

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](mailto: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.

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## A. Applicant name (as per Form 8)

Pure Salt NZ Ltd

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## B. Proposed Operation

### Species

Tick which species you are applying to view:

New Zealand fur seal

New Zealand sea lion

Other please list:

\* 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:

Te Anau

Proposed area of operation:

Whole of Fiordland, Foveaux Strait, Stewart Island

Specific locations where contact with marine mammals is proposed:

Dusky Sound:

Anchor Island – Luncheon Cove

Pigeon Island

Stewart Island:

Glory Cove / Ocean Beach walk - Patterson Inlet

Prices Inlet (around Whalers' base) - Patterson Inlet

Tikotahi Bay

Belltopper Falls

Tin Range Track at Diprose Bay

Broad Bay - Port Pegasus (Broad Bay to Disappointment Cove walk)

Bald Cone Access Track

Proposed route to, along and across the shore:

Access to the above sites will be via boat. Passengers will access the shore via a tender.

**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:

Year round

The fur seals in Luncheon Cove are particularly vulnerable to disturbance in the breeding season between November and February, so it is proposed that there would be no targeted viewing of fur seals in the forest at Luncheon Cove during the breeding season. It is still proposed to visit Luncheon Cove for non-targeted/incidental viewing (as permitted in the DOC concession for this site).

Frequency - number of trips per annum:

Year round operation

Frequency - number of trips per day:

One

Duration of trips:

Typically 3-7 days

Maximum number of vehicles operating at any one time:

n/a. Access to land will be via boat. One vessel will be operating at any one time

Maximum number of passengers:

12 (NOTE: The maximum number of passengers at each location is limited by the guiding concession).

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

n/a. Access to land will be via boat. Vessel is called MV Flightless. Max passengers is 12 with 4 crew. See vessel based activity form for further information.

### Vehicle 1. description:

Registration:	Make:
Model:	4WD/2WD
Carrying Capacity:	Colour:

### Vehicle 2. description:

Registration:	Make:
Model:	4WD/2WD
Carrying Capacity:	Colour:

### Vehicle 3. description:

Registration:	Make:
Model:	4WD/2WD
Carrying Capacity:	Colour:

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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.

See vessel based activity form for details of skippers, crew and other staff members who may come in contact with marine mammals (Maria Kuster and Sean Ellis plus other staff).

Full Name:	Job Title:
Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the Act or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If "yes", please provide details:	
Relevant experience with marine mammals:	

Full Name:	Job Title:
Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the Act or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If "yes", please provide details:	
Relevant experience with marine mammals:	

Full Name:	Job Title:
Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the Act or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If "yes", please provide details:	
Relevant experience with marine mammals:	

Full Name:	Job Title:
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If "yes", please provide details:	
Relevant experience with marine mammals:	

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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.

5 years

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

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

20 minutes per individual encounter.

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

Cumulative viewing time of 60 minutes per species per day

Nature of the contact with marine mammals:

Primary purpose

Secondary purpose

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

Interactions with marine mammals on land will primarily occur on beaches or walking tracks. The applicant's boat will drop the passengers off, then they will approach on foot.

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

No vehicles will be involved. Passengers will approach on foot.

Distances to each species:

At least 20m from sea lions and fur seals on the land if practicable (otherwise a minimum of 10m). Seals and sea lions with pups won't be approached closer than 30m.

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

Avoid approaching closer than 20m to seals and sea lions hauled out on shore.

On shore

- Give seals and sea lions space. Where practicable, stay at least 20m away;
- Avoid coming between fur seals and the sea;
- Do not disturb, harass or make loud noises near marine mammals;
- Cease contact if marine mammals show signs of being disturbed or alarmed;
- Do not feed or throw any rubbish near marine mammals;
- The group viewing the animal will stay on one side so as not to surround the animal (maximum of half a circle);
- Avoid seals or sea lions with young pups,
- Be aware of juvenile male sea lions who can be quite aggressive.

Behaviour around breeding colonies, nurseries and pups:

Known breeding colonies will be avoided in the breeding season. If a young pup is encountered during a walk the passengers will move on quickly so as not to disturb the animals.

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

Keep noise to a minimum, avoid flash photography, keep to one side of the animal. Avoid surrounding them.

How will you depart from the marine mammals?

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

Departure will be via tender back to the boat MV Flightless.

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

See vessel based activity form for details of educational material on board the vessel

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## **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.

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#### **Trip details**

Clearly identify where there are seasonal differences in the trip details

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

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#### **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).

## Appendix 2 - Land based marine mammal viewing locations

Stewart Island: Patterson Inlet and Tikotatahi Bay





Stewart Island - Port Pegasus



Dusky Sound – Anchor Island and Pigeon Island



Dusky Sound – Goose Cove to Woodhen Cove

