



Branch River Trout Stocking Programme, Marlborough

Client: TrustPower

TrustPower engaged Ryder Consulting to investigate and implement options for trout stocking to meet a consent requirement of the Branch hydro-electric power scheme. We worked with Nelson-Marlborough Fish and Game to source adult fish from Canterbury and Marlborough and over three years, tagged and released trout into the Branch and Leatham rivers using helicopters to minimise transport time and stress on the fish. Since then trout movement has been monitored and has led to refinement of the stocking programme.