

Shag/Waihemo River morphology and riparian management strategy

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Overview

The Shag River/Waihemo morphology and riparian management strategy has been prepared by the Otago Regional Council (ORC), with input from the local community, to help protect the recreational, cultural, spiritual and ecological values of the Shag River/Waihemo riverbed, and to enable long term sustainable use of the land that borders the river. The strategy, as summarised in the two diagrams overleaf, is intended to help achieve this by guiding work programs, decision-making, and activities for the community, stakeholders, iwi and ORC. It is therefore recommended that people who live, work, or play within the Shag River/Waihemo catchment consider, and give effect to, the principles, objectives, and actions listed in this strategy.

The strategy is not a statutory document; rather it is intended to present the aspirations of the community, iwi and the various stakeholder agencies. However, the statutory processes that do influence river management activities¹ are more likely to be used effectively and efficiently if there is a general consensus on what is valued about the river, and commonly understood objectives.

The strategy is intended to be a living document, which will evolve in response to new information, changes in the environment, the needs of the community and iwi, and the work of the ORC and other stakeholders. The strategy will be reviewed regularly, and this process will involve landowners with property alongside the river, other stakeholders, and ORC² working in partnership with iwi, and will help to set priorities and work programmes for all of these groups. The strategy document will also record progress made towards achieving the stated objectives. It is intended that version 2 of the strategy will include further guidance and plans for undertaking planting on riparian margins, for river management purposes, and for habitat enhancement.

¹ Including the Local Government Act (in regards to funding considerations), and the Resource Management Act (in regards to environmental effects)

² In particular, staff with responsibilities for river and waterway management and natural hazards

Mana Whenua

Mana Whenua literally means ‘the people with mana over the land’ and refers to the whānau (families), hapū (sub-tribe) or iwi (tribe) of a particular area who are recognised as holding the traditional rights and responsibilities within that area to manage and govern natural resources.

Ngāi Tahu³ is the iwi that is Mana Whenua in Otago. Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (the iwi authority) is made up of 18 Papatipu Rūnaka. Located predominantly in traditional coastal settlements, Papatipu Rūnaka are a focus for whānau and hapū who have Mana Whenua status within their area. Te Rūnanga o Moeraki and Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki are the two Papatipu Rūnaka of Ngāi Tahu who are Mana Whenua of the Waihemo catchment.

Kāi Tahu – Treaty Partner

Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi) is the founding document for New Zealand, the basis on which the partnership between Māori and the Crown was established. The Kāi Tahu raketira Karetai and Korako signed the Treaty at Pukekura (Tairaroa Head) on 13 June 1840. Kāi Tahu considered that the Treaty bound the whole tribe of Kāi Tahu irrevocably to an agreement which imposed responsibilities on both signatories, the Crown and Kāi Tahu. The Otago Regional Council has an established relationship with Kāi Tahu based on the treaty partnership. Partnership between the ORC and Kāi Tahu embodies the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi in decision making and local environmental management.

³ In the south of the South Island, the local Māori dialect uses a ‘k’ interchangeably with ‘ng’. The preference is to use a ‘k’ so southern Māori are known as Kāi Tahu, rather than Ngāi Tahu. In this document, the “ng” is used for the iwi in general, and the “k” for southern Māori in particular.

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Purpose

- To provide guidance to landowners, stakeholders, iwi and the community for good decision-making and appropriate activities within the riverbed and on the riparian margins of the Shag River/Waihemo.

Vision

- The long-term sustainable use and enjoyment of the Shag River/Waihemo and its riparian margins.

Functions

Appropriate guidance and active engagement to empower good decision-making. Ensure activities are undertaken in a sustainable and appropriate manner.

Understand natural river processes and morphological characteristics, and the potential effects of those on the river and its margins.



The wise use of resources to:

- Manage the risk to property and assets
- Enable sustainable gravel extraction
- Protect and enhance community values
- Improve community resilience.

A shared vision of the river's values and features to be utilised, preserved and enhanced.

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Objectives & associated activities (these are further refined in Section 8 - implementation)

1. To recognise and characterise natural river processes.	2. To equip the community to live with the effects of changes in river morphology.	3. To enable sustainable gravel extraction.	4. To promote activities that enhance natural character and enjoyment of the river.
<p>Collect information about flood and erosion processes</p> <p>Report on changes in channel morphology</p> <p>Provide information to the community</p> <p>Identify the location of river corridors, within which the river will naturally meander</p>	<p>Promote land-use practices and the placement of assets that reduce the risk associated with changes in riverbed morphology.</p> <p>Consider all available options to manage the effects of bank erosion, including structural and non-structural options.</p> <p>Enable works that will, where necessary, improve the conveyance of floodwater and 'train' the river within its natural corridor, without compromising the features that are of high value to the community and iwi.</p>	<p>Identify areas where gravel accumulation can naturally occur</p> <p>Identify areas where permanent removal of gravel may have a detrimental effect on assets, riverbed morphology or community values</p> <p>Identify minimum bed levels/profiles, below which extraction will not occur</p>	<p>Provide maps showing the location and characteristics of features that are of high value to the community</p> <p>Encourage the establishment of riparian plantings that are practical and appealing</p> <p>Provide access and habitat for fishing and white-baiting activities</p> <p>Support pest and weed control activities</p> <p>Discourage dumping, and arrange the regular collection of rubbish</p>

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1. Introduction

Changes in the morphology (physical form) of riverbeds occur as a result of natural processes that are often uncontrollable, and also from human intervention. The Shag River/Waihemo riverbed is an integral part of the wider Shag River/Waihemo catchment (Figure 1). The Shag River/Waihemo riverbed is part of a dynamic river system, and has experienced changes in morphology in recent decades. These changes will have occurred in response to naturally occurring flood events, as well as gravel extraction activities and historic river management decisions. Changes to riverbed morphology have included degradation⁴ and sedimentation within the main channel and significant bank erosion in places (Figure 2). In some cases, these changes have negatively affected the values placed upon the river by the community, iwi and stakeholders (landowners, Fish & Game New Zealand, Department of Conservation (DOC), Waitaki District Council (WDC), and residents).

Land alongside the river channel is often referred to as the 'riparian margin'. More intensive use of the land that borders the river has occurred in recent decades, with valuable farmland replacing what was previously rough vegetation. As a result, changes in the position and form of the riverbed can cause issues for landowners and other river users. The Shag River/Waihemo is valued as a recreational, commercial, and cultural resource e.g. picnicking, swimming, fishing, and farming.

The Otago Regional Council (ORC) has proposed the Shag River/Waihemo morphology and riparian management strategy ('the strategy') to help provide guidance (for all users of the river) for good decision-making and appropriate activities on the riverbed and riparian margins of the Shag River/Waihemo. The strategy has a vision of long-term sustainable use and enjoyment of the Shag River/Waihemo riverbed and its riparian margins. It is also important when undertaking activities within the riverbed and on the riparian margins of the Shag River/Waihemo that people recognise, and allow for, the traditional, spiritual, and cultural values of local iwi.

The strategy's key objectives are to:

- Recognise and characterise the natural river and catchment processes that occur in the Shag River/Waihemo
- Equip the community to understand, and live with, the effects of changes in river morphology
- Enable sustainable gravel extraction
- Promote activities that enhance the natural character and enjoyment of the river.

The strategy is also intended to guide the nature and extent of land-use, so that the negative effects of morphological changes in the riverbed do not increase and, where possible, are progressively reduced. It provides a framework for decision-making, so that activities undertaken by people occur in such a way that the results are:

- A visually appealing river system

⁴ The term 'degradation' in this case refers to the wearing down of the channel by the erosive action of water.

- A habitat that supports existing wildlife, fish, and preferred plant species
- Limited effects on assets as a result of flood events
- Resilient infrastructure (roads, bridges, water supply)
- Continued use of the river for recreational activities.

Many of the actions listed in this strategy are voluntary and will rely on interactions between the key stakeholders, iwi and the community to be successful. It is therefore recommended that people who live, work, or play in the Shag River/Waihemo catchment consider, and give effect to, the principles, objectives, and actions listed in the strategy.

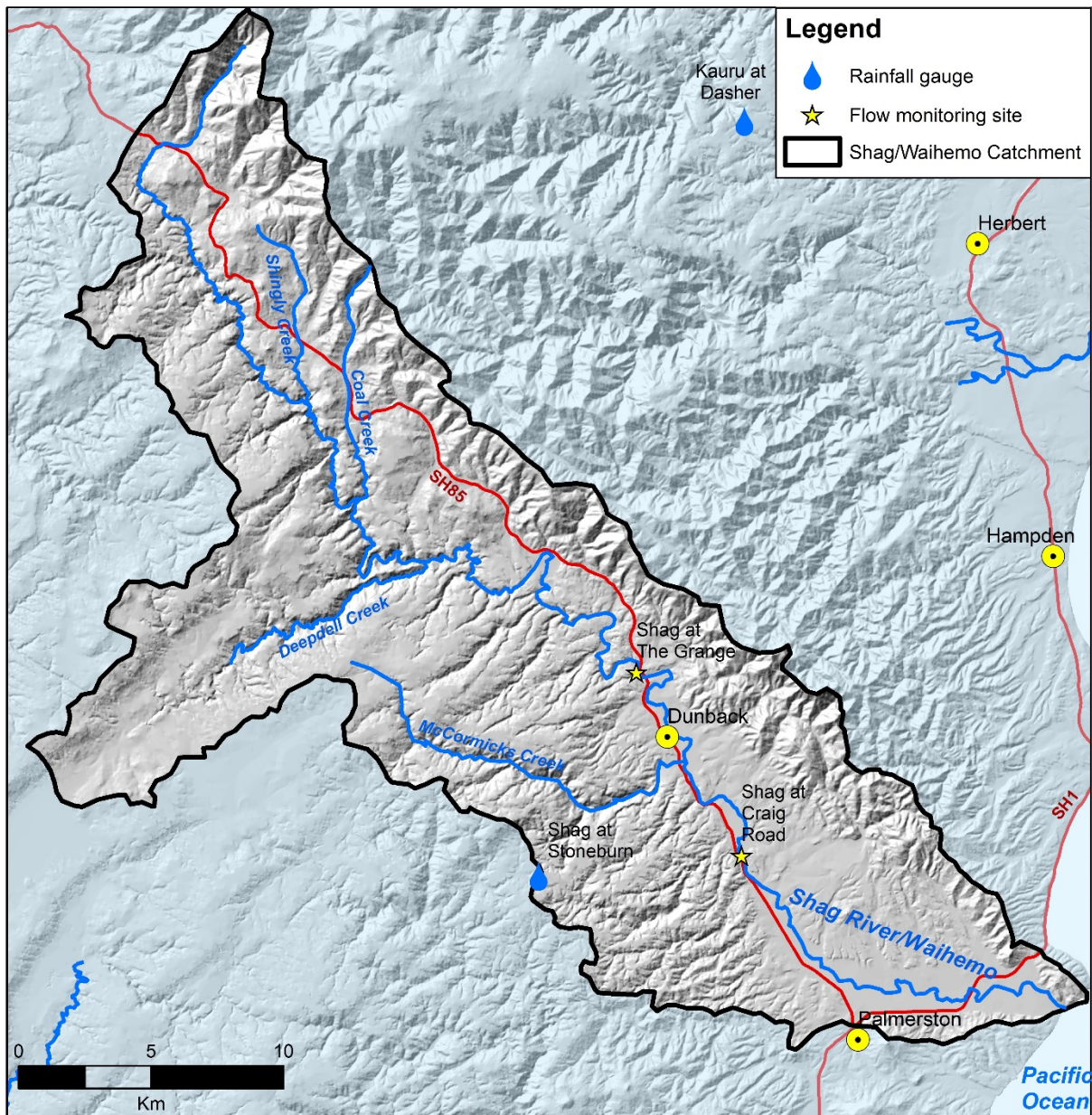


Figure 1. Shag/Waihemo River catchment boundary, showing main tributaries and the reach of the river to which this strategy applies.



Figure 2. Example of changes in channel morphology, bank erosion downstream of Munro Road (looking upstream)

1.1. Report outline

Section 2 describes the scope of the strategy; while Section 3 summarises the natural environment within which it sits and Section 4 summarises the community values associated with the river⁵. Section 5 describes the legislative context within which the strategy has been defined and will operate. Section 6 outlines the strategy's guiding principles and core components. Section 7 outlines the work that ORC has undertaken to help define an appropriate and sustainable river form for the riverbed and riparian margins and summarises the methods that the various parties (ORC, stakeholders, iwi and the community) have designed to meet the strategy's key objectives.

A series of appendices are included at the end of this document:

- Appendix 1 describes the physical river management work to be undertaken by ORC in the next three years, which will also assist in achieving the strategy's objectives.
- Appendix 2 contains a guide on planting on river banks.
- Appendix 3 contains the mapped river corridors (the active fairway, and buffer zones).
- Appendix 4 contains the mapped community values for the Shag/Waihemo River
- Appendix 5 provides a summary of the public feedback received in 2016 regarding the initial proposal of the strategy.
- Appendix 6 contains the Cultural Values Report provided by Aukaha.

⁵ as determined by landowners, stakeholders, iwi and members of the public during community consultation in October 2016, and April 2017.

2. Scope

2.1. Study reach

The geographical scope of the strategy is the reach of the Shag River/Waihemo between the river mouth and the village of Waynes (Figure 3). Activities that occur in the upper catchment of the Shag River/Waihemo and in other tributary streams may have an effect on the study reach. The upper reaches and tributary streams were not investigated in this report as most concerns previously raised by the community were located in the study reach as well as the steeper upper catchment topography limiting management opportunities. The focus was therefore on this location. Other areas in the Shag River/Waihemo catchment may also experience problems and issues associated with river processes; however, these are not examined here.

2.2. Risk

The strategy has a focus on the risks and effects associated with changes in riverbed morphology (including channel degradation and bank erosion, sedimentation, and flooding) in the study reach of the Shag River/Waihemo. However, it is acknowledged that heavy rainfall events may lead to a range of other risks, including widespread flooding and surface runoff.

There are several other environmental issues and hazards in the Shag River/Waihemo catchment. These include natural hazards such as seismic activity, as well as water quality and quantity issues. While numerous other issues do exist, this strategy is primarily concerned with the negative effects of changes in river form on the values associated with the Shag River/Waihemo. Guidance and regulations relating to other issues can be obtained from the ORC.⁶

⁶ www.orc.govt.nz. For example, The Otago Natural Hazards Database (<http://hazards.orc.govt.nz/intramaps/mapcontrols/nhdb/index.html>), the Water Info website (<https://www.orc.govt.nz/managing-our-environment/water/water-monitoring-and-alerts>) and the Regional Plan: Water (<https://www.orc.govt.nz/plans-policies-reports/regional-plans/water>).



Figure 3. Map showing the reach of the Shag River/Waihemo, to which this strategy applies (Shag/Waihemo catchment outlined)

2.3. Strategy development

The strategy is intended to be a living document, which will evolve in response to new information and changes in river morphology,⁷ the needs of the community, and the work of the ORC, iwi and stakeholders. It will be reviewed regularly as part of council's annual and long-term planning process, or in response to large flood events. The review process will involve landowners with property alongside the river, other stakeholders, iwi and ORC staff with responsibilities for river and waterway management and natural hazards. The review is proposed to monitor the effectiveness of the strategy, the workability of its stated objectives, and to note progress towards achieving those objectives. It will also help ORC to set priorities when considering funding and undertaking river-maintenance work in the rivers concerned.

Before the review process, ORC will arrange and facilitate a workshop with iwi, the local community and invited stakeholder groups. This will consist of two parts:

- An opportunity for participants to present to the group any issues they face as to changes in channel morphology or riparian management; work they have undertaken or would like to see undertaken; or to discuss, question or suggest changes to the strategy itself.
- A facilitated process to coordinate activity and work towards achieving the principals and objectives outlined in the strategy.

⁷ Including additional understanding gathered during future flood events

3. Environmental setting

The natural and social settings of the Shag River/Waihemo catchment are described in this section, with particular focus on the special characteristics that give rise to the risks associated with changes in riverbed morphology.

3.1. Geological setting

The Shag River/Waihemo parallels the Waihemo fault system (Forsyth, 2001). The geology of the Shag River/Waihemo catchment (Figure 4) is dominated by varying grades of quartzofeldspathic sandstone interbedded with mudstone and igneous rocks of the Dunedin volcanics group. This generally takes the form of greywacke deposits on the true right side of the catchment, argillite on the true left of the catchment, and igneous rocks to the south of the Waihemo fault system (Forsyth, 2001).

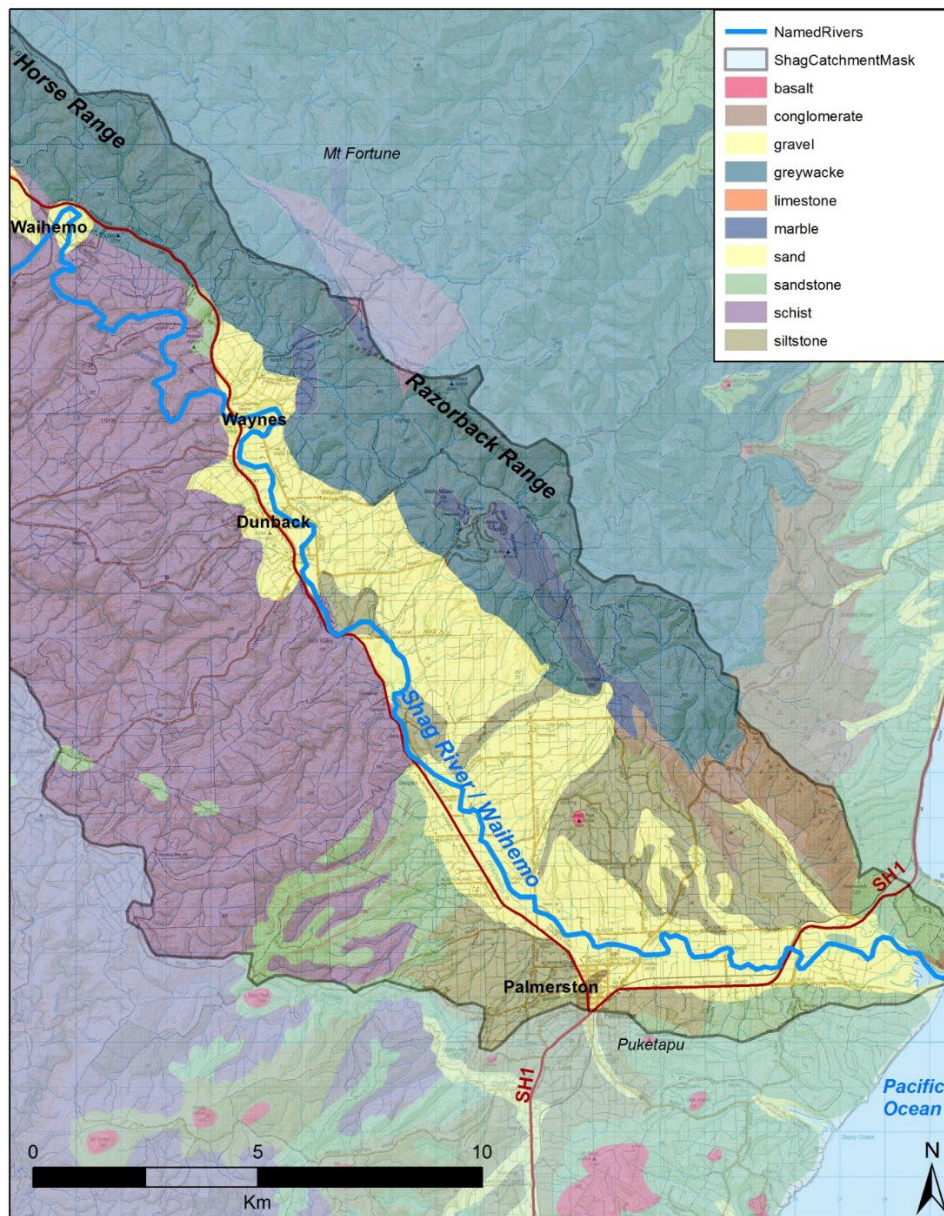


Figure 4. Geological map showing the Shag River/Waihemo catchment

3.2. Geographical setting

The Shag River/Waihemo catchment is located on the east coast of the South Island (Te Waipounamu) in the Waitaki District. The catchment area of the Shag River/Waihemo is 544 km² and is bounded by the Taieri Ridge to the south and the Kakanui Mountains to the north. The highest point in the catchment is Kakanui Peak at 1528 m above mean sea level. The main tributaries of the Shag River/Waihemo include Deepdell Creek, McCormicks Creek, Coal Creek and Shingly Creek (ORC, 2014²). The topography of the Shag River/Waihemo catchment is diverse with high altitude mountains in the upper catchment to flat grassland in the valley bottom (Figure 5).



Figure 5. Topography of the Shag River/Waihemo upper catchment and flat grassland (photograph taken December 2016)

Agricultural grassland is the dominant land use throughout the Shag River/Waihemo catchment (ORC, 2014¹, 2014²). The upper catchment of the Shag River/Waihemo is dominated by tussock grassland and low producing grassland, most of the lower catchment contains high producing grassland and some cropping (ORC, 2014¹). Exotic forestry is the next largest land use covering 11 % of the catchment (ORC, 2014¹).

The Shag River/Waihemo begins on the southern slopes of Kakanui Peak where it flows south west to the valley bottom and then heads in a south easterly direction towards the township of Palmerston where it then heads east where it meets the Pacific Ocean south of Shag Point/Matakaea.

3.3. Meteorological setting

The Shag/Waihemo catchment is located on the east coast of the lower South Island, within the Waitaki district. Flood events within the Otago east coast catchments such as the Shag River/Waihemo are generally caused by persistent rain bearing easterlies, with continual rainfall over days saturating the soil, leading to rapid runoff. Generally, these types of events occur in late summer to late autumn, although they can occur at any time (ORC, 2015).

The nearest long-term automatic rain gauges are located at Stoneburn and The Dasher (Figure 1). Annual average and peak daily-rainfall intensities for these sites are listed in Table 1.

Table 1. Annual average and maximum observed daily rainfall total for rain gauges in the Shag River/Waihemo catchment

Hydrological monitoring site (rain)	Annual average rainfall (mm)	Maximum daily rainfall (mm)	Date of peak 24 hr rainfall
Shag River at Stoneburn (1985-2017) (missing record in 1987, 1988 and 1996)	619	124	26 May 2010
Kauru at the Dasher (1953-2017) (missing record in 1995)	801	199.5	12 Jan 2002

3.4. Hydrological setting

Information on river flow in the Shag River/Waihemo is available from two long term monitoring sites. The Grange and Craig Road recorders have been operating since 1989 and 1993 respectively. The five largest flows on record for these sites are shown in Figure 6. The Shag River/Waihemo (at the Craig Road monitoring site) can rise rapidly during flood events, with a rate of rise greater than 1.5 m per hour observed. Average gauging velocities observed at these sites range from 0.04 to 1.2 m per second with velocities likely to be higher in the steeper, more confined sections of the Shag River/Waihemo.

