



# Wainongoro River Fishery

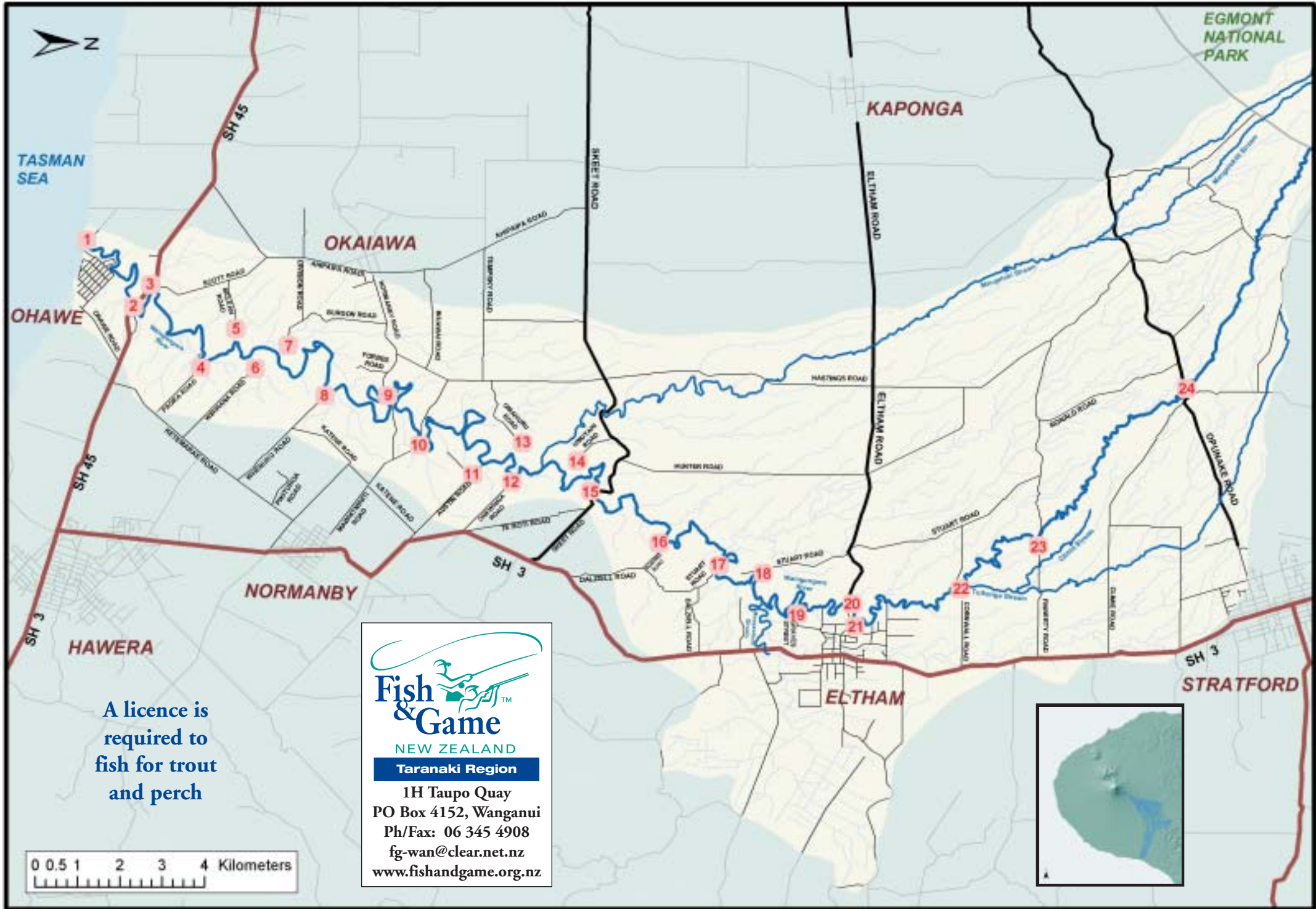
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- 22. Cornwall Road**  
Obtain permission from the upstream landholders by phoning 06 764 5364 and 06 764 8045. Turn off SH3 into Cornwall Road, 1.7km north of Eltham and drive to the end of the road. Don't drive down the track at the road end, but park on the flat away from gates. Walk down the track to the concrete ford and fish upstream. If you wish to fish on upstream to Finnerty Road, permission should be obtained from the true left bank landholder by phoning 06 764 8503.
- 23. Finnerty Road Bridge**  
Obtain permission from the upstream landholders by phoning 06 764 5150 and 06 764 8503. Let them know the type and colour of vehicle you will be driving. Turn off SH3 into Finnerty Road just north of Ngaere School. Drive 2.5km along to the bridge, park in the left-hand grassy area on the western side and fish upstream. Anglers can obtain permission to fish the river loop immediately downstream of the bridge by phoning 06 764 7028.
- 24. Opunake Road Bridge**  
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- 25. Lower Stuart Road off Eltham Road**  
In the centre of Eltham, turn off SH3 into Bridge Street, head west for 2.5km and turn left into lower Stuart Road. Permission to access the river must be obtained from the landholder at 205 lower Stuart Road, which is on the left near the road end. This section currently receives effluent from the Eltham oxidation ponds, via Mangawhero Stream, but this will cease by late 2005 when a pipeline will convey effluent to the Hawera wastewater treatment plant. The reach also receives treated effluent from Riverlands abattoir, though this is mostly abattoir, though this is mostly irrigated to land during the angling season.
- 19. Graves Street in Eltham**  
The landholders will allow access if asked, but anglers must approach them in person. At Eltham, turn west off SH3 into Conway Road by Street immediately over the railway line. Turn into Graves Street at the end of the road. There is limited parking on verge at the end of Graves Street. This reach receives treated effluent from Riverlands abattoir, though this is mostly irrigated to land during the angling season.
- 20. Pinney Drive off Eltham Road**  
In the centre of Eltham, turn off SH3 into Bridge Street (which becomes Eltham Road) and head west over the railway line. Before reaching the Eltham Road Bridge over the Wainongoro, turn right into Pinney Drive. Head left over the bridge and park on the grassy area next to the corrugated iron building. Walk back over the Pinney Road Bridge. The narrow paddocks next to Eltham Road are road reserve and provide access for upstream wading, or downstream to the Eltham Road Bridge pool. Please take care to shut the gates securely, avoid disturbing stock and keep to the river channel.
- 21. Taumata Park in Eltham**  
In the centre of Eltham, turn off SH3 into Bridge Street and head west over the railway line. Turn right into Preston Street and park in the designated area outside the Park entrance. Go in through the gate, turn left and head down past the cricket nets to a dirt track, which leads to the river. Anglers can either wade upstream from here, or follow a rough track up the riverbank, which ends at the water's edge about 1km upstream. If fishing on upstream from here, please note that there is no access along the true left bank adjacent to the Presbyterian Camp and please keep to the river channel in the area immediately above and below the concrete farm access bridge. To fish

- 16. Rogers Road off Dalzell Road**  
Turn off SH3 into Dalzell Road, 6km south of Eltham. Turn into Rogers Road, drive over the railway line and obtain permission by asking at the house. Park by the cattle yards, but away from the access track. Walk down to the end of the track and fish back upstream. Some fairly deep wading is required toward the top of this relatively short section.
- 17. Stuart Road off Dalzell Road**  
Turn off SH3 into Dalzell Road, 3km south of Eltham and after 1.7km turn right into Stuart Road. Permission to access the river must be obtained from the road-end landholder.
- 18. Lower Stuart Road off Eltham Road**  
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A licence is required to fish for trout and perch

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