



Department of  
Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*

**To:** Owen Kilgour, Director Regional Operations – Western South Island

**From:** Tom Brookman, Programme Lead Tahr

**Endorsed by:** Christine Butler Permissions Regulatory Delivery Manager

**Date:** 19 May 2026

**Re: Applications for Aerially-Assisted Trophy Hunting concessions**

Pursuant to the delegations from the Minister for Hunting and Fishing<sup>1</sup> it is recommended that the Director Regional Operations – Western South Island exercise the power under [section 17ZG\(2\)\(a\)](#) to carry out action to encourage specific applications for Aerially-Assisted Trophy Hunting. The action is a review of Aerially-Assisted Trophy Hunting permits.

Note that the process under Section 17ZG(2)(a) commences from the date of signing this Memorandum and ends on the date any new concession(s) have been granted and any relevant reconsiderations have been determined. We expect the process to have concluded by 30 September 2026.

DOC will advise DOC's Treaty Partner, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and the affected concession holders of this decision. This decision will also be notified publicly, by way of a notice on the DOC website [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz).

**Decision**

Agree to “*carry out ...actions that may encourage specific applications*” for Aerially-Assisted Trophy Hunting, specifically a review of Aerially-Assisted Trophy Hunting permits.

**Agree/Disagree**

*OA Kilgour*

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Signed by **Owen Kilgour**, Director Regional Operations – Western South Island

Pursuant to a delegation by the Minister for Hunting and Fishing

Date: 19 May 2026

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of the instrument of delegation may be inspected at the Director General's Office