Table 2. Summary of hydrological information for sites within the Shag River/Waihemo catchment

Hydrological monitoring site (river flow) (date record commences)	Maximum observed flow (m ³ /sec) (date occurred)	Average Annual maximum (m ³ /sec) (excluding years with gaps)	Median flow (m ³ /sec)
Shag at the Grange (Oct 1989 to date)	428 (Mar 1993)	111	0.6
Shag at Craig Road (Sept 1993 to date)	433 (Dec 1994)	118	0.7

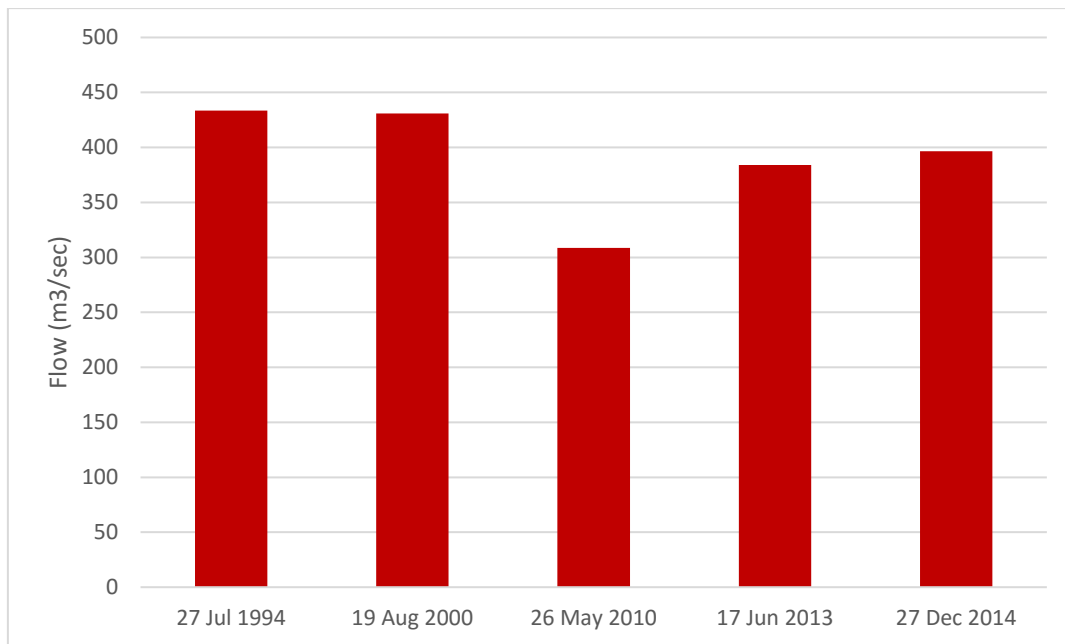


Figure 6. Five highest flows in the Shag River/Waihemo at the Craig Road recorder since records began in September 1993.

3.5. Flooding

Changes in the morphology of the Shag River/Waihemo channel are, in part, driven by the hydrological characteristics of the river, including the magnitude and frequency of flood flows.

The Shag River/Waihemo has experienced large flood events in the past, with the December 1994 being the largest on record at the Craig Road recorder. The Shag River/Waihemo has a history of flooding including the inundation and erosion of rural farm land as well as inundation of several houses (ORC, 2002). The June 1980 flood event washed away the Switchback Road bridge (comments following air inspection over North Otago on Saturday 7 June 1980, OCB).

The effects of flooding also affect any infrastructure located on the floodplain of the Shag River/Waihemo such as roads, bridges, power lines, and irrigation equipment (ORC, 2014²).

The mapped inundation area is shown in Figure 7 below, areas where historic flooding has occurred include the area known as “The Loop” near Waihemo, low lying areas of Waynestown, low lying areas around Dunback and most of the Dunback Domain (ORC, 2002). Land around McLew Road bridge can become inundated during flood events (Figure 8), downstream of Craig Road the floodplain narrows with inundation occurring on land adjacent to the river (ORC, 2002). The floodplain widens downstream of Meadowbank where land on either side of the river can become inundated (ORC, 2002) (Figure 9). Flooding in the lower reaches of the Shag River/Waihemo, near Bushey can be affected by tidal influences (ORC, 2002). The mapped flood hazard area for the Shag River/Waihemo is shown in Figure 7.

Recorded at the grange (8 km upstream of McLew Road bridge, the most upstream cross section location): winter 1990, late 1993/early 1994, winter 1994 and winter 2000. The maximum flood recorded was approximately 428 m³ in December 1993.

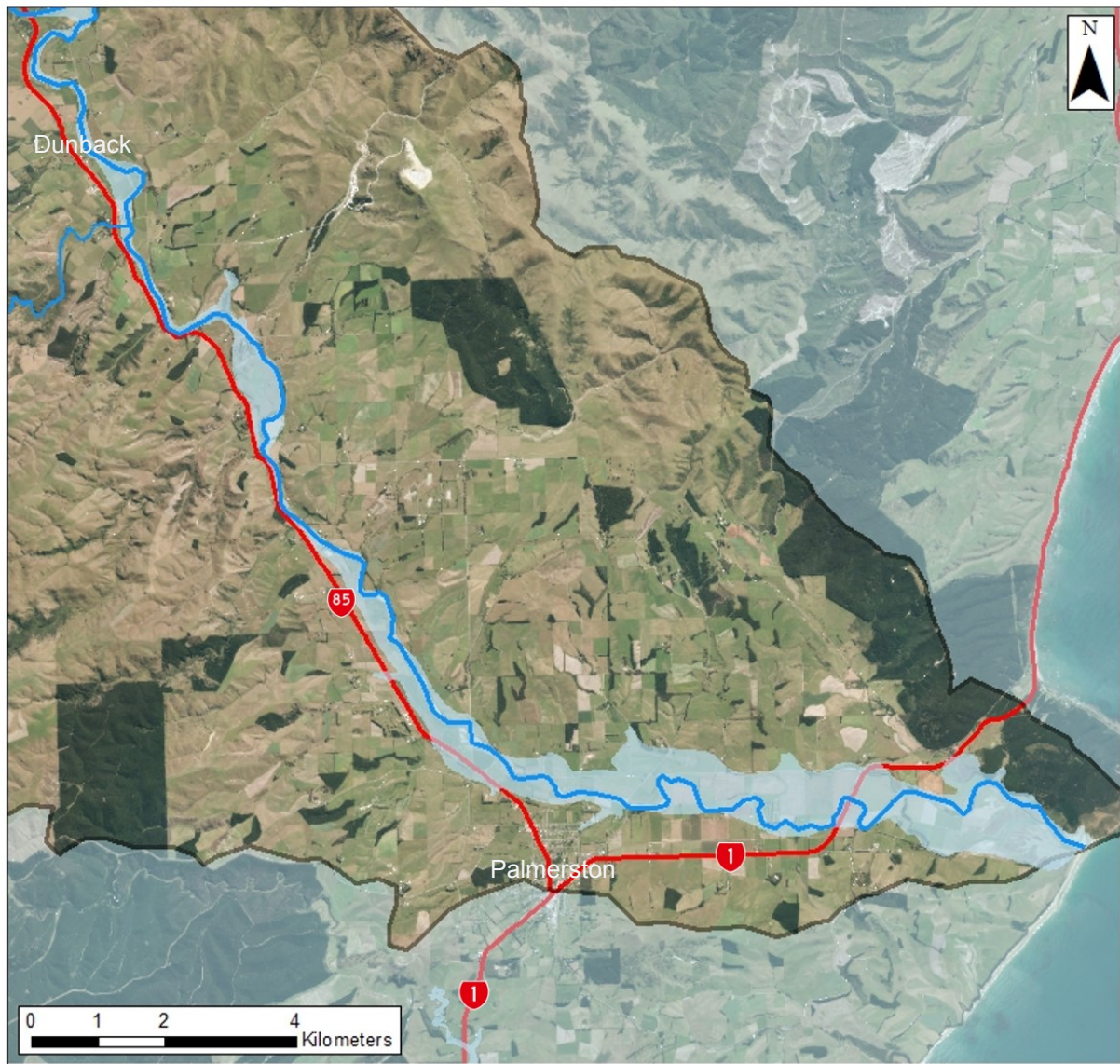


Figure 7. Shag/Waihemo River flood hazard extent (ORC, 2002).



Figure 8. Shag River/Waihemo in flood, looking downstream to McLew Road bridge (June 17, 2013)



Figure 9. Shag River/Waihemo in flood, looking downstream at the Horse Range Road bridge (June 17, 2013)

3.6. Riverbed morphology

The active channel of the Shag River/Waihemo is a dynamic system where flood events and sediment transport regularly cause changes in riverbed morphology. Changes in the longitudinal profile of the riverbed occur due to aggradation and degradation along the channel, and as a result of lateral bank erosion. Significant changes often occur as a result of large flood events, but small scale, incremental changes can also occur over longer timeframes. Human activities such as gravel extraction physical works on the bed and banks of the river and land use change can also result in significant local and distant changes to the morphology of the river system.

ORC undertakes work to describe these changes in morphology using visual inspections, aerial and ground photography, and cross-section analysis. Reports summarising these investigations were published in 2004, 2009, and 2014 (ORC, 2004¹, 2009, 2014²).

The ORC 2014 report noted that between 2009 and 2013 there was an increase in mean bed level (MBL)⁸ at 16 of the 22 surveyed cross-sections on the Shag River/Waihemo between McLew Road and Horse Range Road (ORC, 2014²). A decrease in MBL was observed at 6 cross-sections. The ORC (2014²) report suggests that in the short term the Shag River/Waihemo is showing signs of changing from a state of overall degradation to one of aggradation/stability. The ORC (2014²) report also states that while there may be some short-term aggradation/stability, the river has not returned to a state of excess gravel accumulation and that it is still experiencing bank erosion and channel incision. The ORC (2004²) report states the river was previously more sinuous with a much wider gravel bed.

A comparison between aerial photography collected in 1947, 2006 and 2014 further highlight the dynamic nature of the Shag/Waihemo River (Figure 10, Figure 11). Mid-channel and point bar features were more abundant along the length of the channel in 1947 and appear significantly reduced in 2005 and 2014. In some instances, this channel form change has enabled land to become farmable.

A comparison of cross-sections dating back to late 1970's and early 1980's also highlights the dynamic nature of the river and shows how the channel moved laterally in some locations (Figure 12), became more confined and deeper in other locations (Figure 13), and increased bed levels at others (Figure 14).

⁸ MBL represents a 'horizontal straight line across the channel, positioned so there is as much bed above the line as below it' (Griffiths, 1979).



Figure 10. Shag/Waihemo River – top 1947, middle 2006, bottom 2014



Figure 11. Shag/Waihemo River – top 1947, middle 2006, bottom 2014.

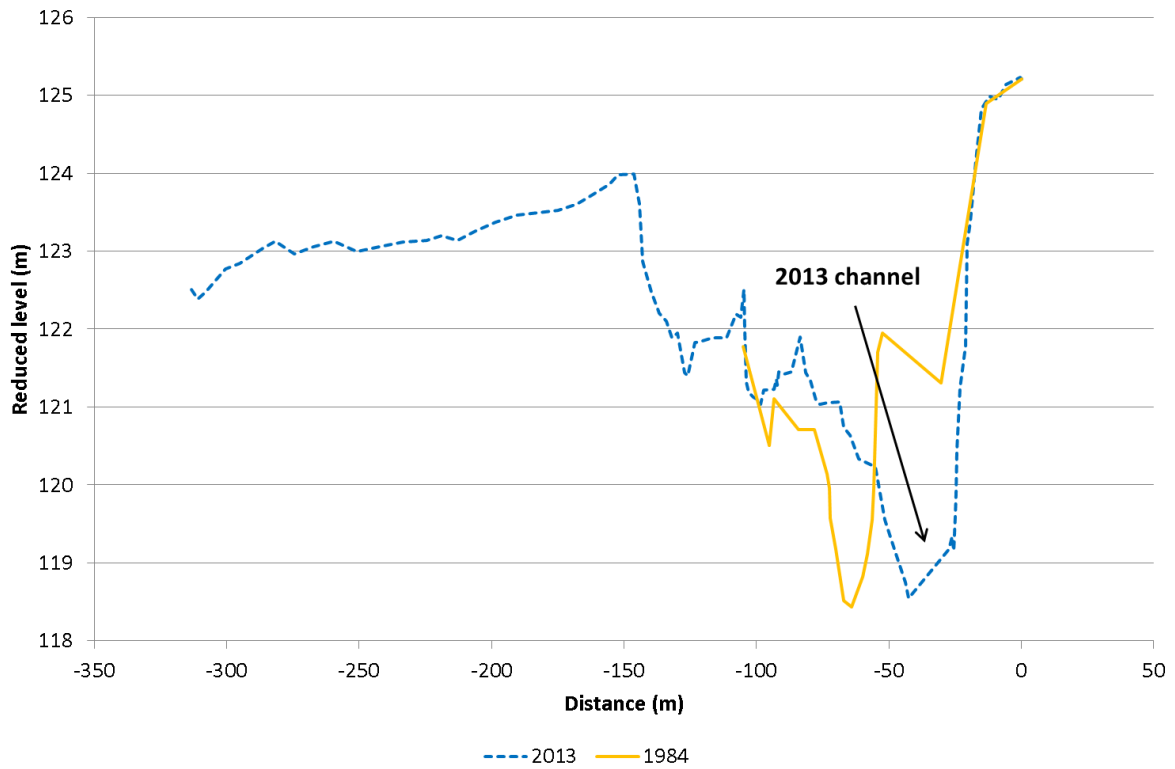


Figure 12. Shag River/Waihemo cross-section S28, looking downstream

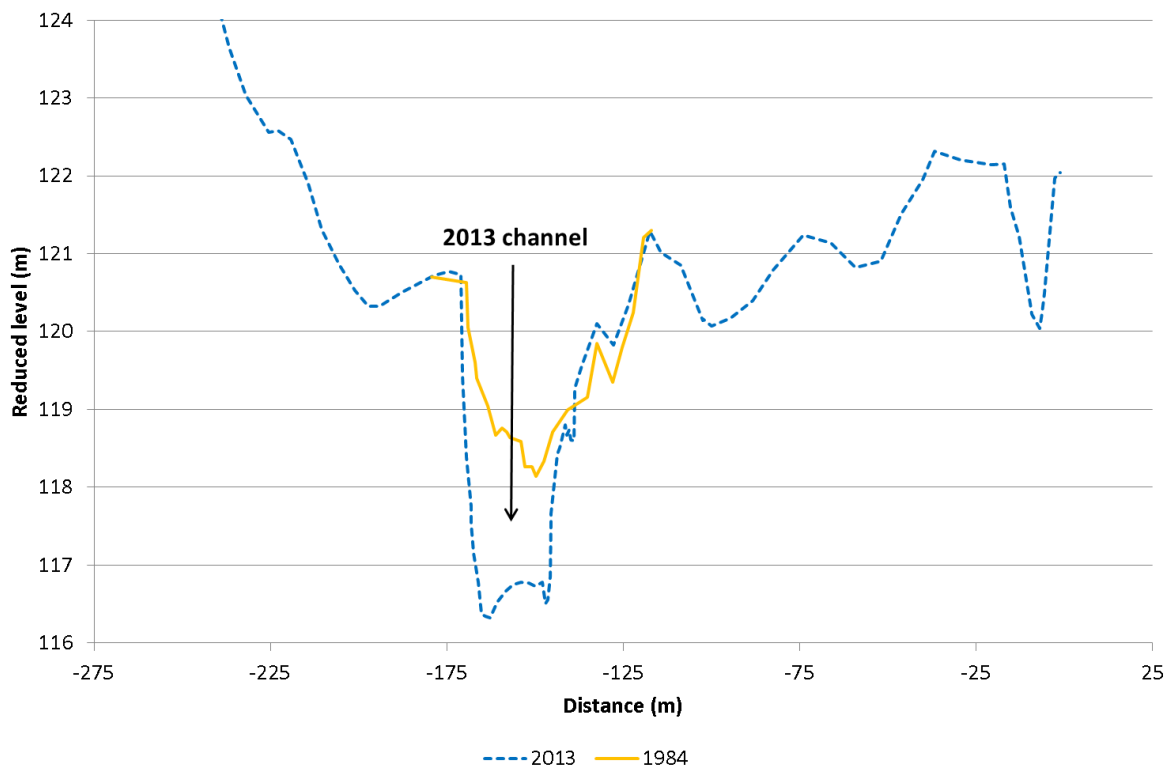


Figure 13. Shag River/Waihemo cross-section S27, looking downstream

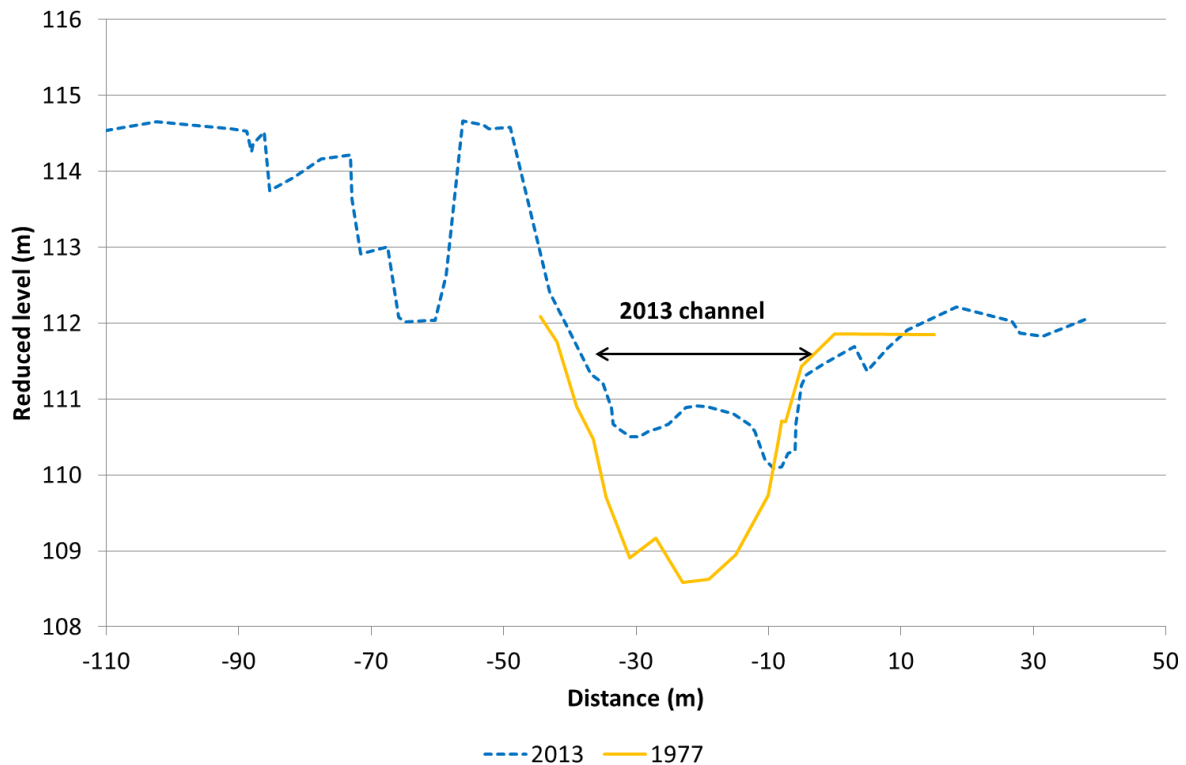


Figure 14. Shag River /Waihemo cross-section S20a, looking downstream

3.7. Riparian margins

The riparian margin is the area beside waterways that forms the interface between water and land. As noted in the introduction, more intensive use of the land that borders the Shag River/Waihemo has occurred in recent decades. In some parts of the catchment, farmland has encroached onto what was previously a more natural area of rough vegetation (Figure 10, Figure 11). This has resulted in a narrowing (or in some cases, complete removal) of the riparian margin that separates the active river fairway from land that is used for farming, or which accommodates community infrastructure. Previous ORC reports have identified that channel widening by bank collapse and erosion are processes that continue to occur in the Shag River/Waihemo (ORC, 2014²). The loss of primary agricultural land and physical property adjacent to eroding stream banks is very costly and the need for their protection against erosion has long been recognised.

Historically, the permanent removal of gravel from the Shag River/Waihemo system has been used as a tool in an attempt to address bank erosion issues. This strategy identifies that gravel extraction and other management tools (such as the movement of gravel within the channel and spraying) should still be considered for river management purposes, where that is appropriate. However, a number of authors have identified that the most effective means of controlling river bank erosion is to establish a vegetative cover of strongly rooting plants (Slui 1991, Marden et al. 2005, ORC 2005, Phillips & Daly 2008). In general terms, vegetation roots increase bank stability by protecting soils against entrainment from flood flows, and root mass and density provide soil shear strength, thereby protecting against gravity collapse of undercut banks.

Other indirect benefits of riparian plantings to limit bank erosion include: trapping nutrients and fine sediment, shade, shelter, filtering qualities for the aquatic ecosystem, as well as aesthetic and recreational value. If well managed, riparian margins can help to improve water quality, provide food and habitat for freshwater life, and improve diversity (ORC, 2005).

4. Values

Information on the values that the iwi, community and stakeholders have for the Shag River/Waihemo was collected through collaboration, community meetings and a feedback process (Appendix 5 and 6). The Shag River/Waihemo fulfils a number of important roles within the community at a local, district, and regional scale. These roles include, but are not limited to:

- A source of water for irrigation, stock and people.
- Bank erosion, gravel movement, new plantings.
- For recreational purposes, including: swimming, whitebaiting, walking, fishing, and hunting.
- A habitat for native and introduced species.
- Mana Whenua values including kiatiakitanga, mahinga kai, ki uta ki tai and mauri.

The below sections discuss the ecological, community, Māori cultural and historical values that are held for the Shag/Waihemo River.

4.1. Ecological values

Wetlands

The Waihemo Scenic Reserve is an area (14.5 ha) of saline swamp at the mouth of the Shag River (ORC3, 2004) it is believed to have some significant wetland values and has been classified as a regionally significant wetland (Figure 15). The saltmarsh is a scarce wetland type that supports a community with glasswort (*Sarcocornia quinqueflora*), jointed rush (*Juncus articulatus*) and *Atriplex* spp. The shag/Waihemo river mouth and estuary is highly valued by Kāi Tahu for cultural and spiritual beliefs, values and uses, including mahika kai and waahi taoka. An important area for wildlife habitat it also supports recreational fisheries for whitebait/inanga (*Galaxias* spp.) and brown trout (*Salmo trutta*), as well as habitat for flounder (*Rhombosolea* sp.), mullet and stargazer. The area also contains archaeological sites. The Otago Regional Council has recently commissioned a study of the water quality and ecological state of the estuary. Any results⁹ and relevant implications from this investigation will be included in future versions of this strategy.

⁹ See www.orc.govt.nz/plans-policies-reports/reports-and-publications for any upcoming technical reports on the estuary.



Figure 15. The Waihemo scenic reserve (aerial photography 2016).

Fish

Shag River supports a high diversity of freshwater fish species. Thirteen native species and two introduced fish have been recorded within the catchment, and there is also anecdotal evidence that suggests that both rainbow trout and the occasional salmon have been observed in the Shag River.

Native fish values of the Shag River

The Shag River supports a diverse community of native fish, including short and longfin eel, bluegill bully, common bully, redfin bully, upland bully, torrentfish, īnanga, koaro, lamprey, smelt, black flounder, Taieri flathead galaxias and brown trout (NZ Freshwater Fish Database). Many of these species have cultural significance and are Taonga species recognised in the Ngai Tahu Claims Settlement Act. Of these species, longfin eel, bluegill bully, redfin bully, torrent-fish, īnanga and koaro are classified as “At Risk and Declining” in the most recent threat classification for freshwater fish while lamprey and the Taieri flathead galaxias are classified as “Threatened, and Nationally Vulnerable” (Goodman et al. 2014). The ammocoete (Juvenile) of lamprey are very susceptible to gravel extraction. The macrophthalmia (stage when it looks like an adult) is also susceptible to gravel extraction during the period it migrates to the sea.

The lower river is very popular with white baiters, whitebait season occurs during the mid-August to end of November. The whitebait fishery is supported primarily due to the availability of a healthy īnanga spawning habitat located in close proximity to the railway bridge, State Highway One. The limiting factor on the quality of this spawning habitat is the occasional deposition of sediment which smothers the stream-bank vegetation during times of flood events.

Spawning and incubation periods are an important consideration when undertaking river works. Spawning success is dependent on adequate river flows and appropriate substrate. Gaps should be present between coarser gravels, where the sedimentation of finer particles is limited. For brown trout, this period extends from the start of May, until the end of September (Central South Island Fish and Game Council, pers.comm., 27 June). Reed environments and the incubation process are sensitive to physical disturbance and silt deposition during these periods.

Sports fishery

The river supports a regionally important brown trout (*Salmo trutta*) fishery (Otago Fish and Game Council, 2017); brook char (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) have also been recorded in a tributary in the upper catchment (ORC, 2014¹).

Table 3, presents angler effort on the Shag River, recorded during National Angler Surveys conducted in 1994/95, 2001/2002, 2007/08 and 2014/15. Overall angler usage is relatively low, but relatively stable over the past 15years.

