber Creek does not apply for marginal strip protection then conservation covenant protection should be granted.

4.2 Fisheries Recreation Views

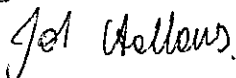
Recruitment values to the Cardrona River recreational fishery would be adequately protected by the measures outlined in 4.1.

4.3 Access Views

None identified.

Dated: 30 August 2002

Signed



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