

The Department recommends that you contact the Department of Conservation permissions office listed below to discuss your application prior to completing the application forms.

This form is to be used when applying for a new permit or the renewal of an existing permit, and where the proposed activity involves shore-based marine mammal viewing. This form is to be completed in conjunction with Applicant Information Form 8.

Note:

- If your application also involves marine mammal viewing which is vessel-based please also fill in Form 8a.
- If your application also involves marine mammal viewing which is aircraft-based please also fill in Form 8c.
- If your application also involves swimming with marine mammals please also fill in Form 8e.
- If you seek a minor amendment to a current permit (i.e. a new vehicle or a new staff member) please fill in the application Form 8f. If you seek an amendment that is more than minor please contact the office below.

Please complete this application form, providing all information requested in as much detail as possible. Attach **Form 8** and any other applicable forms and information, and send to permissions@doc.govt.nz.

Note:

- Under regulation 10 of the Marine Mammals Protection Regulations 1992, the Department must determine whether or not the application is acceptable and may require the application to be amended. The Department will advise applicants if, and what, amendments are required before this application can be processed by the Department.
- If the application is approved, it is deemed to form part of the permit which is issued and must be complied with accordingly. Your application, therefore, must be clear, complete and accurate.

The Department will process the application and issue a permit if it is satisfied that the application meets all the requirements for granting a permit under the Marine Mammals Protection Regulations 1992.

A. Applicant name (as per Form 8)

Wild Earth (2003) Limited

B. Proposed Operation

Species

Tick which species you are applying to view:

- ✦ New Zealand fur seal
 - ✦ New Zealand sea lion
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* Please inform yourself as to the current list of moratoria and species or locations of concern prior to making your application.

Location information (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

Base of operation:

Otago

Proposed area of operation:

Victory Beach

Specific locations where contact with marine mammals is proposed:

Victory Beach

Proposed route to, along and across the shore:

The usual trip is a drive around Hoopers Inlet, a bike ride around Papanui Inlet to Okia Reserve then a walk over the sand dunes to Victory Beach.

Trip details (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

Frequency - proposed months of operation:

12 months, mostly Oct to April

Frequency - number of trips per annum:

On average 4 per week, 208 trips per annum

Frequency - number of trips per day:

Max 2 per day

Duration of trips:

Whole trip including transport from Dunedin City usually 4 - 4.5 hours

Maximum number of vehicles operating at any one time:

One motor vehicle & up to 11 cycles

Maximum number of passengers:

10 pax per trip

Vehicle Information (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

Vehicle 1. description:

Registration: CWU274

Make: Ford

Model: Transit

4WD/2WD 2WD

Carrying Capacity: 12 pax

Colour: White

Vehicle 2. description:

Registration: TM2258

Make: Ford

Model: Transit

4WD/2WD 2WD

Carrying Capacity: 12 pax

Colour: White

Drivers, guides and other relevant staff (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

Please fill in for every staff member who may come into contact with marine mammals throughout the course of the proposed operation.

Full Name: Steve Brown

Job Title: Director

Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the Act or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals?

Yes
 No

If "yes", please provide details:

Relevant experience with marine mammals: Steve has over 15 years experience leading and managing marine mammal tours. Hold industry qualifications.

Relevant knowledge of the local area and sea conditions: Steve has over 15 years experience operating tourism activities in this area

Full Name: Emma Ramsay Brown

Job Title: Director

Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the Act or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals?

Yes
 No

If "yes", please provide details:

Relevant experience with marine mammals: Emma has over 15 years experience leading and managing marine mammal tours. Hold industry qualifications

Relevant knowledge of the local area and sea conditions: Emma has over 15 years experience operating tourism activities in this area

Full Name: Lesley Pijpker

Job Title: Guide

Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the Act or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals? Yes
 No

If "yes" ,please provide details:

Relevant experience with marine mammals: Lesley has over 5 years experience leading and managing marine mammal tours. Hold industry qualifications

Relevant knowledge of the local area and sea conditions: Lesley has over 5 years experience operating tourism activities in this area

Full Name: Todd Murray Job Title: Guide

Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the Act or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals? Yes
 No

If "yes" ,please provide details:

Relevant experience with marine mammals: Todd has over 6 years experience leading and managing marine mammal tours. Hold industry qualifications

Relevant knowledge of the local area and sea conditions: Todd has over 6 years experience operating tourism activities in this area

Full Name: Daniel Batchelor Job Title: Guide

Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the Act or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals? Yes
 No

If "yes" ,please provide details:

Relevant experience with marine mammals: Daniel has over 15 years experience leading and managing marine mammal tours.

Relevant knowledge of the local area and sea conditions: Daniel has over 15 years experience operating sea kayak activities in this area

Full Name: Tegan McNeish Job Title:Guide

Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the Act or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals? Yes
 No

If "yes", please provide details:

Relevant experience with marine mammals: Tegan has guided for us for one full season leading and managing marine mammal tours and has undergone our full staff induction including relevant materials on marine mammals and the regulations.