Table 3. Angler effort in the Shag River/Waihemo catchment (angler days standard error) based on the national angler survey (Unwin, 2016)

River	Angler usage (angler days +/- SE)			
	1994/1995	2001/2002	2007/2008	2014/2015
Shag River/Waihemo	1060 +/- 290	890 +/- 310	750 +/- 260	800 +/- 280

Schedule 1 of the Regional Plan: Water

Schedule 1A of the Regional Plan: Water for Otago (RPW) outlines the natural and human use values of Otago's surface water bodies (ORC, 2004³). The Shag River (Waihemo) is identified as having the following values:

- Large water body supporting high numbers of particular species, or habitat variety, which can provide for diverse life cycle requirements of a particular species, or a range of species.
- Access within the main stem of the catchment through to the sea or lake unimpeded by artificial means such as weirs and culverts.
- Plant, boulder, gravel, sand, silt, rock bed composition of importance to resident biota.
- Absence of aquatic pest plants identified in the Pest Plant Management Strategy for the Otago Region.
- Presence of indigenous fish species threatened with extinction.
- Significant presence of trout and eel
- Significant habitat for Taieri flathead galaxias, koaro and lamprey.

The significance of these values is that Schedule 1AA identifies the Shag River as providing habitat for the (Taieri) flathead galaxias, and the koaro and lamprey.

Birds

The Shag River/Waihemo estuary is important habitat for birdlife with ten species of bird utilising the estuary for feeding, roosting and breeding (Ryder 2005). Native and endemic birds that have been recorded within the estuary are: Eastern bar-tailed godwit, Caspian tern, pied stilt, White-fronted tern, Royal spoonbill, banded dotterel. Red-billed gulls and Variable oyster catchers occupy both the beach and estuary.

Of these species Caspian tern, white-fronted tern and the Banded are considered Threatened and Nationally Vulnerable while red-billed gull, Eastern bar-tailed godwit, royal spoonbill are At Risk and Declining and the Variable oyster catcher is categorised as Recovering (Robertson et al. 2016).

The wider river environment provides habitat for a range of exotic and native bird species that nest or feed in throughout river bed and its margins. The river also supports locally and regionally important water fowl habitat and hunting opportunities (Otago Fish and Game Council, 2015); for species such as mallard ducks, black swan, Canada goose.

Mana Whenua Values

Ngā Rūnanga hold strong positions regarding riparian management and protection of the fish species in the Waihemo, especially in regard to mahinga kai. This includes the use of native taonga species for riparian planting, planting that provide habitat for mahinga kai species, protection of native spawning fish, protection of disturbed fish, allowing passage for migration and minimising sedimentation in the river. For more information on these positions see appendix 6.

4.2. Community

To help identify aspects of the wider river environment that is important to the local community, ORC undertook consultation in 2016 and 2017. This included consultation with landowners, Otago Fish and Game Council, Department of Conservation (DOC), the Waitaki Branch of Forest and Bird and Waitaki District Council (WDC).

Values that the community and other stakeholder groups identified with the Shag/Waihemo River environment have been summarised around community river form and function 'values' as summarised in the box below. More information on these values that have been identified through the consultation process are included in Appendix 5.

Community river form and function 'values'

- That the function of the river continues to support social, cultural, spiritual, ecological, recreational, and farming activities.
- That the form of the river includes riparian plantings (including willows but with more of a focus on native plantings), weed control and fencing.

4.3. Mana Whenua Values

To understand the cultural importance of the wider river environment to the local iwi, ORC have worked in partnership with Kati Huirapa Runaka ki Puketeraki and Te Rūnanga o Moeraki with Aukaha (formerly KTKO).

Values identified have been summarised in the box below. More information on Mana whenua values and perspectives on freshwater, association with the lower Waihemo, Ngā Rūnanga aspirations relevant to the strategy, issues for Ngā Rūnanga relevant to the strategy and recommendations that have been identified through the consultation process are included in Appendix 6.

Mana Whenua Values

Ko te wai te ora ngā mea katoa. Water is the life giver of all things

- Kaitiakitanga is the responsibility of Mana Whenua to ensure that the life-supporting capacity (mauri) of the natural resources of their takiwā is sustained.
- Mahinga Kai literally means “food workings” and refers to the places where food is gathered or produced, the traditions and collection methods associated with gathering natural resources for cultural use and the resources themselves.
- ‘Ki uta ki tai’ a holistic culturally based ‘mountains to the sea’ natural resource management framework.
- Mauri or life force of all things living and non-living must be protected.

4.4. Historical

There are several historic features alongside the Shag/Waihemo river. Including two connected railway lines known as the Dunback and Makareao Branches which operated alongside the Shag River between 1885 and 1986 (Leitch & Scott, 1998). Built to access a shingle deposit and a limeworks, they shared their first 11 km and both reached 15 km long. Remnants of the line are still visible including, bridges, abutments, culverts, some railway gates and mile/kilometre pegs, and some rails remain. No bridges remain beyond Inch Valley; the 15-span trestle bridge crossing the Shag River on the Makareao Branch was demolished in the mid-1990s. Situated over McCormicks creek (a small tributary of the Shag near Dunback) is the McCormicks bridge (Figure 16). Built in 1869, the stone arch bridge is made of local schist and was installed to service the increased traffic during the goldrush (Heritage New Zealand, 2009). The historic route to the goldfields passed through Palmerston and the Shag Valley. Just north of Dunback is the Waihemo grange historic Otago station homestead, built in the 1860s (Heritage New Zealand, 2011).

Located at the Shag river mouth is Onewhenua at Matakaea Historic Reserve (Figure 17), a Maori archaeological and early settlement site of national importance. It has been discovered the area was used for moa hunting in c.1350 (DOC, 2009). The Waitaha people (ancestors

of Ngāi tahu Wahānui) had settlements there where they hunted moa and harvested coastal resources (KTKO, 2005).



Figure 16. McCormicks Bridge, from SH85 between Palmerston and Dunback. (Copyright Heritage New Zealand, Taken by Jonathan Howard, April 2015).



Figure 17. Onewhenua at Matakaea, Recreational Reserve (aerial photography collected in 2014).

4.5. Gravel extraction

Sediment in the Shag River/Waihemo is sourced from slope instability in the upper catchment, the reworking of bed and bank material, and from post-gold mining tailings (ORC, 2014²). Gold mining operations currently and historically occur within the Shag River/Waihemo catchment. Historic gold extraction activities mostly occurred in Deepdell Creek between 1890 and 1946 (Black *et al.* 2004). It has been estimated that discharged mine-tailings contributed 100 times more sediment to Deepdell Creek than would naturally occur over the same period (Black *et al.* 2004). Most of the mine tailings have been moved through the Shag River/Waihemo system since gold mining ceased in the Deepdell Creek catchment in 1946 (Black *et al.* 2004) and the river now displays a more natural form (ORC, 2009). Current gold mining activities occur at Macraes Flat with the existing mining activities discharging water and contaminants into waterways in the Shag River/Waihemo catchment such as Deepdell Creek and Tipparary Creek (ORC, 2014¹).

The removal of gravel from the riverbed of the Shag River/Waihemo has occurred for many decades, with extracted material generally used for farm laneways, roading, and construction. Gravel extraction typically occurs from locations where sediment accumulates e.g. where there is a decrease in the gradient of the river, leading to a reduction in the velocity of flood flows, or in an attempt to mitigate issues such as bank erosion. In either case, extraction from the bed of the river will tend to increase the conveyance of water during flood events by widening the channel and reducing the MBL at that location. It can also lead to a decrease in the sinuosity of the river channel, as bends are straightened in an attempt to reduce the effects of bank erosion.

Gravel extraction rates have previously exceeded the natural replenishment rates of the Shag River/Waihemo (ORC, 2004², 2009). High rates of gravel extraction may have led to bed degradation and bank erosion in some areas of the Shag River/Waihemo (ORC, 2004¹, 2004², 2009, 2014²). In 2004 the ORC presented a report which recommended “no further consents be issued for gravel extraction in the Shag River/Waihemo catchment (ORC, 2004²). In 2008, the ORC reviewed and modified the management plan to allow limited extraction to occur between Switchback Road and Horse Range Road for river management or hazard mitigation purposes (ORC, 2010). Gravel that is removed from the Shag River/Waihemo system in excess of the natural replenishment rate can lead to issues at downstream locations, such as undermining of river protection works and other assets (e.g. water intakes, bridges, and roads) as well as increased bank erosion and bed degradation. It is important to recognise that gravel beds are still of value to a wide range of species and perform critical ecological functions. River morphology reports and the monitoring of gravel extraction by the ORC, is used to ensure sustainable gravel extraction in the long term, which balances river management requirements and instream values (see ORC 2008 and 2013).

Gravel extraction within the study reach has been occurring over several decades. Significant commercial extraction occurred during the 1980s and reduced in the 1990s due to high rates of channel degradation (ORC, 2004¹, 2004²). Between 1977 and 2003 about 285,000 m³ of gravel was extracted (ORC, 2004¹) at an average annual extraction rate of 10,950 m³. In 2004 a report was presented to the ORC Service Committee with the recommendation “that future consented gravel takes are unsustainable and should cease

until future studies indicate that such takes are again sustainable” (ORC, 2004¹), this recommendation was endorsed and gravel extraction ceased on the Shag River/Waihemo. The ORC Natural Resources Committee considered a report in 2008 that enabled limited gravel extraction to occur between Switchback Road and Horse Range Road for the purpose of river management or hazard mitigation (ORC, 2010). Since 2004 the consented extraction of gravel from the Shag River/Waihemo has decreased significantly with ORC records indicating that there has been no consented extraction between this time and 2017.

Ongoing channel degradation can allow increased water velocities (particularly during flood events) to scour the river bed, deepening the channel, which can result in continued bed degradation. As the channel deepens, flood flows become confined within the channel and continue to scour the bed. This ongoing degradation decouples the channel from the floodplain and alters the floodplain catchment interactions (Fuller *et al.*, 2014). Deeper channels contain larger floods and concentrate flows, leading to more incised channels, potentially generating higher sediment transport rates (due to bank erosion and further removal of material from the riverbed). This process gives the appearance of more prominent gravel bars within the active channel due to the deeper channel. As the channel deepens and gravel bars become more prominent, pressure is often exerted by adjacent landowners to remove the obvious (but in fact non-existent) excess gravel accumulation, which in turn exacerbates the degradation trend (Fuller *et al.*, 2014).

The sediment replenishment rates from the upper catchment of the Shag River/Waihemo are insufficient to maintain the profile of the surveyed reaches. The Shag River/Waihemo is currently experiencing a short-term trend of stability (no large-scale aggradation or degradation) however it is still experiencing long-term degradation and ongoing bank erosion (ORC, 2014²).

The permanent removal of gravel can also result in the undermining of river protection works and other assets (e.g. water intakes, bridges and roads), as well as degrading ecological values. Gravel extraction can have a negative effect on the local ecology, with the severity of effects dependent on the extraction methods used and the environment from which the gravel is being extracted. Gravel extraction activities can lead to a reduction in habitat heterogeneity/diversity, an increase in fine sediment, as well as bed compaction that can have a negative impact on the native and exotic animals residing in and on the banks of the Shag River/Waihemo. Over-extraction of gravel can remove potential spawning sites and limit spawning success within the catchment, due to the removal of aggregate and reduction in the size of gravels. This in turn can limit the success of the fishery and recreational opportunities.

The potential beneficial and adverse effects of significant gravel extraction are summarised in Table 4.

Table 4. Potential beneficial and adverse effects of gravel extraction (Canterbury Regional Council, 2015)

<i>Potential beneficial effects</i>	<i>Potential adverse effects</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Channel capacity increased, flood levels lowered • Concentration of flow against riverbanks, resultant lateral erosion, and localised bed scour is minimised • Stable channel alignment and optimum bed level is maintained • Open gravel beaches can provide a good habitat for indigenous birds • A renewable gravel resource for local construction may be utilised • * Mauri (life force) of the riverbed affected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disturbance of fish and bird habitat • Accidental discharge of fuels and lubricants from machinery • Disturbance of the natural meander pattern and channel stability • Overall degradation of the riverbed • Increased bank erosion • Sediment is discharged, increasing turbidity and smothering habitat • Temporary reduction in recreational access • Mauri (life force) of the riverbed affected • Disturbance of fish spawning sites • Reduced river bed heterogeneity • Dust generation

*Consultation with Auhaka in 2017 indicated 'Mauri (life force) of the riverbed affected' also needed to be added to the Potential beneficial effects side of the table

4.6. Groundwater

The lower Shag Valley has a shallow unconfined gravel aquifer occupying the recent and late quaternary alluvium that lies over a low permeability mudstone layer (Cameron et al, 2003). A deeper confined aquifer lies beneath this in a quartz gravel layer. The aquifer has a limited extent both horizontally and vertically, defined by the geology which in turn is altered by the complex Waihemo fault system.

The aquifer is highly interactive with the Shag River, predominantly being recharged by the river and local rainfall. The Otago Regional Council has recently instigated an investigation into the surface water and groundwater interaction. Results¹⁰ and reports from this investigation will be incorporated into future versions of this strategy.

¹⁰ See www.orc.govt.nz/plans-policies-reports/reports-and-publications for any upcoming technical reports on the groundwater of the lower Shag Valley.

5. Legislative context

The manner and degree to which the issues in the Shag River/Waihemo can be managed by the community, iwi, stakeholders and local councils is influenced by the obligation, powers and restrictions set out in various statutes. No legislation confers the exclusive power or the right to manage the Shag River/Waihemo to ORC or WDC. Whether through works or services, individuals are empowered to initiate their own measures provided they operate within the law. They are also allowed to develop and promote proposals for bank protection works, to apply for and hold the necessary resource consents, and to privately fund works and services should they wish to.

The law provides for a range of methods that both councils and the community can use to manage the Shag River/Waihemo. These methods do not only relate to physical works, but also to planning, information, emergency preparedness and response. They can only be implemented after taking environmental effects into account (under the Resource Management Act (RMA)) and funding consideration (under the Local Government Act (LGA)). The latter includes consideration of the distribution of benefits between the community as a whole, any identifiable part of the community, and individuals.

The Otago Regional Policy Statement (RPS) provides a high-level policy framework for the sustainable integrated management of Otago's resources, as well as giving effect to the requirements of the RMA. This includes the management of the values of water bodies, natural resource systems and the form and function of Otago's rivers, whilst still enabling communities to provide for their needs.

This strategy is concerned with the form and function of the Shag River/Waihemo. Any activities in or on the bed and banks of the Shag River/Waihemo need to be focused on maintaining or enhancing that form and function. The strategy is not a statutory document; rather it is intended to present the aspirations of the community, iwi and the various stakeholder agencies. However, the statutory processes that do influence river management activities¹¹ are more likely to be used effectively and efficiently if there is a general consensus on what is valued about the river, and commonly understood objectives. The strategy sets out the values identified by the community, and the outcomes they seek from managing river form and function, and will be used to inform resource consent decision-making.

¹¹ Including the LGA and the RMA

6. Principles

The strategy provides a framework to guide activities and decision-making, based on an agreed set of principles. It is intended to help protect the recreational, cultural, and ecological values of the Shag River/Waihemo, and to enable long-term sustainable use of the riverbed and its riparian margins.

ORC has developed the framework, in partnership with iwi and in consultation with the local community and other stakeholders. The principles and associated strategic elements are outlined below, and these are intended to protect or enhance the important values and features of the river identified by the community and other stakeholders.

Principle 1: Ensure sustainable river management

Ensure that:

- There is recognition of the kaitiaki responsibilities of Mana Whenua through clear and consistent communication between Manawhenua and the ORC.
- There is clear and consistent communication between the ORC and other parties.
- There is recognition that certain river and catchment processes, such as flooding, bank and channel erosion and sedimentation, will occur naturally, and an understanding of the potential effects of those processes.
- Any practices undertaken limit exposure to negative natural-river and catchment processes.
- There is an awareness and acknowledgement of the benefits and the risks (including the risk associated with 'super-design' events) that exist for activities such as farming that occur in areas prone to natural-river and catchment processes.
- Any negative effects of natural-river processes do not increase beyond their current levels, and are actively reduced where there is opportunity to do so.
- Activities are managed in a way that result in:
 - Limited effects on assets during flood events
 - Essential community infrastructure that is resilient (roads, bridges, water supply)
 - Acceptable level of effects to farming caused by river processes
 - Sustainable use of river resources
 - There is recognition of the kaitiaki responsibilities of the local iwi

Principle 2: Plan ahead

Ensure that:

- Cultural use by Mana Whenua is enabled, maintained and enhanced by clear and consistent communication between Mana Whenua and the ORC
- There is clear and consistent communication between the ORC and other parties
- There is an adaptive approach to river management that will allow for the dynamic nature of the Shag River/Waihemo
- Resources are used wisely to ensure that the location and form of community assets and essential infrastructure will result in a more resilient community
- The impacts of climate change and natural climate variability are considered so that future generations do not have to cope with the results of poor decisions made today
- The risk associated with natural-river processes are reduced over time by taking a broad-scale, adaptive approach over the longer term.
- Decision making considers ecological life cycles and temporal variation in river flows.

Principle 3: Maintain and enhance the natural environment

Ensure that:

- Cultural use by Mana Whenua is enabled, maintained and enhanced by clear and consistent communication between Mana Whenua and the ORC.
- There is clear and consistent communication between the ORC and other parties.
- Activities are managed in a way that results in:
 - A habitat that supports existing wildlife, fish, and suitable plant species¹²
 - A more visually appealing river system
 - The ability of the local community and visitors to access and enjoy the river is maintained and/or enhanced
 - Traditional and cultural use is enabled, maintained and enhanced.
 - The consideration of ecological cycles and flow variation.

¹² While native species would be the preferred option and used wherever possible, in some cases a mix of native and exotics may be required to balance river management and biodiversity objectives. See also Appendix 2.

7. River form and habitat enhancement

7.1. River corridor design and management

ORC has undertaken work to identify the location and width of the active fairway (or riverbed), as well as appropriate buffer zones, which together form a corridor within which the river would naturally lie. The widths of fairway and buffer zones were completed by assessing the appropriate meander form in relation to the nature and width of the river channel. The design channel has been drawn up using a consistent meander length or wavelength oscillation, while taking into account the existing channel location, channel areas and natural controls and restraints. This work has been undertaken in the Shag River/Waihemo between Waynes and the Pacific Ocean (Williams, 2017). An example is shown in Figure 18, and a full set of river corridor maps is provided in Appendix 3.

The river fairway and corridor mapping provides guidance for multi-purpose river management, and for the design and implementation of management measures, protection works and in-channel design. When physical works or activities are being considered within the fairway or on the riparian margin, these should be undertaken with reference to the mapped fairway and buffer zones. Guidance for managing the river within this corridor, and across the wider floodplain, is summarised in Figure 19.

ORC will work towards maintaining the Shag River/Waihemo to the mapped corridor lines in the study reach where reasonable and practicable. The fairway management will be achieved through river-management processes such as plantings, targeted vegetation spraying and when needed sediment movement (i.e. bank reinstatement and, in extreme cases, channel realignment and cross-blading). Keeping the fairways to the mapped lines will be undertaken as a pre-emptive process with the aim of limiting the degree of movement/deviation from these areas in flood events. This work will take into account Mana Whenua and community values (as discussed in Section 4). Maintenance work undertaken in the Shag River/Waihemo (as discussed above) will be provided for through the budget set in the ORC Annual Plan (Appendix 1). This work will be carried out in collaboration with affected parties.

In some locations, the mapped corridor crosses land that does not currently form part of the active channel of the Shag River/Waihemo, e.g. Figure 18. This is due to the fact that the mapped corridors show an 'envelope' within which the river would migrate under natural conditions. In many instances, they do not reflect the current position of the Shag River/Waihemo. In these situations, the ORC will not actively move the fairway into these mapped areas; however, if the channel switches its location into these areas (e.g. in response to a large flood event), ORC may decide not to undertake work to reverse the new alignment if the channel still lies within the mapped corridor.



Figure 18. Shag River/Waihemo River mapped fairway deviating from the current channel alignment (aerial photography collected in 2014)

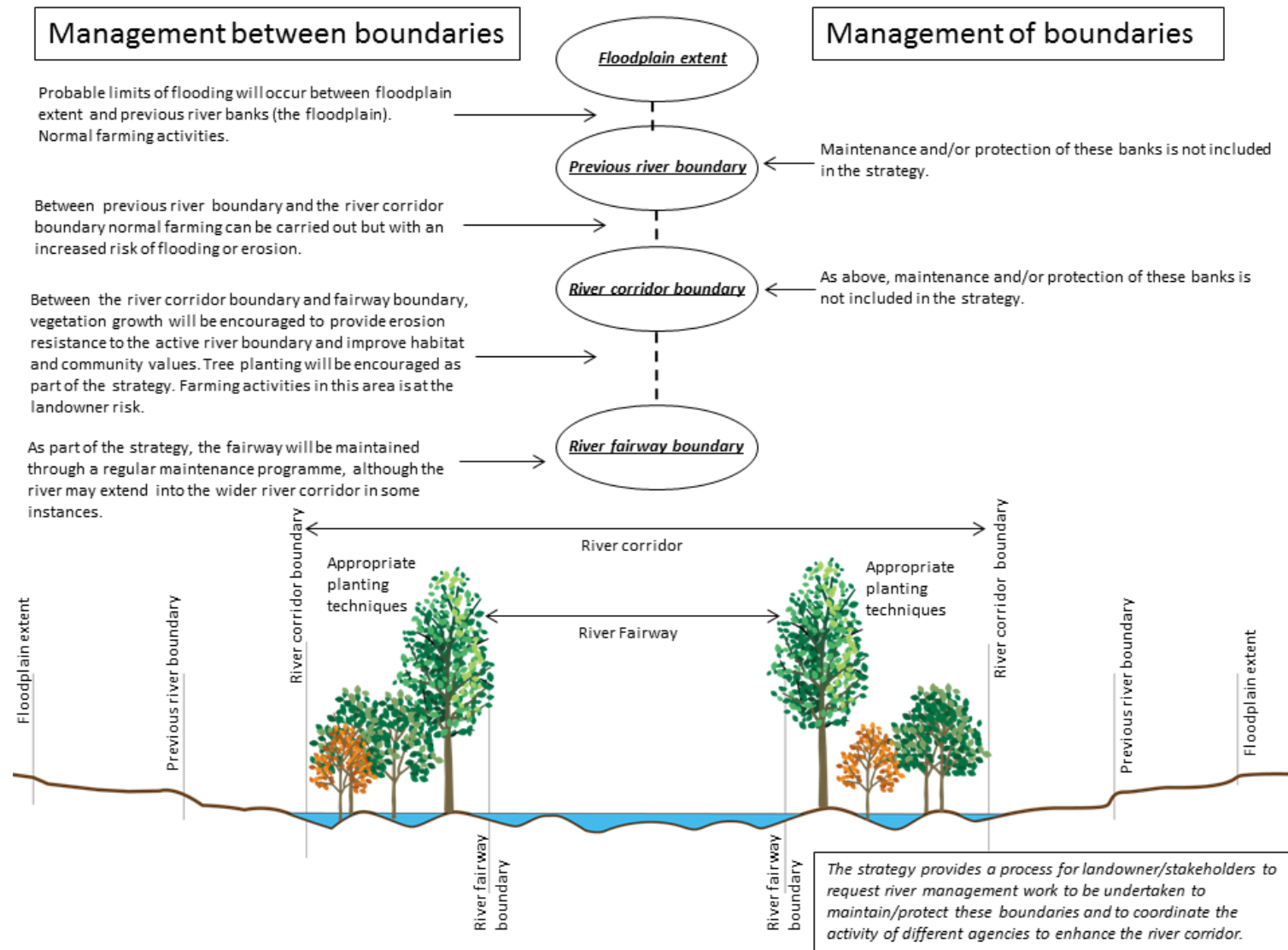


Figure 19. Policy diagram for management of river boundaries and appropriate land-use on floodplain areas of the Shag River/Waihemo

7.2. Riparian plantings

As identified in Section 3.7, careful management of riparian margins is key to achieving positive river management outcomes. In addition, feedback from consultation continues to show that iwi, the community and stakeholders would like to see additional planting and management of riparian plantings included in the strategy, as a means of improving the amenity and habitat values of the Waianakarua River, and to help to reduce the effects of erosion (Section 4.2). Mana Whenua have expressed their preference for natives in riparian planting. The principles identified in Section 6 reflect the importance of sustainable river management and enhancing the natural environment.

Research (Slui, 1991; Phillips & Daly, 2008) shows that to achieve bank protection, the Shag River/Waihemo riparian margins¹³ should be planted in vegetation that assists with bank stabilisation. Planting these buffer areas would provide the banks of the rivers with greater stability and assist with limiting bank erosion, as well as providing vegetative cover to slow flood flows and limit the amount of sediment deposited out of the main channel, while also providing habitat for aquatic life. The wider the area of buffer zone planting, the more effective this will be.

