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## A. Proposed Operation

### Species

Tick which species you are applying to view:

New Zealand fur seal

New Zealand sea lion

Other please list:

Leopards and Elephant seals

\* Please inform yourself as to the current list of moratoria and species or locations of concern prior to making your application.

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### Location information (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

Base of operation:

Catlins Valley

Proposed area of operation:

Catlins coast

Specific locations where contact with marine mammals is proposed:

Cannibal Bay, Surat Bay, Purakaunui Bay Pounaweia Headland Jacks Bays

Proposed route to, along and across the shore:

Along the shore on foot from road to the Bays

**You must attach a map** of the proposed area of operation; it must clearly show the boundaries of the area, any specific locations where contact with marine mammals is likely, and expected routes.

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### Trip details (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

Frequency - proposed months of operation:

All year round but mainly September – May

Frequency - number of trips per day:

1

Duration of trips:

6 hours

Maximum number of vehicles operating at any one time:

1

Maximum number of passengers:

12

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## Vehicle Information (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

### Vehicle 1. description:

Registration: JLL 398

Make: Jeep

Model: Wrangler

4WD

Carrying Capacity: 4

Colour: Grey

### Vehicle 2. description:

Registration: CATLIN

Make: Toyota

Model: Hiace

2WD

Carrying Capacity: 12

Colour: Brown

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## 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: Cheryl Pullar

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?

No

Relevant experience with marine mammals: DOC ranger

Full Name: Lyndon McKenzie

Job Title: Guide and Driver

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

No

Relevant experience with marine mammals: Many years on beach walks and living locally

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## 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

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## **B. Additional information** (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

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

10 minutes

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

30 minutes

Nature of the contact with marine mammals:

Primary purpose

Secondary purpose

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

Vehicle will be parked at road end car park. Clients and guides will be walking

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

As above

Distances to each species:

Sea Lions - 20 metres or 10 metres when not practical to keep to 20m due to size of the beach

All other species – 20 metres

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

No more than 12 people, but generally only 4 people. Will stay at least 10m away and never surround animals. Will remain calm and move away if seals become too boisterous, or show signs of alarm or disturbance (eg raising head in response to the group)

Behaviour around breeding colonies, nurseries and pups:

Only viewed from track above colonies, observed through binoculars

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

No loud noises – depart the area moving calmly away

Not walk between seal and the sea unless unavoidable

### **How will you depart from the marine mammals?**

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

Guides and clients will walk back to parked vehicle

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### **C. Educational material (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)**

Guests will be told how to interact with the mammals they will encounter, how far to stay away from them and how to photo them. They will be told of the lifecycle of the mammals and breeding habits. They will also be told how humans have affected the mammals in the past and also what is being done to protect the mammals for the future. They will be given DOC brochures so that they can further understand the mammals they have seen.