

The Department recommends that you contact us to discuss the proposed activity prior to completing the application forms:

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This form must be completed when applying for permits to hold, take, import, export marine mammals for non-research purposes ONLY. If you wish to hold, take, import, export marine mammals for research purposes please fill in [Form 12a](#), available on the DOC website.

Please provide all information requested in as much detail as possible. Applicants will be advised **if** further information is required before this application can be processed by the Department.

Please note that the application process involves notification in the *Gazette* for 28 days (see s.5.5 of the Act), allow sufficient time when submitting the application for this to be undertaken.

Once you have filled in your application form, please complete this checklist to ensure that all components of your application are complete. This will help prevent any possible delays in the processing of your application.

- Legal status (company/trust/inc society) registration number (if not an individual)
- Written consultations (if applicable)
- Have you read and accept the section regarding the liability of the applicant for payment of fees
- Have you signed your application?**

All efforts in putting together a detailed application are greatly appreciated and will allow the Department to effectively and efficiently process your application.

A. Applicant Details

Applicant Name
(full name of registered company or individual, student or university) Empire Capital Ltd

B. Details of Proposed Activity

Take Hold Import Export

NB please tick all applicable activities

C. Purpose of Proposed Activity

- Description of activity

Permission is sought to move seals on when hauled out on Hobsonville, Bayswater and Pine Harbour Marina structures in areas where they pose a threat to people or where people cannot access their vessels without putting themselves in a position which contravenes the minimum safe distances outlined by DOC.

Seals are not moved on if there is no need to do so.

A seal would be moved (by a suitably trained staff member) by whatever means the Director General deems allowable.

- Species of marine mammal

Leopard seal, New Zealand fur seal

- Type of marine mammal item/part (eg tooth):

N/A

- Number of marine mammal items/parts:

N/A

- How was the marine mammal item/part obtained:

N/A

- Proposed dates if applicable:

Ongoing

D. Other

Is there any further information you wish to supply in support of your application?

This permit is being applied for due to the fact that one Leopard Seal has made Hobsonville Marina, Bayswater Marina and Pine Harbour Marina part of her life. If we do not have any methods to "disturb" her then a member of the public could do so which could result in injury (or worse) for the seal. I spent 14 years working for DOC, most of which as a Warranted Ranger. I feel I have the appropriate species management skills to be entrusted with a permit to move Leopard Seals off the marina structures.

E. Consultation Undertaken

Some applications require consultation with whanau/hap0/iwi (local Maori), and other interested parties. Please contact the nearest Department of Conservation office to discuss what is required. Written expert views, advice or opinions concerning your proposal may also be attached to support the application. Attach any proof of consultation to the application.

Nil

F. Fees

Section 608 of the Conservation Act enables the Department to recover all direct and indirect costs from an Applicant to process an application regardless of whether the application is approved or declined. If at any stage an application is withdrawn the Department will invoice the Applicant for the costs incurred by the Department up to that point. Applicants are required to pay the processing fees within 28 days of receiving an invoice. The Director-General is entitled to recover any unpaid fees as a debt.

We will send you an estimate of fees before they are incurred and invoice you once we have processed your application. Please contact us for further information.