Willow species (particularly mourea and kemuti willow) are more suitable for planting close to the river margin due to their rapid growth, ease of propagation and usefulness for vegetative groynes or bank-lining layering. Other vegetation can also be used, including poplars and alders on the relatively higher/drier land. Certain species of exotics are invasive and spread easily within these environments (i.e. crack willow and certain species of alders). Careful selection should be made of exotic species, to accommodate other community values along the river. Native vegetation can be used further back from the active river margin and can be useful, especially when part of other/wider riparian planting.

Development of the buffer areas can be undertaken as a staged approach, with planting of the active river margin occurring in areas where there is bank exposure, as well as at possible river breakout locations. Planting of the back area can be undertaken where direct river attack (i.e. bank erosion) is less likely to occur and the native species will have time to become established. Buffer development is about establishing a wide and dense vegetated margin that can absorb river attack and provide habitat for aquatic life.

Planting of the banks of the Shag River/Waihemo is generally seen as a beneficial process in most locations. The success of riparian plantings to accommodate the community values along the river depends on species selection; the exclusion of stock from river margins and the use of appropriate planting techniques. There are several methods to plant the banks of the two rivers, with the best method being dependent on the environment where the planting is to take place (see Appendix 2).

¹³ i.e. the area that acts as a buffer between the active fairway and land used intensively for farming or other activities

Ngā Rūnanga encourage and support native riparian planting by landowners as an important habitat for mahinga kai.¹⁴ The Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 lists a number of species with which Kāi Tahu are recognised to have a cultural, spiritual, historic and traditional relationship. However some species considered to be taonga by Kāi Tahu were not included in this list, and Kāi Tahu do not see this list of species as exhaustive. For reference to Ngāi Tahu claims settlement act Taonga species see Appendix 6.

¹⁴ For more information on this contact Aukaha (www.aukaha.com) or your local Rūnanga (Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki or Te Rūnanga o Moeraki)

8. Implementation

The objectives of the strategy are listed at the start of this document (in the overview section). The mechanisms that can be used to achieve or implement these objectives are shown in the following tables. These have been derived using the principles outlined in Section 6. The tables below highlight the actions that should be undertaken to maintain and enhance the values associated with the Shag River/Waihemo, as well as the key parties responsible for undertaking the listed actions.

In some cases, ORC has already undertaken work to help achieve objectives, and this work is described within this document (for example, mapping of natural-river corridors). It is noted that many of the key actions below are voluntary, and will rely on interactions between the key stakeholders, the community and iwi to be successful. It is also noted that many of the activities will be ongoing, and progress will depend on funding, not only through the ORC Annual Plan process, but also from other agencies and the wider community.

ORC has prepared the strategy, with input from the local community, to help protect the recreational, cultural, and ecological values of the Shag River/Waihemo riverbed, and to enable long-term sustainable use of the land that borders the river. The objectives and actions listed below are intended to help achieve this by guiding work programmes, decision-making activities for the community, stakeholders, iwi and ORC. It is therefore recommended that people who live, work, or play within the Shag River/Waihemo catchment consider and give effect to the principles, objectives and actions listed in this strategy.

Due to the dynamic nature of the Shag River/Waihemo, parts of this strategy are likely to change as the rivers themselves change; this strategy must therefore be treated as a 'live' document (Section 2.3). This means that some sections and maps in the strategy may change in response to changes in the Shag River/Waihemo (e.g. areas of gravel accumulation may shift).

Objective 1 Recognise and characterise natural-river processes

Activity	How this can be done	Intended outcome	Who will lead it	Timing	Comment
1.1. Collect information about flood and erosion processes					
	Map, describe and report on changes in channel morphology	Improved understanding of natural river processes	ORC	Ongoing	Previous reports describing changes in channel morphology are available
	Identify locations where erosion is occurring	Avoid high-value assets in erosion-prone areas	ORC	Ongoing	
	Make information publicly available, including through the Natural Hazards Database	Improved decision-making around placement of assets and land-use activities	ORC	Ongoing	Information is currently available through the Natural Hazards Database
1.2. Identify the location of river corridors, within which the river will naturally meander					
	Determine the natural meander form of the river, considering the existing channel location, and natural controls and restraints	Improved decision-making around placement of assets and land-use activities	ORC	Complete	Maps included in Appendix 3

Objective 2 Equip the community to live with the effects of changes in river morphology

Activity	How this can be done	Intended outcome	Who will lead it	Timing	Comment
2.1. Asset management and land-use practices (e.g. fences, vegetation clearance, and irrigation structure placement) are undertaken in such a way that reduces the risk associated with natural river processes					
	Land-use practices and other activities have greater regard to natural river processes	A reduction in risk over time	Landowners	Ongoing	ORC to provide guidance and information through field-days and other community programmes
	Consider implementation of land-use controls through the District Plan in areas with greater erosion risk	No net increase in risk over time	WDC	Long-term (5-10 years)	Incorporate into future revisions of WDC District Plan
	Identify mechanisms to modify/protect roading assets that consider natural river processes	Road infrastructure is resilient	WDC	Ongoing	ORC to provide information as necessary
2.2. Consider all available options to manage the effects of bank erosion, including structural and non-structural options					
	Less intensive use of riparian margins	A reduction in risk over time	Landowners	Ongoing	
	Planting of native and exotic species on riparian margins	Increased stability of riparian margins and riverbanks, improve habitat and community values	Landowners	Ongoing	ORC to provide support, as determined through the ORC Annual Plan process ¹⁵ Otago Fish & Game Council to provide support (through technical assistance in identifying critical areas in need of

¹⁵ For further information on planting support available for landowners please see the ORC website www.orc.govt.nz in particular; www.orc.govt.nz/Publications-and-Reports/Farming-and-Land-Management/Riparian-management/ and <http://www.orc.govt.nz/Information-and-Services/Environmental-Enhancement-Fund/> or contact ORC.

					planting or vegetation management to improve bank protection) ¹⁶ .
	Produce guidelines for undertaking planting appropriate for river control and provision of habitat	Increased stability of riparian margins and riverbanks	ORC	Complete	Guidance included as Appendix 2
	Produce maps showing priority planting locations	Community requirements and natural river processes are considered before planting is undertaken	ORC	Ongoing	
	Proactive river management programme	Bank erosion and other river management issues addressed early	ORC	Ongoing	Maintenance work undertaken as provided for through the budget set in the ORC Annual Plan
	Provide information on the Regional Plan: Water permitted activity rules	The community is enabled to complete activities that manage the effects of bank erosion and other river management issues	ORC	Ongoing	Information on permitted activities to be provided to the community at any opportunity
2.3. Enable works that improve the conveyance of floodwater and 'train' the river within its natural corridor, without compromising features that are of high value to the community					
	Physical works by ORC to address existing river management issues	The Shag River/Waihemo is contained, as far as possible, within the natural river fairway/corridor, and convey small to-medium floods without overtopping	ORC	Ongoing	Locations and detail of work to be undertaken between October 2016 and 2019 included in Appendix 1

¹⁶ For further information contact Otago Fish and Game Council at otago@fish-game.org.nz

	Physical works by landowners and other agencies to address river management issues	The Shag River/Waihemo is contained, as far as possible, within the natural river fairway/corridor, and convey small to-medium floods without overtopping	Landowners	Ongoing	ORC to provide guidance on suitable river-management methods (including resource consent requirements) through field days and other community programmes
	Provide information discussing the importance of community/stakeholder values	Works are undertaken in a manner that does not compromise features that are of high value to the community	ORC and the community	Complete	Values discussed in Section 4, these may be modified or adjusted as part of future reviews of this strategy
	Provide information discussing the importance of Mana Whenua values	Works are undertaken in a manner that does not compromise the values of Mana Whenua	ORC and Mana Whenua	Ongoing	Values discussed in Section 4 and Appendix 6, these may be modified or adjusted as part of future reviews of this strategy or future values reports.

Objective 3 Enable sustainable gravel extraction

Activity	How this can be done	Intended outcome	Who will lead it	Timing	Comment
3.1. Ensure sustainable quantities of gravel are extracted, for river management benefits					
	ORC will continue morphological studies of the Shag/Waihemo River and analyse whether gravel takes that are sustainable.	Gravel extraction is completed in a sustainable manner	ORC	Ongoing	
3.2. Identify areas where gravel extraction may affect community values					
	Provide information discussing the importance of community/stakeholder values	Extraction is undertaken in a manner that does not compromise features of the location that are of high value to the community	ORC and the community	Completed	Values discussed in Section 4. These may be modified or adjusted as part of future reviews of this strategy
	Provide information discussing the importance of Mana Whenua values	Extraction is undertaken in a manner that does not compromise values of Mana Whenua	ORC and Mana Whenua	Ongoing	Values discussed in Section 4 and Appendix 6, these may be modified or adjusted as part of future reviews of this strategy or future values reports.

Objective 4 Promote activities that enhance the natural character and enjoyment of the river

Activity	How this can be done	Intended outcome	Who will lead it	Timing	Comment
4.1. Identify the location and characteristics of features that are of high value to the community					
	Community values obtained through consultation and clearly identified within the strategy	Consideration of community values when making decisions	ORC	Completed	Values discussed in Section 4. These may be modified or adjusted as part of future reviews of this strategy
	Mana Whenua values obtained through consultation and clearly identified within the strategy	Consideration of mana Whenua values when making decisions	ORC	Completed	Values discussed in Section 4 and Appendix 6, these may be modified or adjusted as part of future reviews of this strategy or future values reports.
4.2. Establish riparian plantings that serve a purpose, and are appealing					
	Produce guidelines for undertaking planting appropriate for river control and provision of habitat	Increased stability of riparian margins and riverbanks. Improved aquatic and terrestrial habitat	ORC	Completed. See also 2.2 above	Guidance included as Appendix 2.
	Provide information about Mana Whenua positions on riparian planting	Improved aquatic and terrestrial habitat for native mahinga kai and taonga species.	Mana Whenua	Ongoing	Guidance included in Appendix 6.

4.3. Provide access for fishing activities and habitat for fish					
	Planting work that facilitates fishing activities and enhances fish habitat	The Shag River/Waihemo supports a regionally important sports fishery, and important populations of native fish (including threatened and endangered species)	Fish & Game, DOC	Ongoing	
	Consent conditions ensure that gravel extraction and physical works are undertaken in a way that does not damage habitat	The Shag River/Waihemo supports a regionally important sports fishery, and important populations of native fish (including threatened and endangered species)	ORC, extractors and landholders	Ongoing	See Objective 3 also
	Encourage the creation of additional public access points	River-access opportunities are increased	Fish & Game, ORC, WDC, landowners	Ongoing	
4.4. Adequate pest and weed control activities					
	Landowners (including LINZ) and other stakeholders work collaboratively to manage pest species	The Shag River /Waihemo fairway and riparian margin are relatively free of pest species	Landowners, stakeholders, ORC	Ongoing	
4.5. Discourage dumping, and arrange the regular collection of rubbish					
	Collection of rubbish through regular/routine work at key locations. Signs warning of penalties for rubbish dumping to be erected if issues persist.	Improved visual amenity and enjoyment of recreational areas	WDC	Ongoing	

4.6. Protect and enhance the natural character of the Shag River/Waihemo					
	Promote and encourage local restoration initiatives such as bank planting and wetland restoration	Riparian margins are planted/restored, look visually appealing, and provide aquatic and terrestrial habitat	Community & support from other agencies	Ongoing	

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Appendix 1 ORC river maintenance work within the Waitaki Special Rating District

Five locations (A, D, F, G, I) within the mapped river corridor have recently had works completed and four locations (B, C, E, H) have been identified as requiring observation or work to maintain the fairway within its natural position (as mapped in Appendix 3) and/or to ensure the adequate conveyance of floodwater¹⁷. Locations are shown in Figure 20 and 21 and a photo comparison showing before and after of recent works is shown in Figure 22. These priority locations have been determined using the latest information available (September 2017) about specific locations that are experiencing river management issues. ORC intends commencing work at the proposed locations during the 2017/2018 financial year. Ongoing maintenance may also be required at some of these locations into the future.

This list and the need to undertake work at particular locations may change into the future, in response to flood events and to other river management issues that the community may identify through the process outlined in Section 2.3.

The river management work (outlined below) that is scheduled to take place in the Shag/Waihemo River will need to consider the following:

- The principles outlined in Section 6.
- The location and width of the natural river corridor and active fairway as described in Section 7, and other natural river processes as described in the strategy.
- The objectives and associated activities listed in Section 7.3. In particular objective 2 (equip the community to live with the effects of changes in river morphology) and activity 2.3 (enable works that improve the conveyance of floodwater and 'train' the river within its natural corridor, without compromising features that are of high value to the community).
- The ecological, community and Māori values discussed in Section 4.

The increased program of work in the Shag/Waihemo River and the development of river morphology and riparian management strategies for the Waiānakarua and Shag Rivers; increased costs for the Waitaki Special Rating District (SRD) in the 2016/17 year. Revenue from rates within the SRD is projected to increase slightly from \$350,000 in 2016/17 to \$440,000 in 2019/2020, in order to fund additional in-stream work required to meet community river management expectations.

The dynamic nature of these two rivers and the inability to predict the timing or consequences of future flood events in the Waitaki District means there is a risk that this additional funding for river management work may still be insufficient. It is noted that all ratepayers within the Waitaki District contribute funding towards the Waitaki SRD¹⁸.

¹⁷ Note that riparian management / planting work is not described here. As outlined in the overview section, it is intended that subsequent versions of the strategy will include further guidance and plans for undertaking planting on riparian margins, for river management purposes and for habitat enhancement.

¹⁸ The river management rate is currently collected from 12,000 rating units across that part of the Waitaki District which lies within the Otago Region, at a rate of 0.00007728 cents per \$1 of capital value

The anticipated budget for river management operations (physical works) in the Waitaki SRD until 2020/21 is shown in Table 5 below. This shows that \$259,000 is budgeted for this work during the 2017/18 year, up \$47,000 from the previous year. As noted above, this budget is not solely for the Shag/Waihemo River and includes other rivers in the Waitaki District, including the Waianakarua, Kauru and Kākanui rivers.

Table 5. ORC river management budget for the Waitaki District

Year	ORC river management (operations) budget
2016/17	\$212,000
2017/18	\$259,000
2018/19	\$324,000
2019/20	\$332,000
2020/21	\$341,000

Planned and completed river maintenance work – Shag/Waihemo River

- A. Work completed at this location involved spraying and controlling plants on the river bank and beaches, and has been completed from this location upstream to Jones road (Figure 20).
- B. Work at this location will involve spraying and controlling plants on the river bank and beaches, and will be worked on from this location downstream (Figure 20).
- C. This location will be under observation for possible works (Figure 20).
- D. Work completed at this location involved moving gravel to maintain the active channel fairway (Figure 20).
- E. This location will be monitored for possible gravel maintenance on the beach following significant build up (Figure 20).
- F. Work completed at this location involved moving gravel to maintain the active channel fairway, plant clearing to enable clean flow and new planting to limit bank erosion (Figure 21).
- G. Work completed at this location involved moving gravel to maintain the active channel fairway, and planting to limit bank erosion (Figure 21).
- H. Work at this location will involve vegetation clearing (Figure 21).
- I. Work completed at this location involved moving gravel to realign the active channel fairway, and planting to limit bank erosion and impacts on the SH1 and railway (Figure 21).

There are many locations along the river fairway where ORC will provide on a case by case basis trees for planting within the corridor to help prevent bank erosion and migration of the river from its fairway path.



Figure 20. Locations of completed and proposed operations work (Aerial imagery 2014).



Figure 21. Locations of completed and proposed operations work (Aerial imagery 2014).



Figure 22. Comparison pictures of operation location G. Upper image before works completed (Aerial imagery 2014), lower image after works completed (Aerial imagery 2016), the gravel beach has been removed, the channel realigned and bank protection measures out in place on the true right.

Appendix 2 Planting guide

Benefits of riparian planting¹⁹

The benefits of well-planned and well-managed riparian planting areas on farms are considerable, and include:

- Increasing the quality and health of waterways
- Increasing the ability to filter nutrients before they reach waterways – Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and bacteria/viruses e.g. *E.Coli*
- Reducing sediment runoff and anchoring banks
- Reducing soil erosion of banks in waterways
- Providing shade, which reduces waterway temperatures and shelter for stock
- Minimising stock losses as animals are excluded from riparian strips by fences
- Increasing biodiversity – aquatic life, native plants, birds and insects
- Improving recreational opportunities (e.g. fishing)
- Enhancing and beautifying the river margins.

Both native and exotic species can be suitable for riparian planting. The species to be used will depend upon many factors, including environmental factors (exposure, soils, etc.) but also the width of the riparian strip, the height of plantings that is desired, and personal preference.

Ngā Rūnanga encourage and support native riparian planting by landowners as an important habitat for mahinga kai.²⁰ For reference to Ngāi Tahu claims settlement act taonga species see Appendix 6.

Using trees to stabilise stream banks²¹

Exotics

The most effective trees for stream bank erosion control are exotic willows and poplars. These are planted as stakes (less than 1 m high) or poles (1.5 – 3 m in height). Avoid invasive spreading species, such as crack willow, weeping willow, silver poplar and all non-sterile tree and shrub willows. Before planting fast-growing trees, consider their longer-term maintenance needs.

Winter is the best time to plant these species before stakes or poles sprout new growth. Plant about a third of the length below ground. On waterlogged ground, you can force them in by hand. On firm ground, you may be able to sharpen poles at one end and drive them in with a rammer or use a post auger. Stakes can be planted by putting them into a hole made

¹⁹ Adapted from KCCP planting guide (2015)

²⁰ For more information on this contact Aukaha (www.aukaha.com) or your local Rūnanga (Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki or Te Rūnanga o Moeraki)

²¹ Adapted from ORC (2005)

with a length of reinforcing rod or similar. The most important thing is to make sure stakes and poles are firmly planted.

Guide to planting willow poles

Storage

It is recommended that poles are planted as soon as possible following delivery. Poles can be stored for a few weeks in water, standing up in a water trough or pond/creek. The bottoms of the poles should be kept wet to keep them alive and absorbing water. Poles should be stored away from stock.

Planting

Poles should ideally be planted on the outside of river bends, or sections of river where erosion is occurring. Plant poles in rows with 2 – 3 m spacing between them. Poles need to be planted 300-500 mm deep. Try and plant down to ground water level. Either a crow bar, post-hole borer or tractor forks/digger with a spike can be used to make a hole in the ground that the pole can be dropped into, and then packed firm.

Looking after plantings

Fence planting off from stock to protect plants; plant protectors can also be purchased and can help give protection. It is recommended that poles are watered the day after planting and at least once a week during dry weather until they are established.

To stabilise banks:

- Pair-plant along straight reaches – one tree on one bank, one tree on the opposite bank, five to seven meters apart
- Plant at two to three metre spacing at critical points, such as the outside of the bends where erosion is the greatest
- Avoid planting on the inside of bends – soil builds up rather than erodes here, so trees will trap sediment and force current against the outer bank
- Avoid planting narrow channels where trees might impede floodwaters.

By the time trees are four or five years old, there will be a solid mass of roots along the bank. At 10 to 20 years, trees can be thinned to 10 to 12 metre spacing, but no wider. If you use sleeves on poles to protect the willows and poplars, sheep can be grazed around the trees from the time they are planted.

Natives²²

There are many advantages of utilising native plants. These include:

- Enhancing natural character and landscape values
- Forming a habitat corridor and potentially ecological linkage in the catchment
- Restoration of rare riparian forest (and other habitats)
- Creating/enhancing habitat for native birds and invertebrates (including pollinators)
- Restoration or enhancement of threatened plant habitats
- Do not grow as high or require maintenance (e.g. pruning or thinning)
- Self-regenerating and maintaining.

Planting natives for bank stability will enhance the natural biodiversity of your riparian margin and provide habitat for invertebrates and birds. While exotic tree species are proven to stabilise banks, new research shows that native trees, such as ribbonwood, cabbage tree and pittosporum species, are suitable for bank stabilisation. These species are deep rooting, with a good root spread. Planting native species alongside exotics will help to maintain a mostly native planting on your banks.

Tables 6 through 9 list suitable native vegetation to plant in the Shag/Waihemo catchment, including trees, shrubs, tussock, and rare species. Guidance for the establishment of riparian buffer zones along reaches of the Shag/Waihemo River is provided in Appendix 3, Section 7.1 and 7.2. Additional technical assistance for identifying critical areas in need of plantings or vegetation management to improve bank protection can be provided by ORC staff or Fish and Game (Central South Island Council).

Table 6. Suitable native species for the Shag/Waihemo catchment (trees)

Common name	Scientific name	Mix of plants ²³
Black mapou/kohuhu	<i>Pittosporum tenuifolium</i>	major
Lemonwood	<i>Pittosporum eugenoides</i>	major
Lowland ribbonwood	<i>Plagianthus regius</i>	major
Narrow-leaved lacebark	<i>Hoheria angustifolia</i>	major
South island kowhai	<i>Sophora microphylla</i>	major
Cabbage tree	<i>Cordyline australis</i>	major
Broadleaf	<i>Griselinia littoralis</i>	moderate

²² Information on native planting provided courtesy of DoC

²³ The major, moderate or minor is intended to direct the numbers/mix of plants used in a riparian/restoration planting. Therefore the bulk of the plants would compose the 'major' species, with some of the 'moderate' species and only a few of the 'minor' species. The species mix may be in the order of 10 of a 'major' species to 5 of a 'moderate' species to 1 of a 'minor' species.

Marbleleaf	<i>Carpodetus serratus</i>	moderate
Manuka	<i>Leptospermum scoparium</i>	moderate
Chatham Island akeake	<i>Olearia traversii</i>	moderate
hybrid olearia	<i>Olearia x dartonii</i>	moderate
Silver beech	<i>Lophozonia (Nothofagus) menziesii</i>	major
Red beech	<i>Fuscospora (Nothofagus) fusca</i>	moderate
Mountain beech	<i>Fuscospora (Nothofagus) cliffortioides</i>	moderate
Kahikatea	<i>Dacrycarpus dacrydioides</i>	minor
Mountain totara	<i>Podocarpus hallii</i>	minor
Matai	<i>Prumnopitys taxifolia</i>	minor

Table 7. Suitable native species for the Shag/Waihemo catchment (shrubs)

Common name	Scientific name	Mix of shrubs
Mingimingi	<i>Coprosma propinqua</i>	major
A coprosma	<i>Coprosma dumosa/tayloriae</i>	moderate
A coprosma	<i>Coprosma rigida</i>	moderate
Koromiko	<i>Hebe salicifolia</i>	major
Cottonwood	<i>Ozothamnus vauvilliersii</i>	moderate
Weeping mapu	<i>Myrsine divaricata</i>	minor

Table 8. Suitable native species for the Shag/Waihemo catchment (tussock and tussock-like plants)

Common name	Scientific name	Mix of tussock and tussock like plants
Ballerina sedge	<i>Carex secta</i>	major
Toetoe	<i>Austrodieria (Cortadieria) richardii</i>	major
Lowland flax	<i>Phormium tenax</i>	major
Red tussock	<i>Chionochloa rubra ssp. cuprea</i>	moderate

Table 9. Suitable native species for the Shag/Waihemo catchment (rare species)

Common name	Scientific name	Status
Pomahaka tree daisy	<i>Olearia fimbriata</i>	Nationally vulnerable
Hector's tree daisy	<i>Olearia hectorii</i>	Nationally endangered
Linear-leaved tree daisy	<i>Olearia lineata</i>	At risk: declining
Fragrant tree daisy	<i>Olearia fragrantissima</i>	At risk: declining
Bloodwood	<i>Coprosma wallii</i>	At risk: declining
Teucrium	<i>Teucrium parvifolium</i>	At risk: declining

General planting tips

- Natives are preferable for the natural character of our landscapes; however, properly chosen exotics, which should not be a weed risk, can be more functional.
- Consider what environment you're planting in; the values you and others have in the waterway environment and what species are needed to achieve these. Some species achieve bank stabilisation in larger waterways (i.e. willows), however block smaller streams and affect the connectivity of flow. Consider the use of natives instead for small streams/creeks and planting natives alongside exotics in larger waterways.
- Winter is the best time to plant exotics (including willows and poplars), before stakes or poles sprout new growth. Importantly, stakes and poles should be firmly planted, with a third of the length below ground.
- The wider the riparian strip that is created and planted, a wider range of benefits will be achieved.
- Riparian strips can be of variable width dependent upon site factors such as access for machinery, height above the river (and flood levels), topography, and soils. An example being that wet areas or depressions behind a river bank or levee should be included, as sediments and nutrients may leak into the river.
- Habitat strips/wildlife corridors need to be wider than 5 m (ideally at least 8 m) in order to incorporate the equivalent of three rows of plantings.

