

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 Advisor (Support)

Private Bag 4715

Christchurch Mail Centre

Christchurch 8140

Ph +64 3 371 3700

Email: [permissionschristchurch@doc.govt.nz](mailto:permissionschristchurch@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)

Real Journeys Limited

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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:

Leopard Seal, and Sea Elephant

\* 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:

Halfmoon Bay

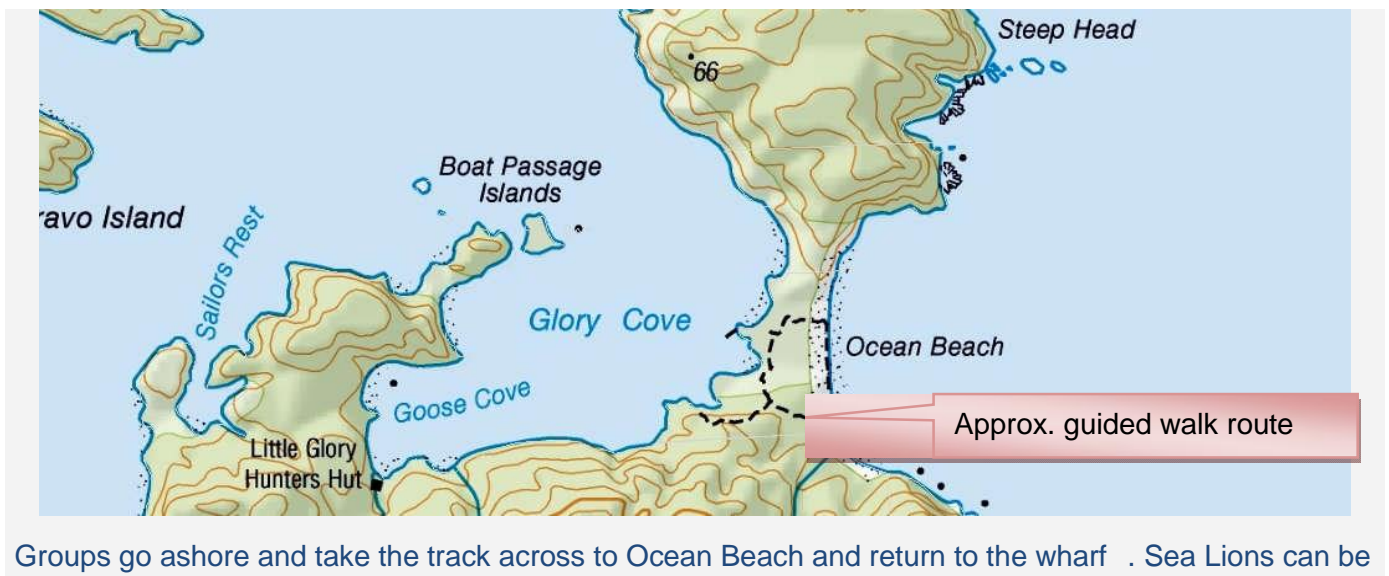
Proposed area of operation:

Guided walks authorised under PAC 14-06-02-07 and PAC 14-06-75

Specific locations where contact with marine mammals is proposed:

Mainly NZ Sea Lions on Little Glory Cove to Ocean Beach Track and Ocean Beach  
Other marine mammals are infrequently seen on the beach Lee Bay and NZ Furseals are occasionally seen on the rocks at Ackers Point.

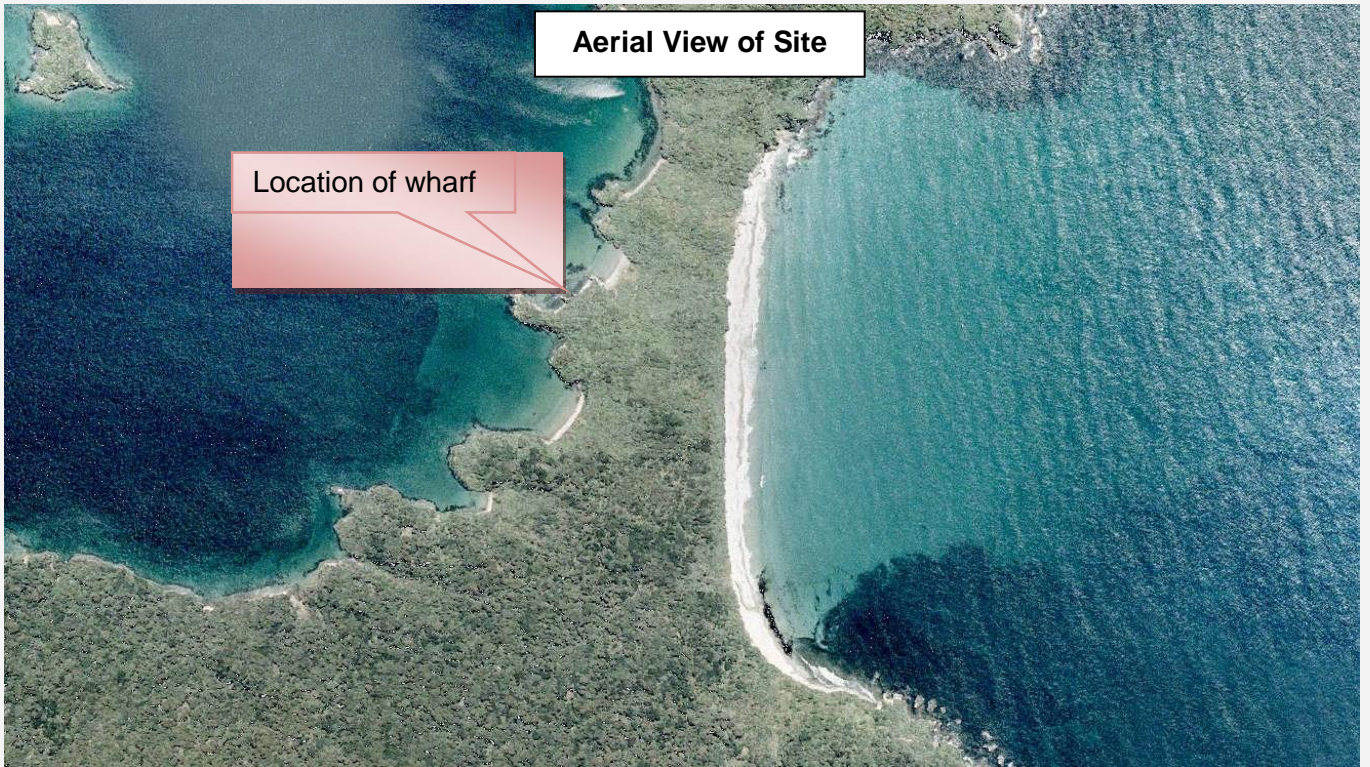
Proposed route to, along and across the shore:



Groups go ashore and take the track across to Ocean Beach and return to the wharf . Sea Lions can be



found anywhere along the track route and on Ocean Beach.



Other locations other marine mammals are occasionally seen are shown with red dashed lines below



**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:

Daily year round (recently applied to vary concession to provide for this)

Frequency - number of trips per annum:

365

Frequency - number of trips per day:

One – to Little Glory Cove

Duration of trips:

Approximate two hours ashore

Maximum number of vehicles operating at any one time:

N/A – vessel only to deliver and pick up passengers a Little Glory Cove Wharf

Maximum number of passengers:

36

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

N/A

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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: BRAGG, Donald Lawrence

Job Title: Nature Guide / Crew

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: Donald has worked for Real Journeys since 2012 and is primarily ferry crew and due to his length of service with Real Journeys he has gained a good understanding of the behaviour required around marine mammals

Full Name: BRYAN, Marcus Edward

Job Title: Nature Guide / Crew

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: Bryan has worked for Real Journeys since 2012 and due to his length of service with Real Journeys he has gained a good understanding of the behaviour required around marine mammals

Full Name: DAWSON, Serena

Job Title: Nature Guide / Crew

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: Serena has worked for Real Journeys since 2010 and due to her length of service with Real Journeys she has gained a good understanding of the behaviour required around marine mammals

Full Name: HAWKLESS, Laurice Ann

Job Title: Nature Guide / Crew

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: Laurice has worked for Real Journeys since 2009 and due to her length of service with Real Journeys she has gained a good understanding of the behaviour required around marine mammals

Full Name: JONES, Matthew Christopher

Job Title: Nature Guide / Crew

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: Matthew has worked for Real Journeys since 2008 and due to his length of service with Real Journeys he has gained a good understanding of the behaviour required around marine mammals.

Full Name: MCCARTHY, Shane

Job Title: Nature Guide / Crew

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: Shane has worked for Real Journeys for one year hence Shane has limited experience of marine mammals but he is level headed and proved well able to follow the appropriate marine mammal viewing guidelines

Full Name: OSBORN, David Laurence Job Title: Nature Guide / Crew

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: David has worked for Real Journeys for two years therefore he has less experience of marine mammals compared to our other staff however he has proved well able to follow the appropriate marine mammal viewing guidelines

Full Name: SHEPARD, Josephine Job Title: Nature Guide / Crew

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: Jo has worked for Real Journeys for just over two years therefore she has less experience of marine mammals compared to our other staff however she has proved well able to follow the appropriate marine mammal viewing guidelines

Full Name: SUTHERLAND, Francesca Tesei Job Title: Nature Guide / Crew

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: Fran has less experience of marine mammals compared to our other staff however he has proved well able to follow the appropriate marine mammal viewing guidelines

Full Name: TRANMER, Sarah Job Title: Nature Guide / Crew

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: Sarah has worked for Real Journeys for just over two years therefore she has less experience of marine mammals compared to our other staff however she has proved well able to follow the appropriate marine mammal viewing guidelines

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

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

15 minutes

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

15 minutes

Nature of the contact with marine mammals:

Primary purpose

Secondary purpose

With respect to Wild Kiwi Encounter; this tour is undertaken after dark to increase the likelihood of viewing Kiwi. Undertaking this activity in the dark makes encounters with New Zealand Sea Lions problematic because typically the sea lions are not seen until the sea lions rush at the group in the dark. Or the sea lion can be on the track and for health and safety reasons it is impossible to maintain an appropriate distance from the sea lion when passing the animal. That is often the focus around sea lions is to avoid the encounter or get out of the way of the sea lion as fast as possible as having a sea lion moving around in the bush is not conducive to kiwi sightings.

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

N/A

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

N/A

Distances to each species:

As stated above because the Wild Kiwi Encounter is undertaken in the dark the group can end up closer than 20 metres although we recognise that it is far from ideal to get closer than 20 metres.

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

Groups are advised to keep as quiet as possible mainly to enable kiwi viewing.

Groups are to stay together and not spread out.

Give seals and sea lions space and where practicable, stay at least 20 metres away.

Avoid coming between the water and the marine mammal.

Never feed or attempt to touch seals or sea lions



Behaviour around breeding colonies, nurseries and pups:

N/A

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

Where possible walk the group around the animal.

Not allow passengers to take photos using a camera flash.

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

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

N/A

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

At present we have no educational material for Stewart Island tours we operate

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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.

## **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).