Full Name: Marina Hanger Job Title:Guide

Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the Act or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals? Yes
 No

If "yes", please provide details:

Relevant experience with marine mammals: Marina has guided for us for three full seasons leading and managing marine mammal tours and has undergone our full staff induction including relevant materials on marine mammals and the regulations.

Full Name: Annie Pepers Job Title:Guide

Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the Act or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals? Yes
 No

If "yes", please provide details:

Relevant experience with marine mammals: Annie has guided for us for three full seasons leading and managing marine mammal tours and has undergone our full staff induction including relevant materials

on marine mammals and the regulations.

Full Name: Ana Maria Lynch Ramirez

Job Title: Guide

Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the Act or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals?

Yes
 No

If "yes", please provide details:

Relevant experience with marine mammals: Ana has guided for us for one full season leading and managing marine mammal tours and has undergone our full staff induction including relevant materials on marine mammals and the regulations.

Prior to the start of each season all Staff, both current and new, undergo a pre season training session. This involves updates on new information about routes and/or fauna that may be encountered during trips and refreshers on Marine Mammal Viewing Regulation

Proposed Term

You can apply for up to 10 years. However, in some situations a permit may be restricted to a shorter term for the purposes of the conservation, protection or management of marine mammals.

10 years

C. Additional information (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

Maximum time to be spent with marine mammals per individual encounter:

½ an hour on the beach

Maximum cumulative time for all encounters with marine mammals during trip:

1 hour, if sighted on the cycle or drive

Nature of the contact with marine mammals:

Primary purpose

* Secondary purpose

Vehicle approach route and orientation of approach relative to seals or sea lions:

Vehicles do not access the beach area, clients and staff walk into the viewing location.

Position of vehicles relative to seals or sea lions, the shore and the sea while viewing:

Vehicles are parked in a public car park and the group accesses the viewing area by cycling to the start of the Okia reserve area then walking into the beach

Distances to each species:

NZ Fur Seals min 20 m leaving egress for animal to sea open

New Zealand Sea Lions min 20 m leaving egress for animal to sea open

How groups of people will be managed in the vicinity of seals or sea lions in particular to manage noise and behaviour:

If wildlife are present on the beach the group is guided to view them by the staff so correct distances and

behaviours are maintained by clients and the group can be withdrawn if the Guide judges the animals require this behaviour

Behaviour around breeding colonies, nurseries and pups:

Groups will respect breeding animals and maintain suitable distances and withdraw if the Guide deems the animals are being disturbed. This area is mostly home to males. We will not target or pursue viewing of mothers that have retired into vegetated areas to rest, sleep, feed or suckle pups.

What other actions you will take to minimise disturbance of the marine mammals:

Avoid coming between them and the sea

Never attempt to touch them

Do not move suddenly near them or make loud noises

Do not leave rubbish

How will you depart from the marine mammals?

Vehicle departure route and orientation of departure relative to seals or sea lions:

The group walks back out of the beach track away from the animals

D. Educational material (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

As details in other materials supplied

APPENDIX 1

GUIDANCE INFORMATION FOR FILLING IN THE FORM

Location information

“Base of operation” -specify the location where passengers board the vehicle.

“Proposed area of operation” -provide a written description of the general extent of the operation where you will be likely to have contact with marine mammals – please specify the boundaries (e.g. key landmarks) and the location as it is generally known; e.g. Wellington coast or Wairarapa coast.

“Specific locations where contact with marine mammals is proposed” - you need to list any particular sites you will visit where marine mammals are known or expected to be encountered; e.g. Red Rocks, Ohau Stream waterfall, Point Kean, Barney’s Island, Adele Island.

Trip details

Clearly identify where there are seasonal differences in the trip details

Type and number of vehicles to be used

If you have more vehicles than the spaces provided please copy the fields and paste to the bottom of the table in the section.

Drivers, guides and other relevant staff

If you have more staff members than the spaces provided please copy the fields and paste to the bottom of the table in the section.

Additional information

Please be specific for each class of marine mammal or for individual species.

Maximum time spent with marine mammals per individual encounter:

“Encounter” means being less than 100 metres from a seal or sea lion.

Nature of the contact with marine mammals:

“Primary purpose” means the operation’s main focus is to seek out and encounter seals or sea lions e.g. seal encounter tours and trips to known seal colonies.

“Secondary purpose” means that viewing seals or sea lions is not the operation’s main focus but will still be viewed if encountered; e.g. certain scenic cruises, tourist bus trips.

Educational Material

Please briefly describe the educational aspects of the proposed operation and supply any proposed educational material, copies of brochures or information booklets as an attachment (note, these may be returned if requested).