- Plantings can be either in rows or randomly scattered to give a more natural appearance. The scattering of plants and natural appearance is more important for restoration plantings and Habitat strips/wildlife corridors.
- Closer plant spacing will provide greater mutual shelter, and so achieve faster growth, however will require more plants and therefore greater cost. They may also require some thinning later. This balance needs to be considered.
- When planting natives for bank stabilisation, plant at 1.5 – 3 metres spacing.
- The clear felling of existing vegetation and the creation of bare patches should be avoided when planting. Significant bank erosion can result after the removal of vegetation which previously binded the soil. Such practices should be avoided until the root systems of new plantations have become fully established.
- Riparian margins should provide a wide variance of habitat and function. As a part of a wider matrix of habitats in the landscape, creates overhanging or drooping vegetation and shaded pools.
- Additional advice on your site may be available from ORC, DOC, local nurseries, websites and publications.

Tips for maintaining riparian margins

- Riparian margins should be maintained proactively, to ensure the best chance of planting success. Weed species are often fast growing and can quickly outcompete riparian plantings. Failure to carry out weed management can inhibit the growth and success of riparian plantings.
- Older tree species need to be maintained to prevent blockages and localised flooding associated with limbs and/or trunks that have fallen into the channel. This includes the removal of rotten limbs and large overhanging limbs which are unsupported.

Appendix 3 River corridor: maps

The river fairway and corridor mapping provides guidance for multi-purpose river management, and for the design and implementation of management measures, protection works and in-channel design. When physical works or activities are being considered within the fairway or on the riparian margin, these should be undertaken with reference to the mapped fairway and buffer zones. The method used to define the river corridor is explained in Section 7.1

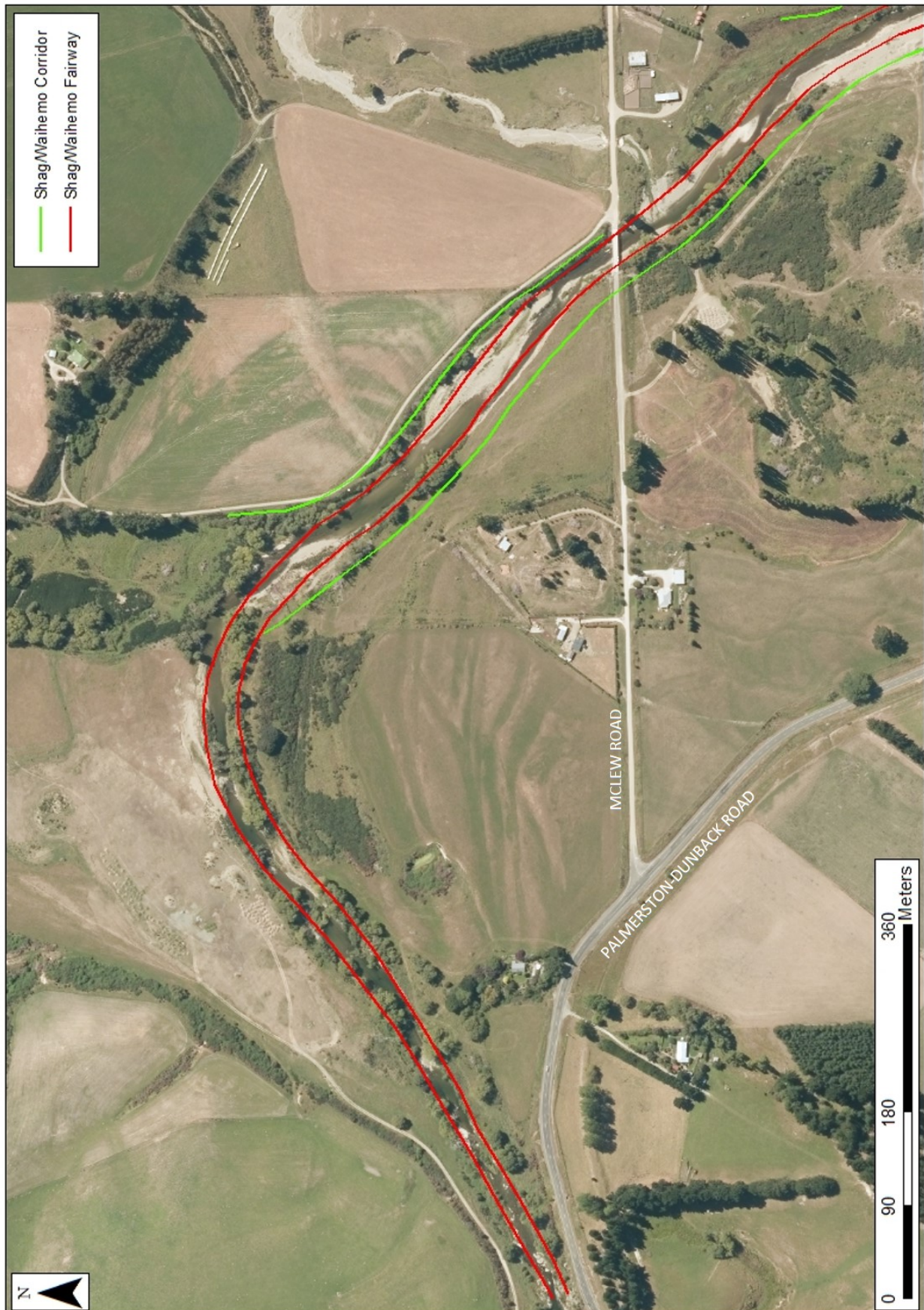


Figure 23. Shag/Waihemo River fairway and corridor Map 1 (aerial photography collected 2014).



Figure 24. Shag/Waihemo River fairway and corridor Map 2 (aerial photography collected 2014).



Figure 25. Shag/Waihemo River fairway and corridor Map 3 (aerial photography collected 2014).

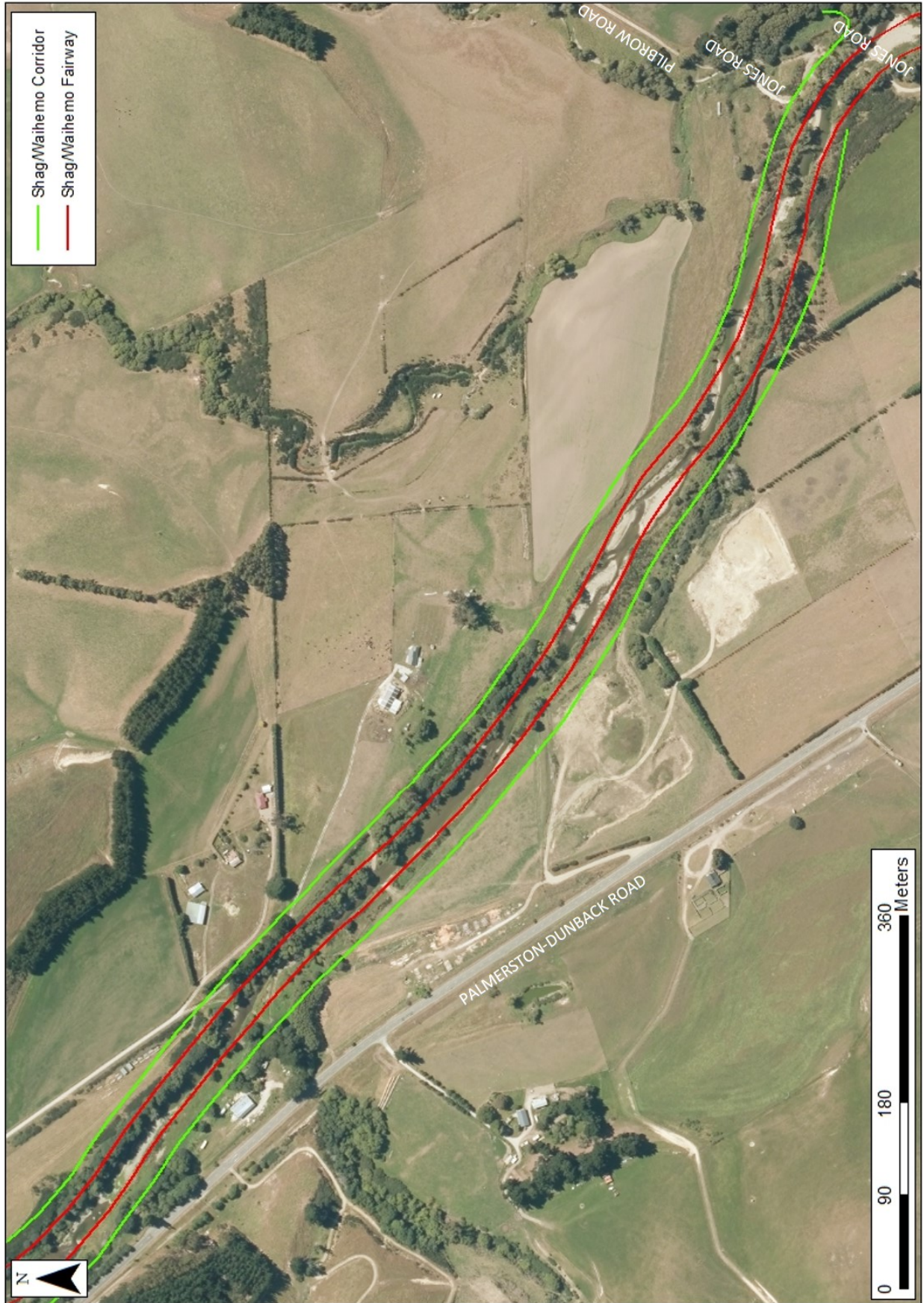


Figure 26. Shag/Waihemo River fairway and corridor Map 4 (aerial photography collected 2014).



Figure 27. Shag/Waihemo River fairway and corridor Map 5 (aerial photography collected 2014).



Figure 28. Shag/Waihemo River fairway and corridor Map 6 (aerial photography collected 2014).

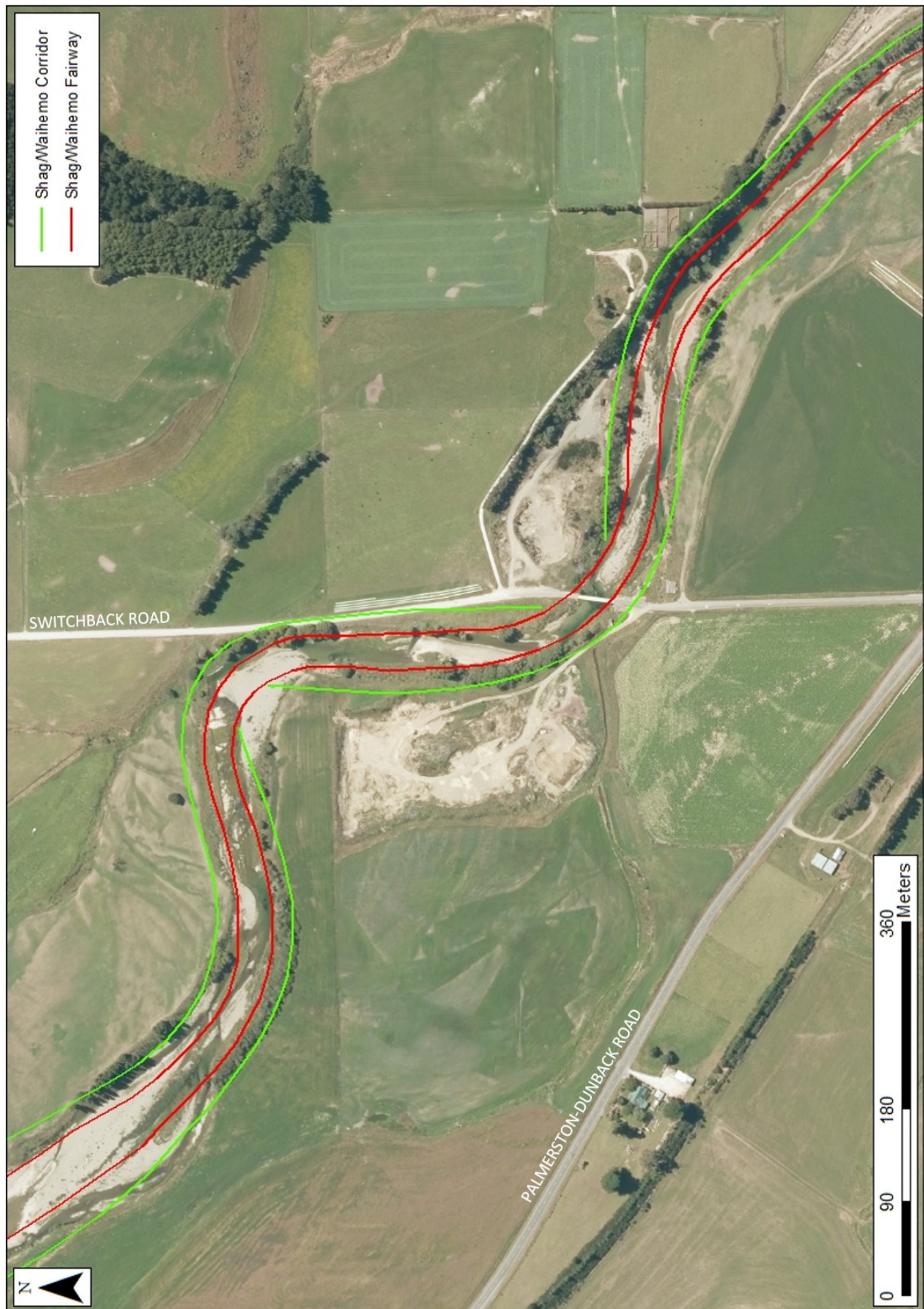


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Figure 30. Shag/Waihemo River fairway and corridor Map 8 (aerial photography collected 2014).

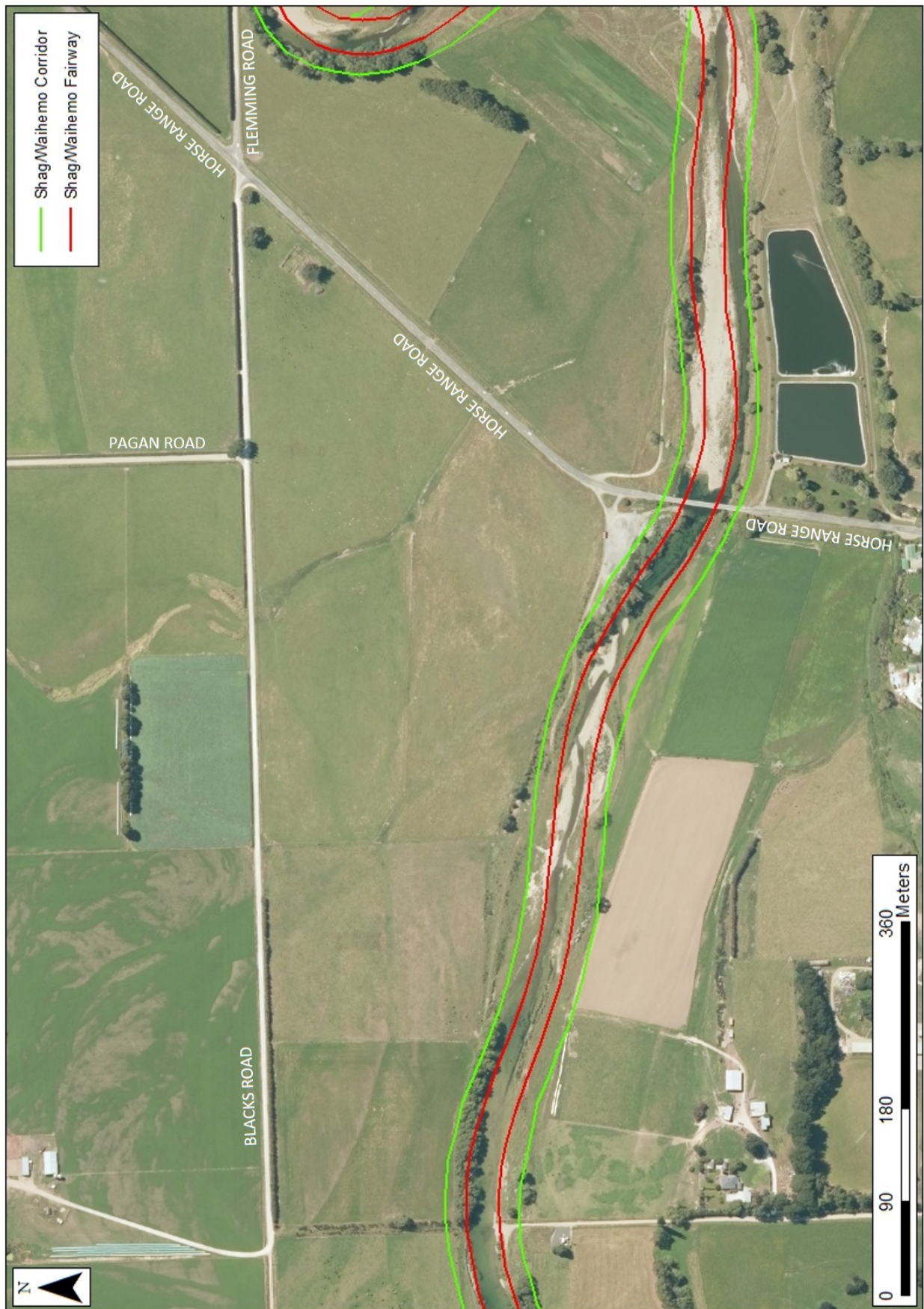


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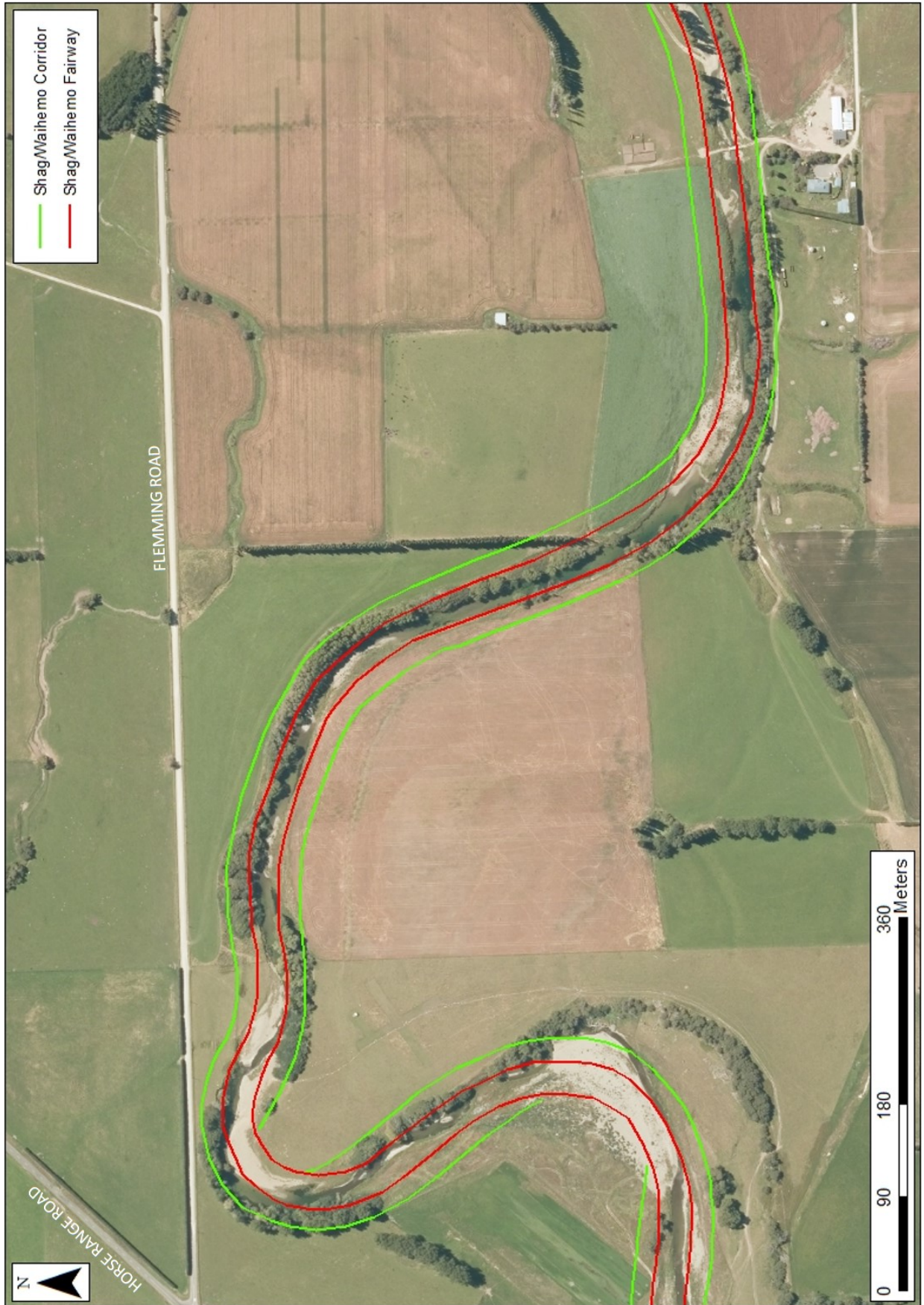


Figure 32. Shag/Waihemo River fairway and corridor Map 10 (aerial photography collected 2014).

