

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

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)

Tranzit Coachlines Wairarapa Ltd

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.

Location information (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance) Base of operation:

Wellington i-Site, 111 Wakefield Street, Wellington

Proposed area of operation:

Wairarapa Coast

Specific locations where contact with marine mammals is proposed:

Cape Palliser

Proposed route to, along and across the shore:

From Pirinoa, Cape Palliser road through to light house.

Itinerary for a typical Hammonds Cape Palliser – Off the Beaten Track tour

8.30am Departs Wellington Hotel pickups

9.30am Featherston for morning cuppa

11.00am Arrive Ngawi / Cape Palliser area. Vehicle stops on roadside, 50m past Kupe's Sail. Seals are on grass area between the road and the water.

Note. From Lake Ferry Road, Cape Palliser Lighthouse is approximately 38km at the end of Cape Palliser Road. This is a no exit road and in order to reach the Lighthouse, the seal colony has to be passed.

11.15am Tour moves on a further two km to Cape Palliser Light House. Participants can climb the 253 steps to the lighthouse

12.00pm If time is available and weather is suitable, a second stop would be made on the return with the vehicle parking on a hard gravel area at what is locally known as the "Nursery Pools" A short walk enables the viewing of juveniles frolicking in shallow pools (tide dependant) under the watchful eye of mature females

12.20pm depart and travel via Ngawi (views and photo opportunity of tractors and fishing boats pulled up on the gravel beach) before travelling back along Cape Palliser Road to the Lake Ferry Hotel for lunch arriving 1.15pm, 3.00pm Visit a Martinborough Vineyard, 4.30pm Visit “Rivendell” at the Kaitoke Regional Park, 5.30pm Arrive back in Wellington

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.

Trip details (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

Frequency - proposed months of operation:

All year

Frequency - number of trips per annum:

Approximately 100

Frequency - number of trips per day:

One

Duration of trips:

In the area Ngawi – Lighthouse 1.5 hours for total trip

Maximum number of vehicles operating at any one time:

1 vehicle/tour

Maximum number of passengers:

Max 10

Vehicle Information (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

Vehicle 1. description: Tranzit small coaster

Registration: GPN687	Make: Mistubishi
Model: Rosa	4WD/2WD: 2WD
Carrying Capacity: 24	Colour: White

Vehicle 2. description: Transit Mercedes

Registration: KLS364	Make: Mercedes
Model: Sprinter	4WD/2WD 2WD
Carrying Capacity: 19	Colour: White

Vehicle 3. description: People Mover

Registration: BNJ279	Make: Toyota
Model: Privia	4WD/2WD: 2WD
Carrying Capacity: 5	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: David Taylor	Job Title: Owner / Operator – contractor to Transit
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If “yes”, please provide details:	
Relevant experience with marine mammals: Tours/Sightseeing visiting	

Full Name: Graeme Chapman	Job Title: Tour Driver
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If “yes”, please provide details:	
Relevant experience with marine mammals: Tours/Sightseeing visiting	

Full Name: Les Cockeram	Job Title: Tour Driver
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If “yes”, please provide details:	
Relevant experience with marine mammals: Tours/Sightseeing visiting	

Full Name: Craig Mangin	Job Title: Tour Driver
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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:

Tours/Sightseeing visiting

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:

20 minutes

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

40 minutes – maximum of 2 stops per trip

Nature of the contact with marine mammals:

Primary purpose

Secondary purpose Sightseeing – international visitors

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

From Pirinoa, Cape Palliser road through to the Cape Palliser Lighthouse

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

Vehicle parked on road

Distances to each species:

Generally distance to the road.

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

Informed of safety and best approach. Driver/Guide stays with group. Generally smaller groups.

Behaviour around breeding colonies, nurseries and pups:

Aware of adult female and their young ones. Maintain distances of at least 20m from a seal

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

Education on board vehicle before arriving. No sudden movements and maintaining distances. Move quietly. Do not get between seals and the sea. Be aware of where seals may be resting.

How will you depart from the marine mammals?

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

Depart from Light house back to Lake Ferry.

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

Use the DOC Seal Deal information / education handout to explain to customers how important it is to understand how to interact with seals. Also have own handout explaining behaviour around seals and distances to be kept, i.e. at least 20m.

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).