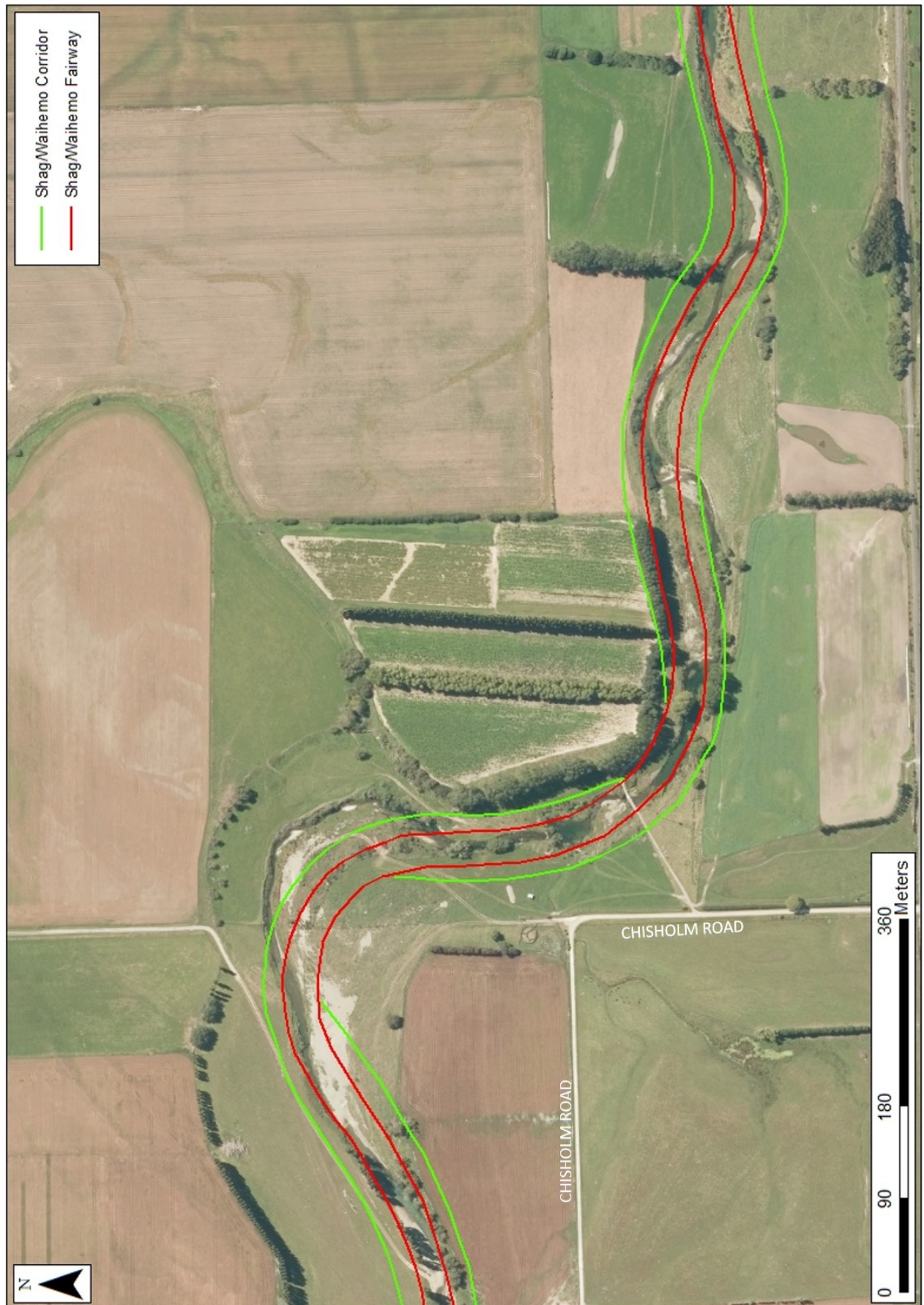


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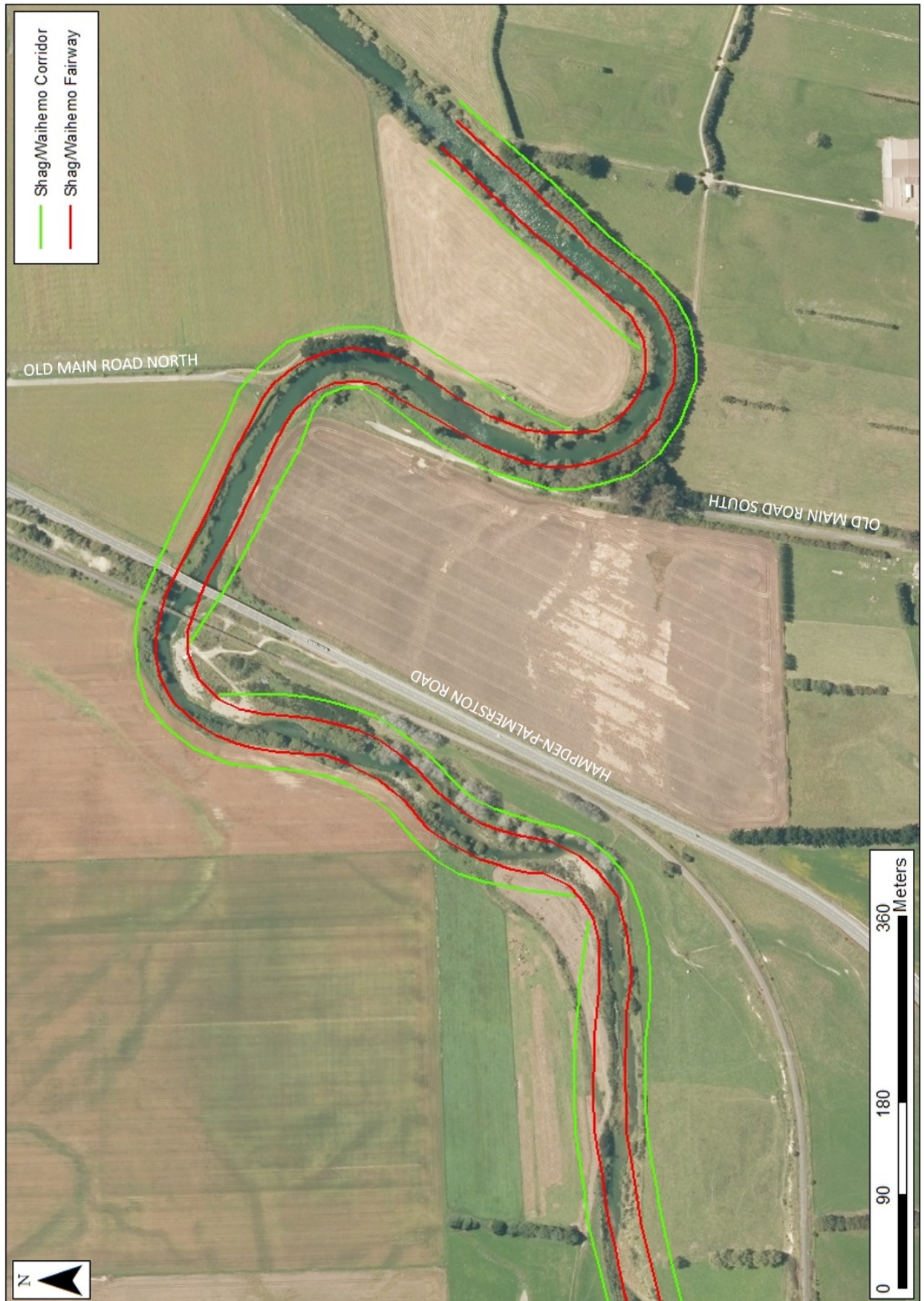


Figure 34. Shag/Waihemo River fairway and corridor Map 12 (aerial photography collected 2014).

Appendix 4 Mapped community values

The maps in this section show the location of important values associated with the riverbed and riparian margins, as identified by the community and other stakeholders. The community consultation process is outlined in Section 4, Appendix 5 provides a summary of public submissions.



Figure 35. Mapped community values in the Shag/Waihemo River Map 1 (aerial photography collected 2014).

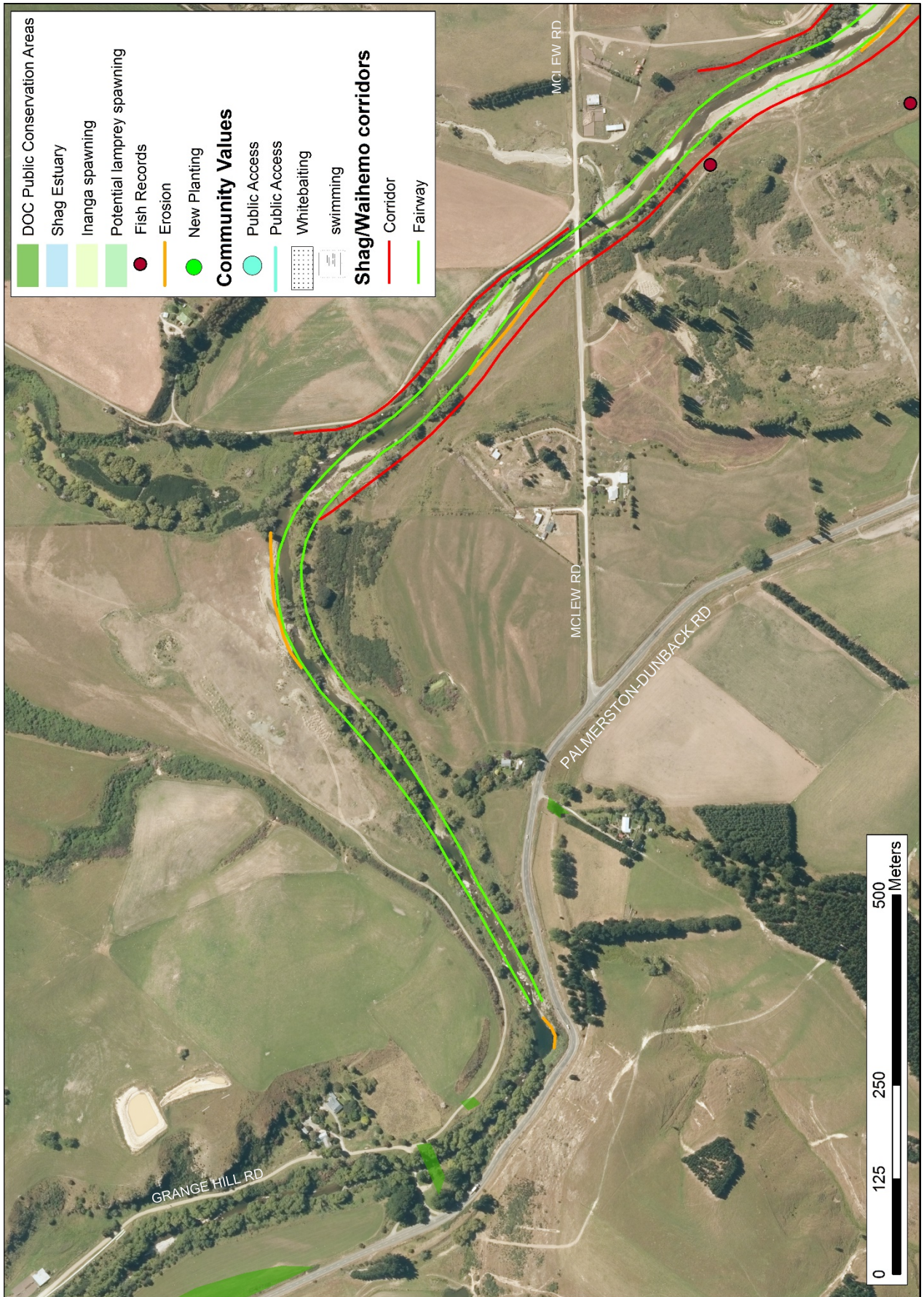


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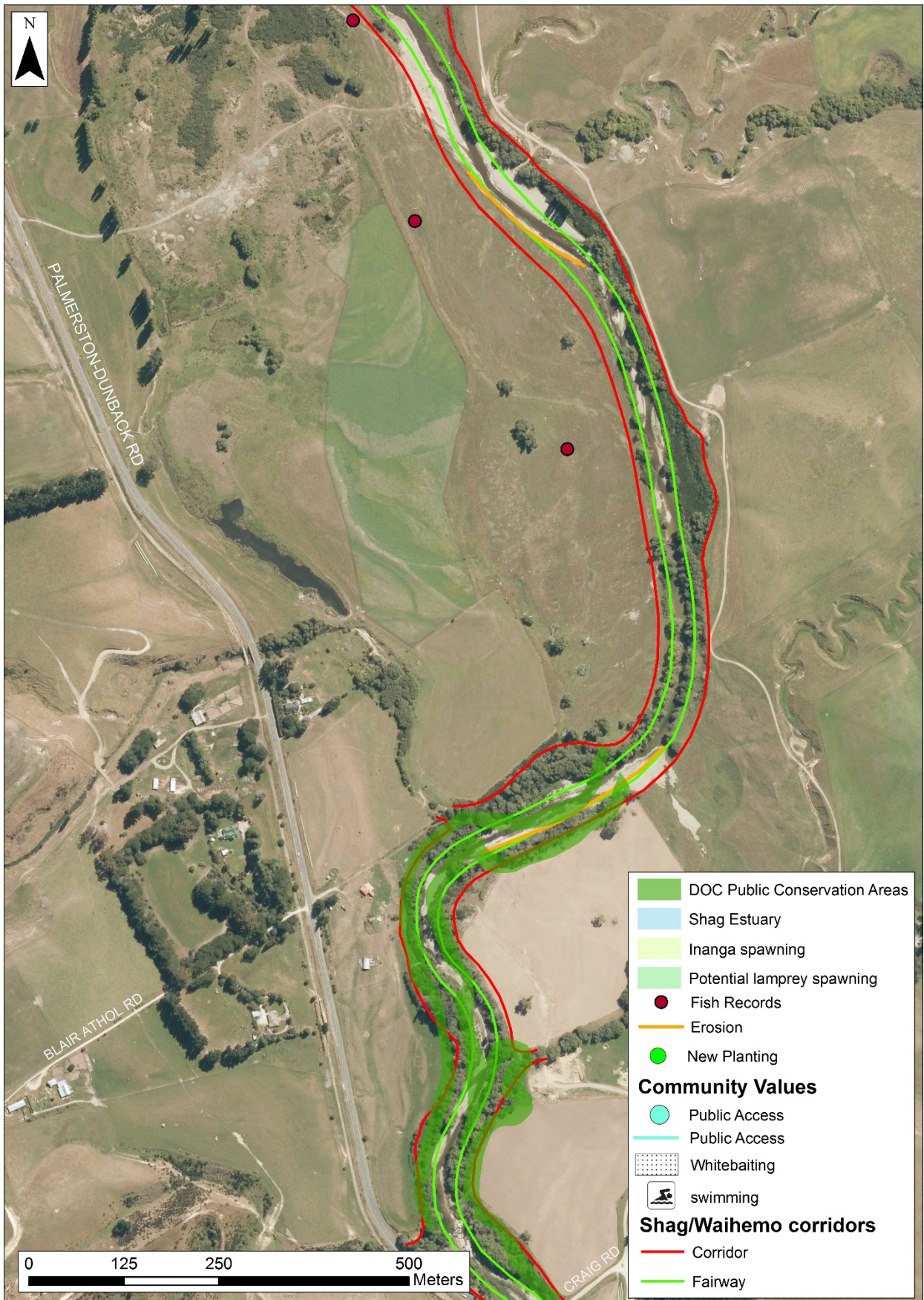


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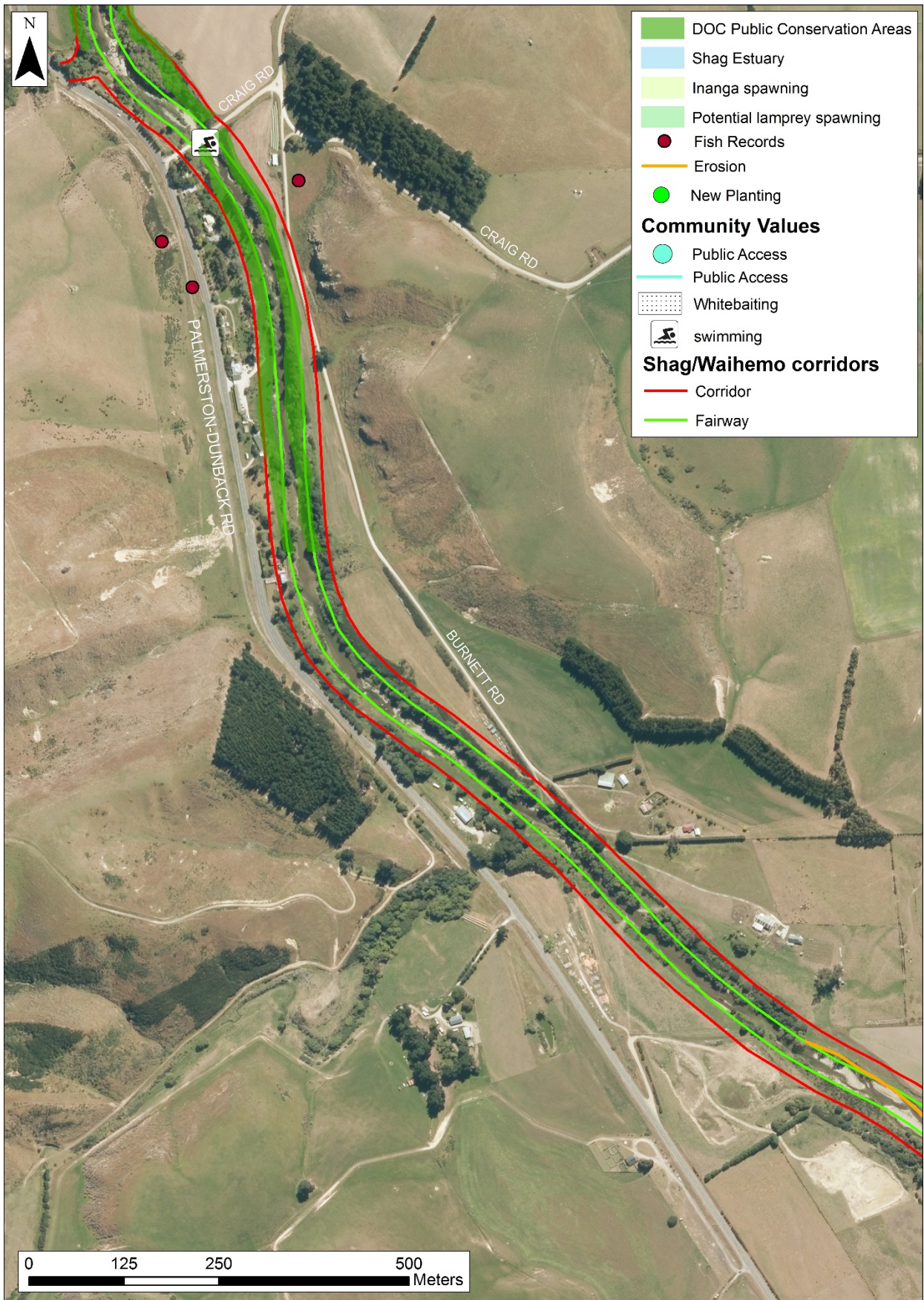


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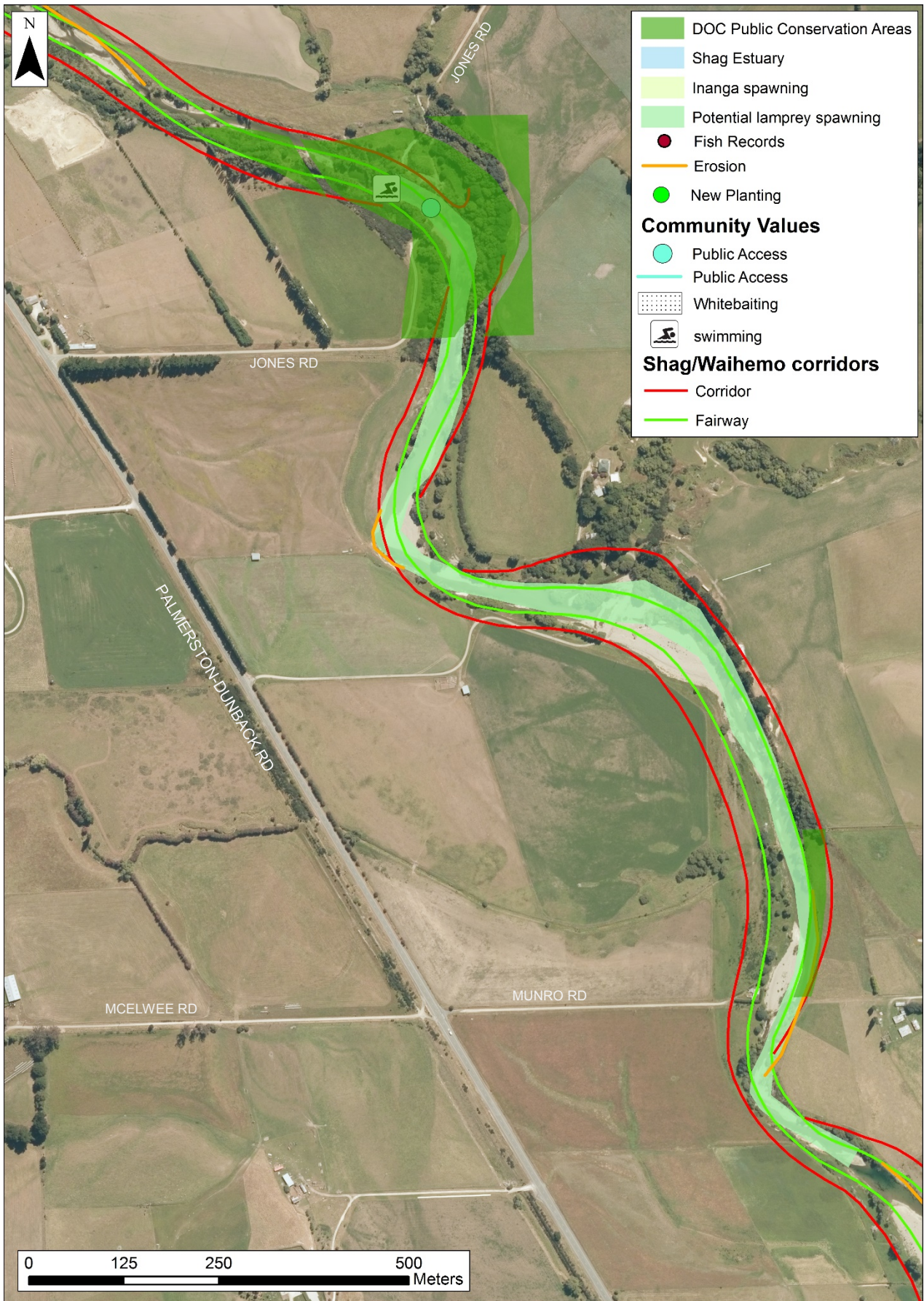


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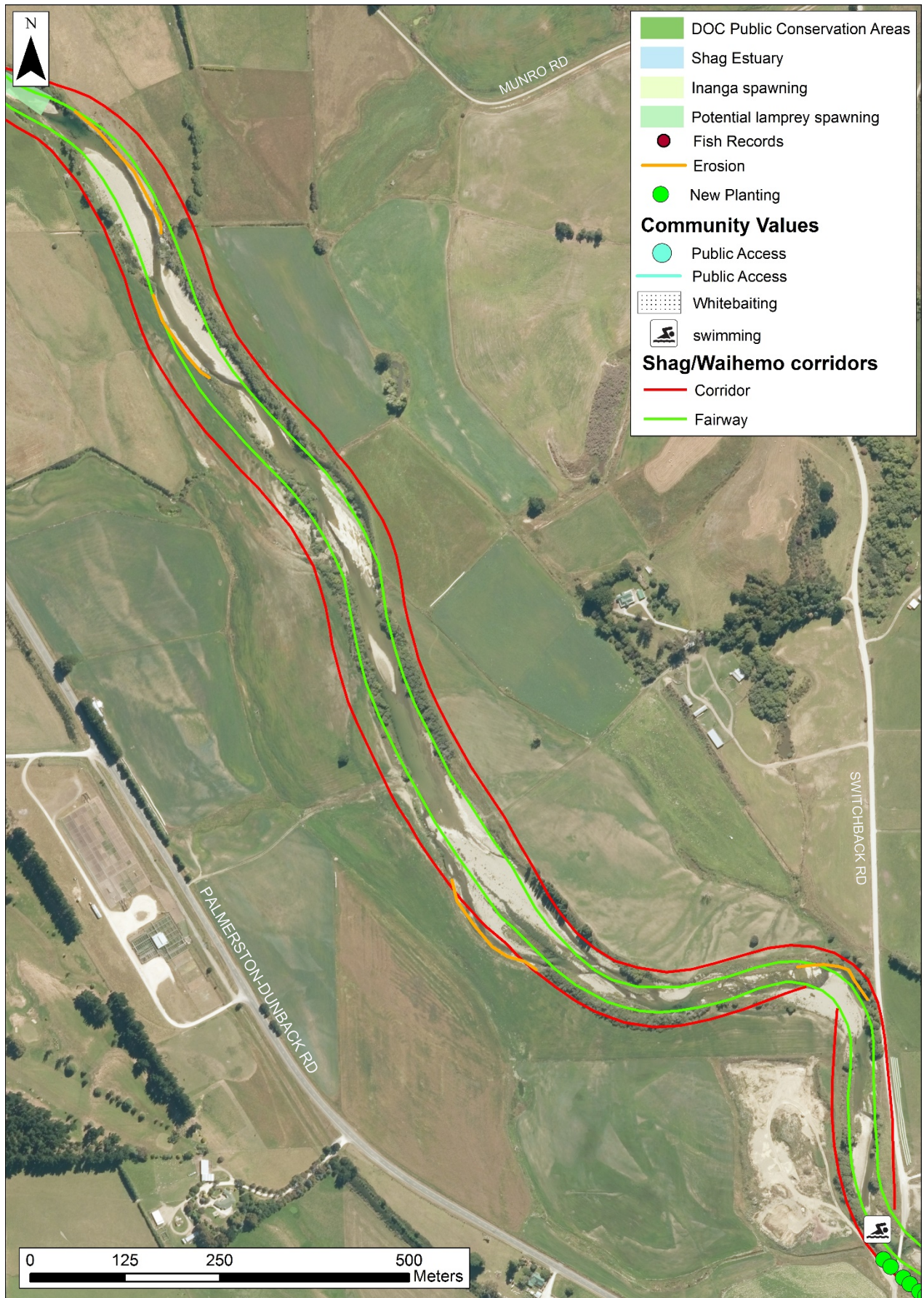


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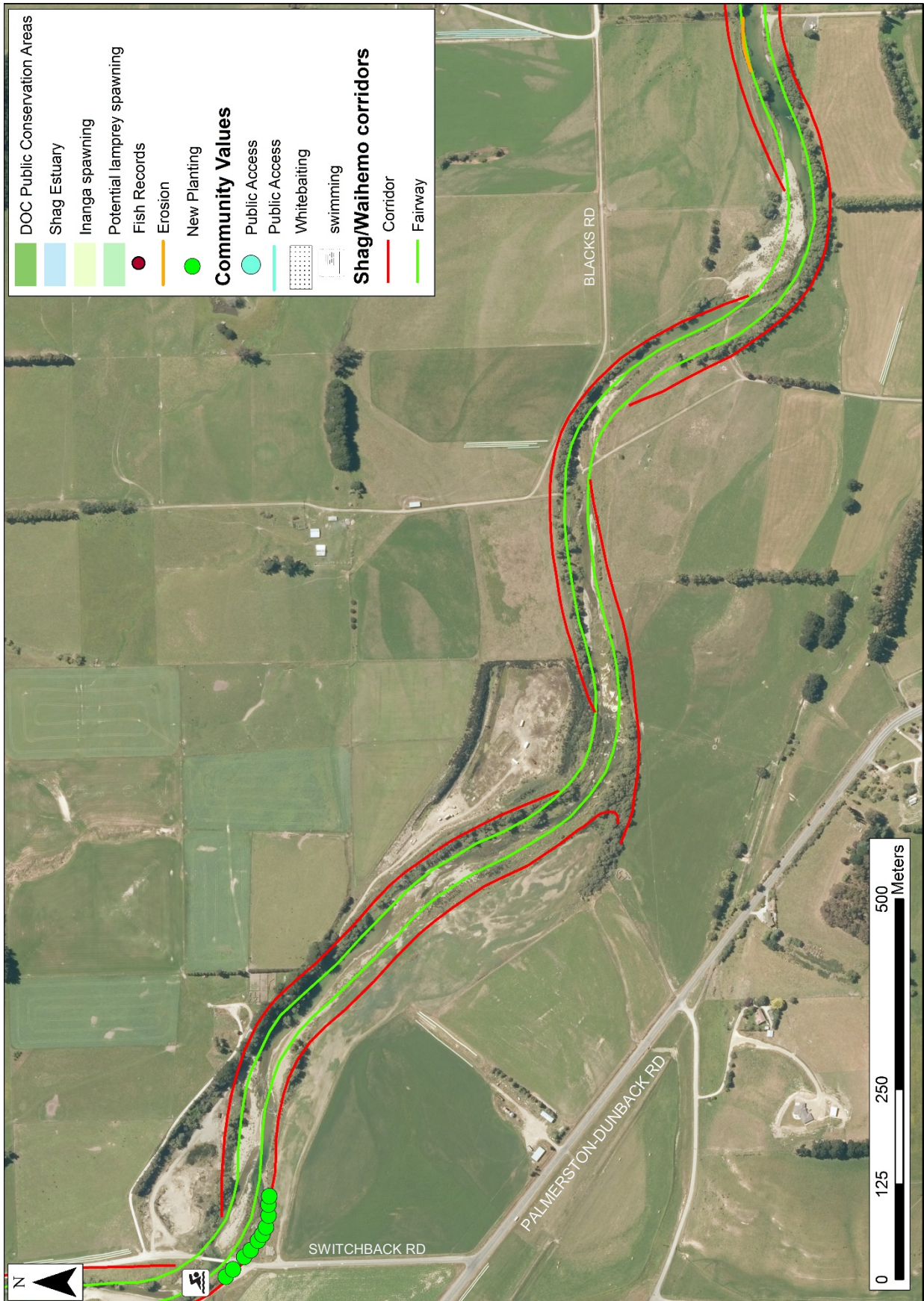


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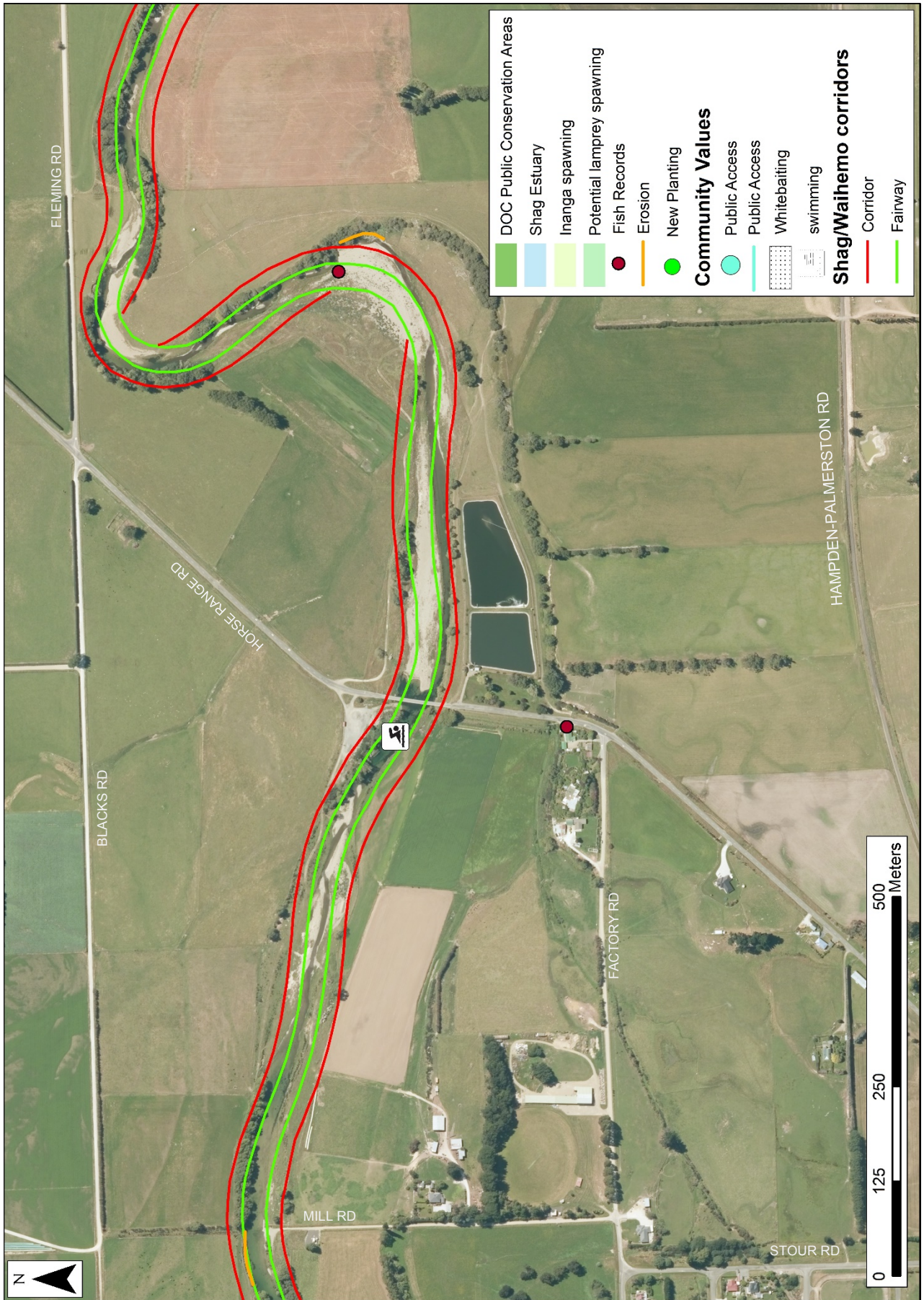


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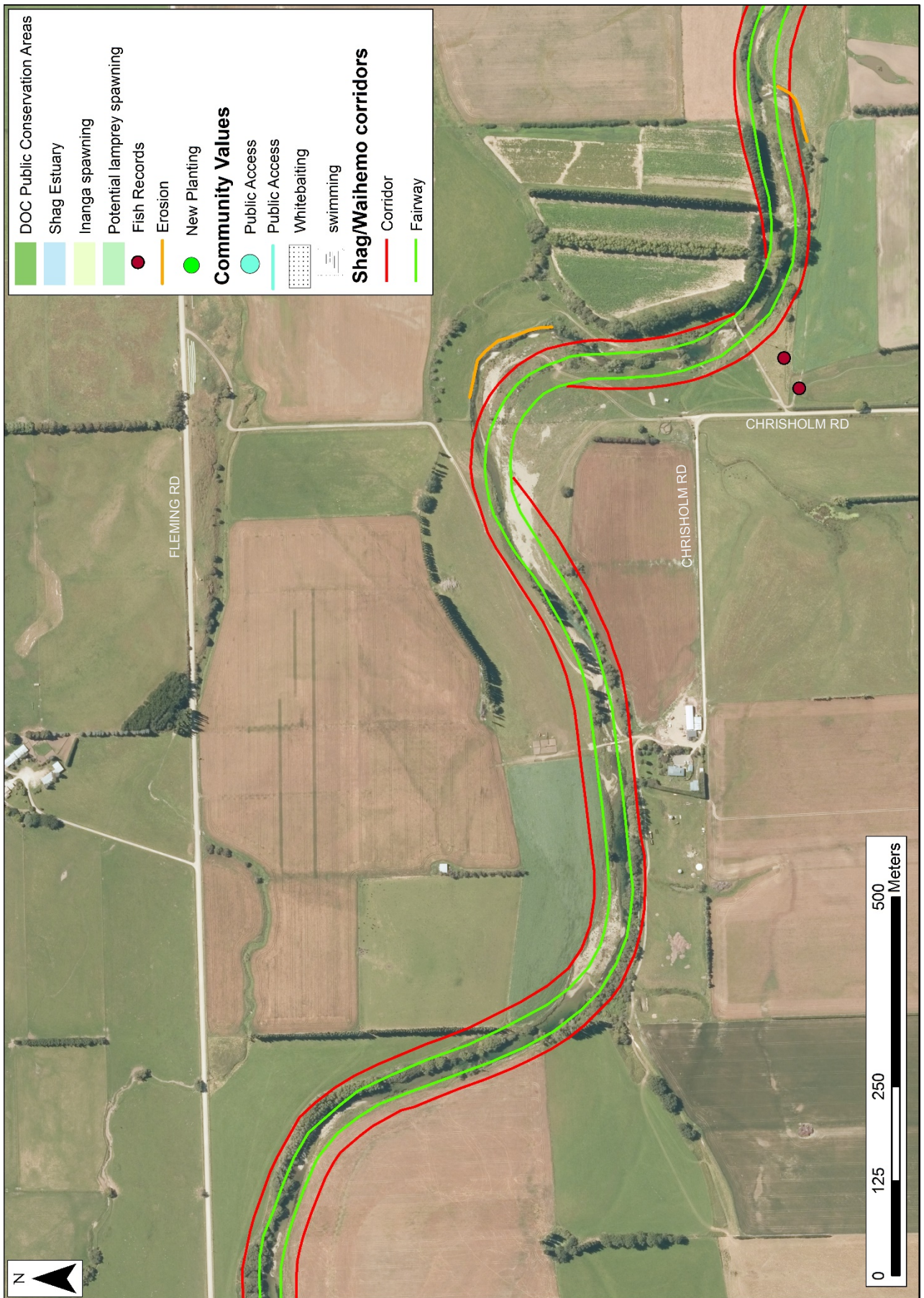


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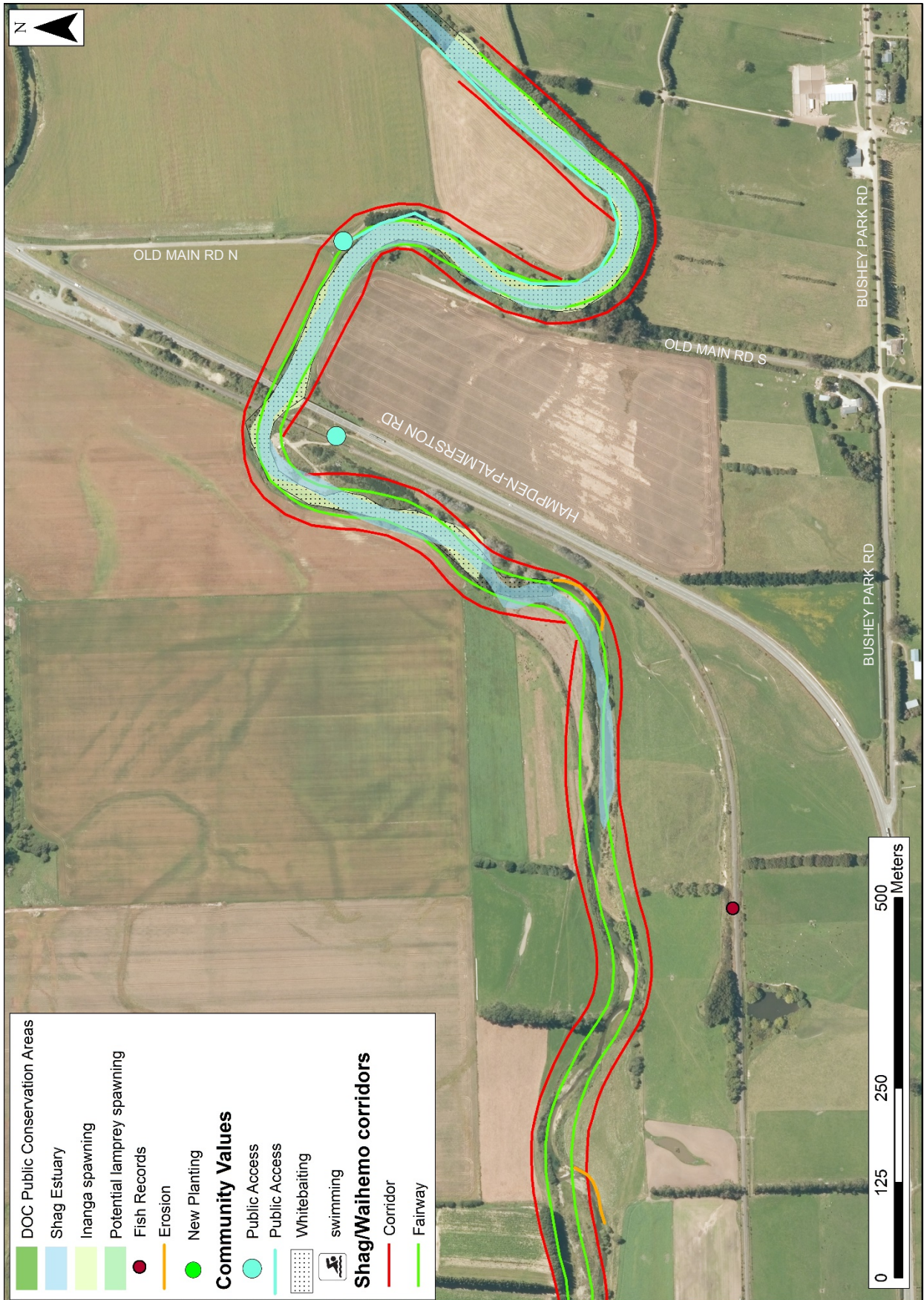


Figure 44. Mapped community values in the Shag/Waihemo River Map 10 (aerial photography collected 2014).



Figure 45. Mapped community values in the Shag/Waihemo River Map 11 (aerial photography collected 2014).

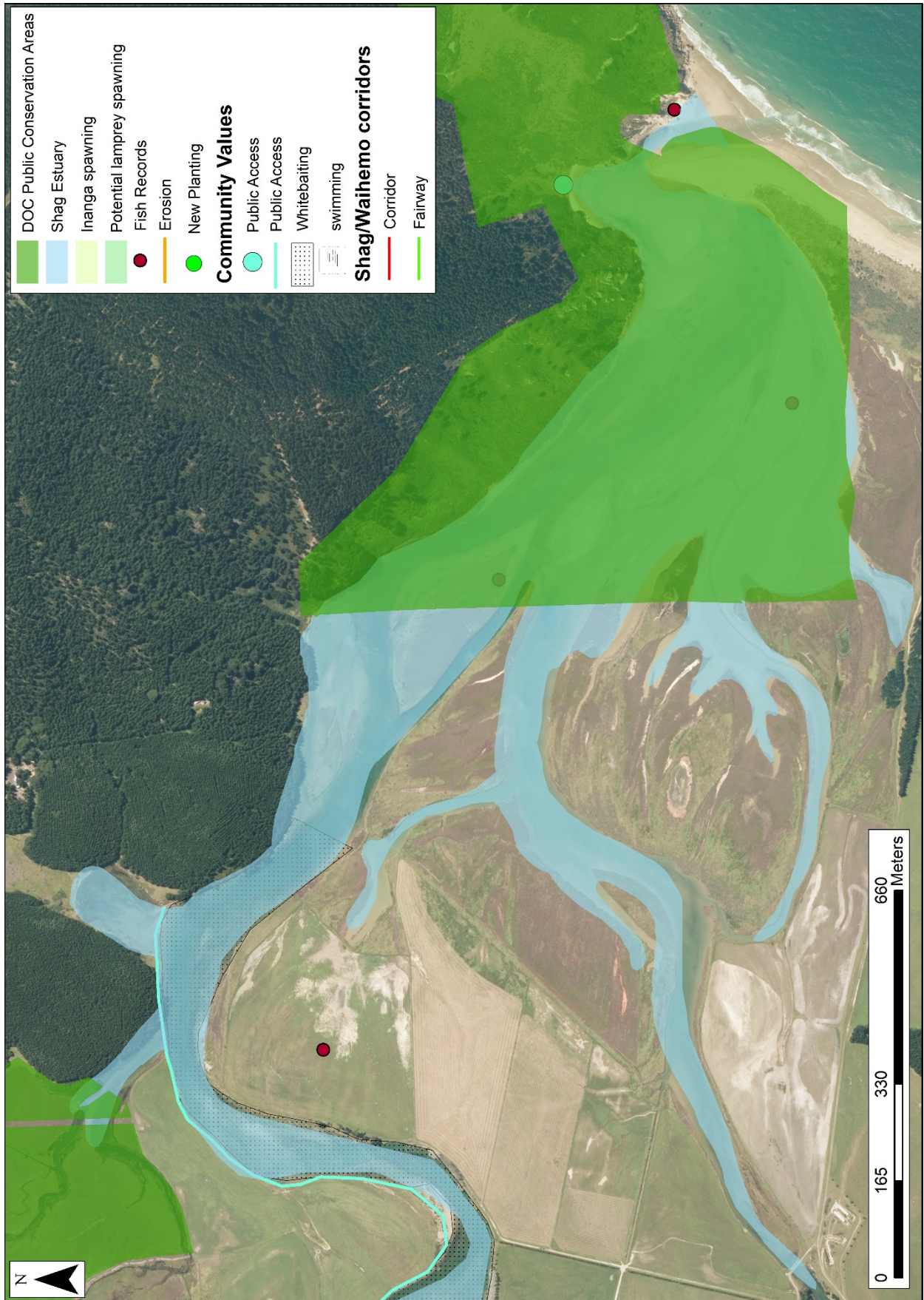


Figure 45. Mapped community values in the Shag/Waihemo River Map 11 (aerial photography collected 2014).

Appendix 5 Community consultations – public submissions

The community consultation undertaken in 2016 and 2017 included an opportunity for the public to submit on their concerns, as well as a chance to state what they valued about the river and what they would like the strategy to achieve. A small range of concerns were put forward: some people were concerned about riparian vegetation maintenance, gravel build up and bank erosion in multiple locations including near switchback road bridge and McLew Bridge. There was some concern raised over the gravel extraction and communication with affected parties on future works in the river. While others highlighted the importance of preserving the historic significance and structures along the river. There was also discussion around willow plantings; the loss of willows in areas and subsequent erosion and the maintenance of established willows along with weeds in the river bed.

Appendix 6 Consultation with Aukaha
Cultural Values Report, Aukaha 2017

Cultural Values Report



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1. Introduction

Otago Regional Council (ORC) has asked Kāi Tahu ki Otago Ltd (KTKO) to provide feedback on its draft Shag River/Waihemo Morphology and Riparian Management Strategy (the Strategy) on behalf of Mana Whenua.

‘Mana Whenua’ literally means ‘the people with mana over the land’ and refers to the whānau (families), hapū (sub-tribe) or iwi (tribe) of a particular area who are recognised as holding the traditional rights and responsibilities within that area to manage and govern natural resources.

Ngāi Tahu is the iwi that is Mana Whenua of most of the South Island. KTKO writes this report on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Moeraki and Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki (Ngā Rūnanga), two Papatipu Rūnanga of Ngāi Tahu who represent the whānau and hapū that are Mana Whenua in the area the Strategy relates to.

The purpose of this report is to describe cultural values in the lower Waihemo catchment and provide recommendations on how to recognise these values in the Shag River/Waihemo Morphology and Riparian Management Strategy.

2. Mana Whenua Values and Perspectives on Freshwater

Ko te wai te ora ngā mea katoa. Water is the life giver of all things.

Ngāi Tahu see water as a taonga left by the ancestors to provide and sustain life. Water plays a significant role in Ngāi Tahu spiritual beliefs and cultural traditions, the condition of water is seen as a reflection of the health of Papatūānuku. The ability to gather and share food, which is a cornerstone of Ngāi Tahu society, tradition and mana is reliant on healthy ecosystems and especially water that is fit for human consumption and that is able to support mahinga kai species (KTKO, 2005; Tipa and Nelson, 2013).

Ngāi Tahu have a holistic view of environmental management that recognises the intrinsic relationship between the survival of natural resources and the way they are managed and used. Ngāi Tahu have a kaitiaki responsibility to ensure that resources are preserved for future generations – *mō tātou, ā mō kā uri, ā muri ake nei*.

2.1 Kaitiakitanga

Kaitiakitanga is the responsibility of Mana Whenua to ensure that the life-supporting capacity (mauri) of the natural resources of their takiwā is sustained. Te Rūnanga o Moeraki and Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki are the kaitiaki Rūnanga of the Waihemo, and are responsible for ensuring that natural resources in the catchment are available for Kāi Tahu to use now and in the future (KTKO, 2016).

1.1 Mahinga kai

Mahinga kai was and remains a cornerstone of Ngāi Tahu cultural identity. Mahinga kai is a term that literally means “food workings” and refers to the places where food is gathered or produced, the traditions and collection methods associated with gathering natural resources for cultural use and the resources themselves. For Ngāi Tahu Whānui today, participation in mahinga kai activities is an important expression of cultural identity. Continuation of traditional practices is an important means of passing values down to children and grandchildren, ensuring their survival through the generations. This is expressed in the Ngāi Tahu proverbial saying - “Mō tātou, ā mō kā uri i muri ake nei - for us and for the generations that come after us”. Healthy waterbodies continue to be a direct source of mahinga kai. Ensuring the health and wellbeing of freshwater is a prerequisite for ensuring the continued health and wellbeing of mahinga kai resources and ultimately the people (Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, 2002; KTKO, 2005; KTKO, 2016).

1.2 Ki uta ki tai

Mana Whenua believe that a holistic approach should be taken to the management of the natural environment. This world view is articulated in the philosophy of ‘Ki Uta Ki Tai’, which is a holistic, culturally based ‘mountains to the sea’ natural resource management framework.

1.3 Mauri

All things, both living and non-living possess a mauri or life force. The primary management principle for Māori is the protection of the mauri of an ecosystem. If the mauri of the natural environment is degraded it no longer has the capacity to support cultural uses and values (KTKO, 2016).

2. Association with the lower Waihemo

The Waihemo River and estuary are recognised as culturally significant areas. They provide habitat for many wading birds species and nursery areas for juvenile fish such as pātiki (flounder) and īnanga (KTKO, 2005).

The Waihemo was part of a wider cultural landscape that extends from Matakaea (Shag Point) to Warrington. There are many wāhi tapu (sacred places) within this cultural landscape, including Onewhenua at Matakaea, which is a settlement site regarded as being of national archaeological importance. Approximately 500 years ago the Waitaha people (from whom many Ngāi Tahu Whānui descend) had settlements at Onewhenua where they hunted the moa over a wide range of territory, and targeted other abundant coastal resources. In the early 1800s Matakaea was also a seasonal fishing kāika of Te Matahaere and his people of the Kāti Kane hapū (KTKO, 2005).

1.1 Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998

The Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act included as cultural redress a number of mechanisms to recognise and give practical effect to Ngāi Tahu mana over taonga resources and cultural landscapes. These include Taonga Species, Statutory Acknowledgements and Tōpuni.

1.1.1 Taonga species

The Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 lists a number of species with which Ngāi Tahu are recognised to have a cultural, spiritual, historic and traditional relationship. The list of Ngāi Tahu Taonga Species is attached as Appendix 1. Ngāi Tahu do not see this list of species as exhaustive (KTKO, 2016).

1.1.2 Tōpuni and Statutory Acknowledgements

The concept of tōpuni comes from the traditional Ngāi Tahu custom of rangatira (chiefs) extending their mana over areas or people by placing their cloak over them. Tōpuni provides a public symbol of Ngāi Tahu manawhenua and rangatiratanga over some of the most prominent landscape features in their takiwā. A Statutory Acknowledgement is an acknowledgement by the Crown of the particular cultural, spiritual, historical, and traditional association Ngāi Tahu has with specified areas (Ministry for the Environment, 1999). Matakaea (Shag Point) is recognised as both a tōpuni and a Statutory Acknowledgement area.

Matakaea

The name Matakaea recalls the tradition of the Arai Te Uru canoe, which capsized off Moeraki. From Moeraki, the crew managed to swim ashore, leaving the cargo to be taken ashore by the waves. The crew members fled inland and were transformed into the mountains which form the Southern Alps. The Arai Te Uru canoe is said to have carried kūmara from Hawaiiki to Aotearoa, along with the knowledge required to grow it successfully. Histories such as this reinforce tribal identity, continuity between generations, and document the events which shaped the environment of Te Wai Pounamu and Ngāi Tahu as an iwi (NTCSA, 1998; DOC, 2017).

The Matakaea area has been occupied for many centuries and is the site of numerous urupā (burial places) and wāhi tapu (sacred places). Urupā are the resting places of Ngāi Tahu tūpuna (ancestors) and are therefore often the focus for whānau traditions. Urupā and wāhi tapu are places holding the memories, traditions, victories and defeats of Ngāi Tahu tūpuna (NTCSA 1998; DOC, 2017).

The mauri of Matakaea represents the essence that binds the physical and spiritual elements of all things together, generating and upholding all life. Mauri is a critical element of the spiritual relationship of Ngāi Tahu Whānui with the area (NTCSA 1998).

1.1 Culturally significant sites

Ngāi Tahu has identified many culturally significant sites throughout the Waihemo catchment and within the area the Strategy applies to. The locations of these sites is known by Ngāi Tahu and is not shared publicly. Sites throughout the Waihemo are significant for their mahinga kai values, and several species including tuna (eels), kanakana (lamprey), raupō (bulrush), harakeke (flax), aruhe (fernroot) and īnanga were and continue to be gathered here.

Other values for the area include kāinga nohoanga (settlements), kāinga mahinga kai (temporary settlements where people stayed seasonally while gathering mahinga kai) and place names that record significant sites for Mana Whenua.

1.2 Māori Archaeological Sites

The New Zealand Archaeological Association has recorded several Māori archaeological sites in the lower Waihemo (see Figure 1 below). These include ovens, middens, rock shelters and sites where artefacts and other signs of occupation have been found.

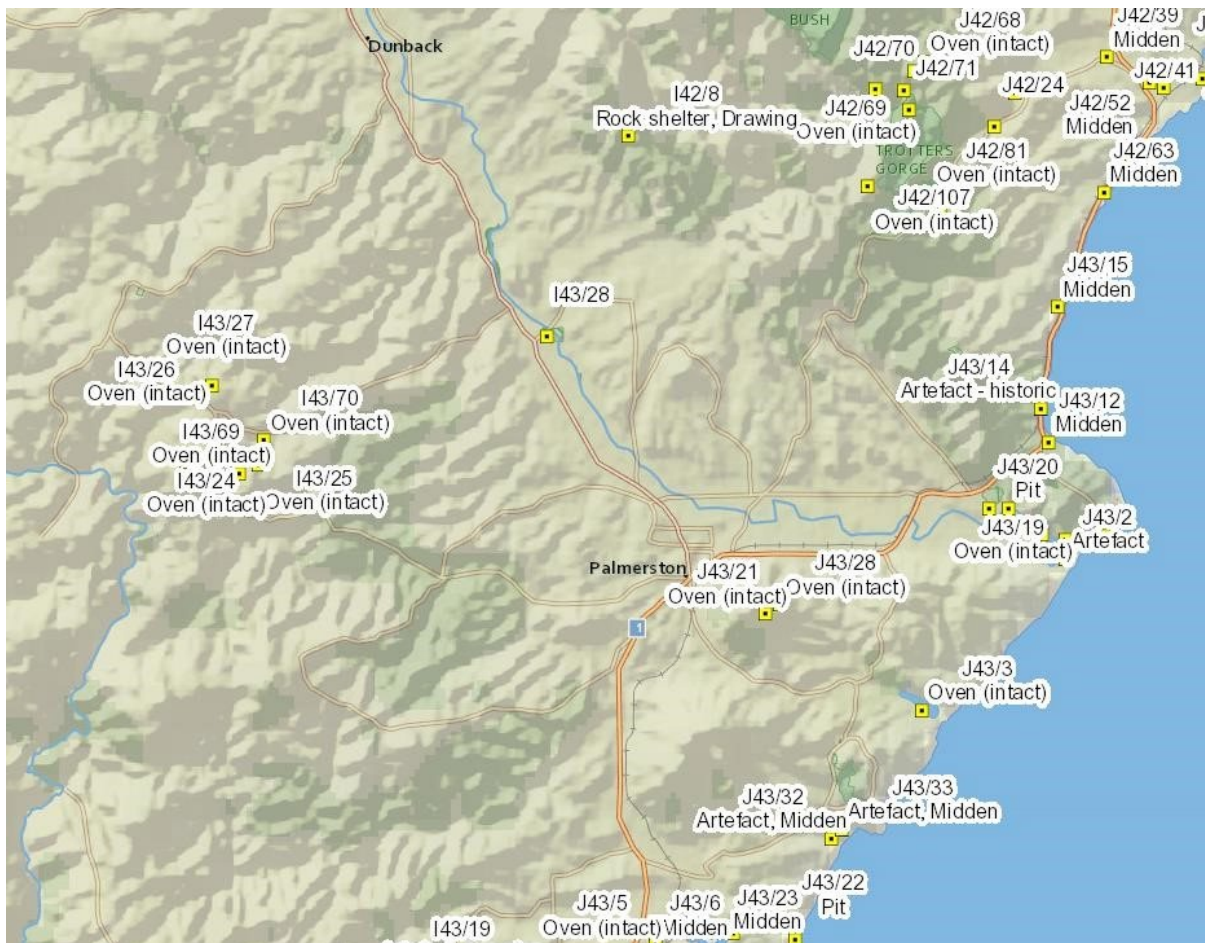


Figure 1: Māori Archaeological Sites within the Lower Waihemo Catchment

1. Ngā Rūnanga aspirations relevant to the Strategy

Ngā Rūnanga have many aspirations for the rivers across their shared takiwā. The following Rūnanga aspirations are especially relevant for the Waihemo catchment and to the Strategy:

- The waters of the Otago Catchment are healthy and support Ngāi Tahu customs
- To protect and restore the mauri of all water
- The rangatiratanga and kaitiakitanga of Ngāi Tahu is recognised and supported
- Ki uta ki tai management of catchments occurs
- Mahinga kai resources are healthy and abundant
- Enhancement of native fish populations and spawning areas
- That fish passage is provided for at all times
- To encourage the planting of native vegetation endemic to the area to help reduce erosion, provide habitat for native species including mahinga kai species and to enhance the cultural landscape.

2. Issues for Ngā Rūnanga relevant to the Strategy

Ngā Rūnanga have identified the following issues as relevant to the Waihemo catchment and the Strategy:

- Negative effects of gravel extractions including alteration of flow and gravel supply downstream, sedimentation, preventing fish passage and affecting freshwater species habitat
- Negative effects on spawning and nursery areas for native fish as a result of sedimentation and grazing (KTKO, 2005)
- Channelisation and channel modification activities are of particular concern to Ngāi Tahu (Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, 2002a)
- There is a lack of catchment-wide erosion and riparian management. Although this Strategy applies only to the lower part of the catchment, Ngā Runanga appreciate that it does intend to address issues in a holistic way in the area it does apply to.

1. Recommendations

Mana Whenua make the following recommendations:

- That a mihi be included at the beginning of the document. As there are two kaitiaki Rūnanga for the Waihemo, there could be a two mihi, one each from Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki and Te Rūnanga o Moeraki. This should be discussed with Ngā Rūnanga.
- An introductory section introducing Mana Whenua, explaining who Ngāi Tahu is and who the kaitiaki Rūnanga are
- That Mana Whenua are recognised as Treaty partners rather than stakeholders.
- Native riparian vegetation is an important habitat for mahinga kai. This should be included in references to the value and benefits of planting riparian margins.
- That the following positions held by Ngā Rūnanga are included in this Strategy:
 - Native riparian planting by landowners is encouraged/supported by Ngā Rūnanga
 - Where practicable, riparian vegetation should provide habitat for mahinga kai species such as īnanga spawning habitat
 - Activities in the bed and on the banks of the river should not be undertaken during spawning seasons or during periods when native fisheries are considered sensitive
 - That any fish disturbed/stranded during any works within any watercourse are rescued and returned/relocated safely to the watercourse
 - That fish passage is provided for at all times. Many native freshwater species need to migrate upstream and downstream at different lifecycle stages
 - That all practical measures are undertaken during works in the bed and on the banks of the river to minimise sedimentation in the waterway

Ngā Rūnanga and KTKO Ltd staff will continue to work with ORC to incorporate these recommendations into the Waihemo Morphology and Riparian Management Strategy.

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Appendix 1: Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act Taonga Species

Taonga fish species		
Ingoa Maori	English name	Scientific name
Kāeo	Sea tulip	<i>Pyura pachydermatum</i>
Koeke	Common shrimp	<i>Palaemon affinis</i>
Kōkopu/Hawai	Giant bully	<i>Gobiomorphus gobioides</i>
Kōwaro	Canterbury mudfish	<i>Neochanna burrowsius</i>
Paraki/Ngaiore	Common smelt	<i>Retropinna retropinna</i>
Piripiripōhatu	Torrentfish	<i>Cheimarrichthys fosteri</i>
Taiwharu	Giant kōkopu	<i>Galaxias argenteus</i>

Taonga shellfish species		
Ingoa Maori	English name	Scientific name
Pipi/Kākahi	Pipi	<i>Paphies australe</i>
Tuaki	Cockle	<i>Austrovenus stutchburgi</i>
Tuaki/Hākiari, Kuhakuha/Pūrimu	Surfclam	<i>Dosinia anus, Paphies donacina, Mactra discor, Mactra munchsoni, Spisula aequilateralis, Basina yatei, or Dosinia subrosa</i>
Tuatua	Tuatua	<i>Paphies subtriangulata, Paphies donacina</i>
Waikaka/Pūpū	Mudsnail	<i>Amphibola crenata, Turbo smaragdus, Zedilom spp</i>

Taonga marine mammal species		
Ingoa Maori	English name	Scientific name
Ihupuku	Southern elephant seal	<i>Mirounga lionina</i>
Kekeno	New Zealand fur seals	<i>Arctocephalus forsteri</i>
Paieka	Humpback whales	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>
Parāoa	Sperm whale	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>
Rāpoka/Whakahao	New Zealand sea lion/Hooker's sea lion	<i>Phocarctos hookeri</i>
Tohorā	Southern right whale	<i>Balaena australis</i>

Taonga bird species		
Ingoa Maori	English name	Scientific name
Hoiho	Yellow-eyed penguin	<i>Megadyptes antipodes</i>
Kāhu	Australasian harrier	<i>Circus approximans</i>
Kākā	South Island kākā	<i>Nestor meridionalis meridionalis</i>
Kākāpō	Kākāpō	<i>Strigops habroptilus</i>
Kākāriki	New Zealand parakeet	<i>Cyanoramphus</i> spp
Kakaruai	South Island robin	<i>Petroica australis australis</i>
Kakī	Black stilt	<i>Himantopus novaezelandiae</i>
Kāmana	Crested grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
Kārearea	New Zealand falcon	<i>Falco novaeseelandiae</i>
Karoro	Black-backed gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>
Kea	Kea	<i>Nestor notabilis</i>
Kōau	Black shag, Pied shag, Little shag	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> , <i>Phalacrocorax varius varius</i> , <i>Phalacrocorax melanoleucos brevisrostris</i>
Koekoeā	Long-tailed cuckoo	<i>Eudynamys taitensis</i>
Kōparapara or Korimako	Bellbird	<i>Anthornis melanura melanura</i>
Kororā	Blue penguin	<i>Eudyptula minor</i>
Kōtare	Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon sancta</i>
Kōtuku	White heron	<i>Egretta alba</i>
Kōwhiowhio	Blue duck	<i>Hymenolaimus malacorhynchos</i>
Kūaka	Bar-tailed godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>
Kūkupa/Kererū	New Zealand wood pigeon	<i>Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae</i>
Kuruwhengu/Kuruwhengi	New Zealand shoveller	<i>Anas rhynchos</i>
Mātā	Fernbird	<i>Bowdleria punctata punctata</i> and <i>Bowdleria punctata stewartiana</i> and <i>Bowdleria punctata wilsoni</i> and <i>Bowdleria punctata candata</i>
Matuku moana	Reef heron	<i>Egretta sacra</i>
Miromiro	South Island tomtit	<i>Petroica macrocephala macrocephala</i>
Miromiro	Snares Island tomtit	<i>Petroica macrocephala dannefaerdi</i>
Mohua	Yellowhead	<i>Mohoua ochrocephala</i>
Pākura/Pūkeko	Swamp hen/Pūkeko	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>
Pārera	Grey duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>

Pateke	Brown teal	<i>Anas aucklandica</i>
Pīhoihoi	New Zealand pipit	<i>Anthus novaeseelandiae</i>
Pīpīwharau	Shining cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus</i>
Pīwakawaka	South Island fantail	<i>Rhipidura fuliginosa fuliginosa</i>
Poaka	Pied stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
Pokotiwaha	Snares crested penguin	<i>Eudyptes robustus</i>
Pūtakitaki	Paradise shelduck	<i>Tadorna variegata</i>
Riroriro	Grey warbler	<i>Gerygone igata</i>
Roroa	Great spotted kiwi	<i>Apteryx haastii</i>
Rowi	Ōkārīto brown kiwi	<i>Apteryx mantelli</i>
Ruru koukou	Morepork	<i>Ninox novaeseelandiae</i>
Takahē	Takahē	<i>Porphyrio mantelli</i>
Tara	Terns	<i>Sterna</i> spp
Tawaki	Fiordland crested penguin	<i>Eudyptes pachyrhynchus</i>
Tete	Grey teal	<i>Anas gracilis</i>
Tieke	South Island saddleback	<i>Philesturnus carunculatus carunculatus</i>
Tītī	Sooty shearwater/Muttonbird/Hutton's shearwater Common diving petrel South Georgian diving petrel Westland petrel Fairy prion Broad-billed prion White-faced storm petrel Cook's petrel Mottled petrel	<i>Puffinus griseus</i> and <i>Puffinus huttoni</i> and <i>Pelecanoides urinatrix</i> and <i>Pelecanoides georgicus</i> and <i>Procellaria westlandica</i> and <i>Pachyptila turtur</i> and <i>Pachyptila vittata</i> and <i>Pelagodroma marina</i> and <i>Pterodroma cookii</i> and <i>Pterodroma inexpectata</i>
Tītipounamu	South Island rifleman	<i>Acanthisitta chloris chloris</i>
Tokoeka	South Island brown kiwi	<i>Apteryx australis</i>
Toroa	Albatrosses and Mollymawks	<i>Diomedea</i> spp
Toutouwai	Stewart Island robin	<i>Petroica australis rakiura</i>
Tūī	Tūī	<i>Prothemadera novaeseelandiae</i>
Tutukiwi	Snares Island snipe	<i>Coenocorypha aucklandica huegeli</i>
Weka	Western weka	<i>Gallirallus australis australis</i>
Weka	Stewart Island weka	<i>Gallirallus australis scotti</i>
Weka	Buff weka	<i>Gallirallus australis hectori</i>

Taonga plant species		
Ingoa Maori	English name	Scientific name
Akatorotoro	White rata	<i>Metrosideros perforata</i>
Aruhe	Fernroot (bracken)	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i> var <i>esculentum</i>
Harakeke	Flax	<i>Phormium tenax</i>
Horoeka	Lancewood	<i>Pseudopanax crassifolius</i>
Houhi	Mountain ribbonwood	<i>Hoheria lyalli</i> and <i>H. glabata</i>
Kahikatea	Kahikatea/White pine	<i>Dacrycarpus dacrydioides</i>
Kāmahi	Kāmahi	<i>Weinmannia racemosa</i>
Kānuka	Kānuka	<i>Kunzia ericoides</i>
Kāpuka	Broadleaf	<i>Griselinia littoralis</i>
Karaeopirita	Supplejack	<i>Ripogonum scandens</i>
Karaka	New Zealand laurel/Karaka	<i>Corynocarpus laevigata</i>
Karamū	Coprosma	<i>Coprosma robusta</i> , <i>coprosma lucida</i> , <i>coprosma foetidissima</i>
Kātote	Tree fern	<i>Cyathea smithii</i>
Kiekie	Kiekie	<i>Freycinetia baueriana</i> subsp <i>banksii</i>
Kōhia	NZ Passionfruit	<i>Passiflora tetrandra</i>
Korokio	Korokio Wire-netting bush	<i>Corokia cotoneaster</i>
Koromiko/Kōkōmuka	Koromiko	<i>Hebe salicifolia</i>
Kōtukutuku	Tree fuchsia	<i>Fuchsia excorticata</i>
Kōwhai Kōhai	Kōwhai	<i>Sophora microphylla</i>
Mamaku	Tree fern	<i>Cyathea medullaris</i>
Mānia	Sedge	<i>Carex flagellifera</i>
Mānuka Kahikātoa	Tea-tree	<i>Leptospermum scoparium</i>
Māpou	Red matipo	<i>Myrsine australis</i>
Mataī	Mataī/Black pine	<i>Prumnopitys taxifolia</i>
Miro	Miro/Brown pine	<i>Podocarpus ferrugineus</i>
Ngaio	Ngaio	<i>Myoporum laetum</i>
Nīkau	New Zealand palm	<i>Rhopalostylis sapida</i>
Pānako	(Species of fern)	<i>Asplenium obtusatum</i>
Pānako	(Species of fern)	<i>Botrychium australe</i> and <i>B. biforme</i>
Pātōtara	Dwarf mingimingi	<i>Leucopogon fraseri</i>
Pīngao	Pīngao	<i>Desmoschoenus spiralis</i>
Pōkākā	Pōkākā	<i>Elaeocarpus hookerianus</i>
Ponga/Poka	Tree fern	<i>Cyathea dealbata</i>
Rātā	Southern rātā	<i>Metrosideros umbellata</i>

Raupō	Bulrush	<i>Typha angustifolia</i>
Rautāwhiri/Kōhūhū	Black matipo/Māpou	<i>Pittosporum tenuifolium</i>
Rimu	Rimu/Red pine	<i>Dacrydium cypressinum</i>
Rimurapa	Bull kelp	<i>Durvillaea antarctica</i>
Taramea	Speargrass, spaniard	<i>Aciphylla</i> spp
Tarata	Lemonwood	<i>Pittosporum eugenioides</i>
Tawai	Beech	<i>Nothofagus</i> spp
Tētēaweka	Muttonbird scrub	<i>Olearia angustifolia</i>
Tī rākau/Tī Kōuka	Cabbage tree	<i>Cordyline australis</i>
Tikumū	Mountain daisy	<i>Celmisia spectabilis</i> and <i>C. semicordata</i>
Titoki	New Zealand ash	<i>Alectryon excelsus</i>
Toatoa	Mountain Toatoa, Celery pine	<i>Phyllocladus alpinus</i>
Toetoe	Toetoe	<i>Cortaderia richardii</i>
Tōtara	Tōtara	<i>Podocarpus totara</i>
Tutu	Tutu	<i>Coriaria</i> spp
Wharariki	Mountain flax	<i>Phormium cookianum</i>
Whīnau	Hīnau	<i>Elaeocarpus dentatus</i>
Wī	Silver tussock	<i>Poa cita</i>
Wīwī	Rushes	<i>Juncus</i> all indigenous <i>Juncus</i> spp and <i>J. maritimus</i>

Appendix 2: Statutory acknowledgement for Matakaea (Shag Point)

Statutory area

The statutory area to which this statutory acknowledgement applies is the area known as Matakaea Recreation Reserve and Onewhenua Historic Reserve, as shown on Allocation Plan MS 9 (SO 24686).

Preamble

Under section 206, the Crown acknowledges Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu's statement of Ngāi Tahu's cultural, spiritual, historic, and traditional association to Matakaea.

Ngāi Tahu association with Matakaea

The name Matakaea recalls the tradition of the Arai Te Uru canoe, which capsized off Moeraki. From Moeraki, the crew managed to swim ashore, leaving the cargo to be taken ashore by the waves. The crew members fled inland and were transformed into the mountains which form the Southern Alps.

The Arai Te Uru tradition is also important because it explains the origins of kūmara. The story originally began with Roko i Tua who came to Aotearoa and met the Kāhui Tipua. The Kāhui Tipua gave Roko i Tua mamaku (tree fern) to eat. However Roko i Tua preferred the kūmara that he had in his belt which he took out and soaked in a bowl of water. The Kāhui Tipua tasted the kūmara and asked where it was from. Roko i Tua replied saying that the kūmara came from "“across the sea”".

The Kāhui Tipua then made a canoe and, under the leadership of Tū Kākāriki, went to Hawaiiiki and returned with the kūmara to Aotearoa. The Kāhui Tipua planted the kūmara but the crop failed. However, Roko i Tua had also sailed to Hawaiiiki on the canoe called Arai Te Uru. Roko i Tua landed at Whangarā, Hawaiiiki, and learnt the karakia (incantations) and tikanga (customs) connected with planting kūmara. Roko i Tua then gave his canoe to two crew members called Pakihiwitahi and Hape ki Tua Raki. The Arai Te Uru returned under the leadership of these two commanders and eventually foundered off the Moeraki Coast at Matakaea.

For Ngāi Tahu, traditions such as this represent the links between the cosmological world of the gods and present generations, these histories reinforce tribal identity and solidarity, and continuity between generations, and document the events which shaped the environment of Te Wai Pounamu and Ngāi Tahu as an iwi.

The Matakaea area has been occupied for many centuries and is the site of numerous urupā and wāhi tapu. Urupā are the resting places of Ngāi Tahu tūpuna (ancestors) and, as such, are the focus for whānau traditions. Urupā and wāhi tapu are places holding the memories, traditions, victories and defeats of Ngāi Tahu tūpuna, and are frequently protected by secret locations.

The mauri of Matakaea represents the essence that binds the physical and spiritual elements of all things together, generating and upholding all life. All elements of the natural environment possess a life force, and all forms of life are related. Mauri is a critical element of the spiritual relationship of Ngāi Tahu Whānui with the area.

Purposes of statutory acknowledgement

Pursuant to section 215, and without limiting the rest of this schedule, the only purposes of this statutory acknowledgement are—

- (a) to require that consent authorities forward summaries of resource consent applications to Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu as required by regulations made pursuant to section 207 (clause 12.2.3 of the deed of settlement); and
- (b) to require that consent authorities, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, or the Environment Court, as the case may be, have regard to this statutory acknowledgement in relation to Matakāea, as provided in sections 208 to 210 (clause 12.2.4 of the deed of settlement); and
- (c) to empower the Minister responsible for management of Matakāea or the Commissioner of Crown Lands, as the case may be, to enter into a Deed of Recognition as provided in section 212 (clause 12.2.6 of the deed of settlement); and
- (d) to enable Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and any member of Ngāi Tahu Whānui to cite this statutory acknowledgement as evidence of the association of Ngāi Tahu to Matakāea as provided in section 211 (clause 12.2.5 of the deed of settlement).

Limitations on effect of statutory acknowledgement

Except as expressly provided in sections 208 to 211, 213, and 215,—

- (a) this statutory acknowledgement does not affect, and is not to be taken into account in, the exercise of any power, duty, or function by any person or entity under any statute, regulation, or bylaw; and
- (b) without limiting paragraph (a), no person or entity, in considering any matter or making any decision or recommendation under any statute, regulation, or bylaw, may give any greater or lesser weight to Ngāi Tahu's association to Matakāea (as described in this statutory acknowledgement) than that person or entity would give under the relevant statute, regulation, or bylaw, if this statutory acknowledgement did not exist in respect of Matakāea.

Except as expressly provided in this Act, this statutory acknowledgement does not affect the lawful rights or interests of any person who is not a party to the deed of settlement.

Except as expressly provided in this Act, this statutory acknowledgement does not, of itself, have the effect of granting, creating, or providing evidence of any estate or interest in, or any rights of any kind whatsoever relating to, Matakāea.