

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 viewing marine mammals from a vessel at sea. Examples may include viewing from kayaks, scenic tours which include marine mammal watching, or specific targeted marine mammal viewing trips. This form is to be completed in conjunction with Applicant Information Form 8.

Note:

- If your application also involves marine mammal viewing which is land-based please also fill in Form 8b.
- 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 boat or 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.

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)

Jared Anderson trading as Catlins Kayak and Adventure

B. Proposed operation

Species

Specify the marine mammals you propose to encounter:

- all species of whales (including orca and pilot whales)*
- all species of dolphins (excluding orca and pilot whales)*
- all species of seals*

Excluding:

Or

- the following specified species*

as per existing permit

* 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:

[REDACTED]

Departure location (if different to base of operations):

Willsher Bay, Nuggets Road

Proposed area of operation:

North Catlins

Specific locations where contact with marine mammals is proposed:

Nugget Point as per existing permit and Cannibal Bay or Surat Bay

Tour route:

Launch boat at Willsher Bay, Kaka Point, Nuggets Road. Travel along coastline to Nugget Point and then to Cannibal or Surat Bay and return.



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:

12 months. Trips will not be run simultaneously with the kayaks. Instead they will be run as an either kaykas operating OR boat operating.

Frequency - number of trips per annum:

Weather dependant

Frequency - number of trips per day:

1-2 weather and season dependant

Duration of trips:

2-4 hours

Maximum number of vessels operating at any one time:

1

Maximum number of passengers:

Type and number of vessels to be used (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

Vessel 1 description:

Vessel name: Unknown at this stage	Make: Osprey
Model: 890HT Wide	Size: 8.9 meter
Carrying capacity: 10 passenger, 1 skipper	Colour: Either black or white
Motive power: 4 Stroke Outboard	Construction and hull design: Aluminium Pontoon
Planing hull: Yes	Displacement hull: No
Noise levels above sea: Unknown	Noise levels below sea: Unknown
Maximum speed: 30 knots	Normal cruising speed: 15-20 knots

Masters, skippers, 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: Jared Anderson	Job Title: Owner/Operator
Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the Act or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals?	No
If "yes", please provide details:	
Relevant experience with marine mammals: Please see existing permit	
Relevant knowledge of the local area and sea conditions: Please see existing permit	

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:

10 minutes per encounter

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

30 minutes

Nature of the contact with marine mammals:

Secondary purpose

Speeds when approaching and viewing marine mammals:

Idle or no wake speed

Behaviour of vessel and orientation of approach relative to marine mammals:

The skipper shall operate the boat as to not disrupt the normal movement or behaviour of any marine mammal.

Contact with any marine mammal shall be abandoned at any stage if it becomes or shows signs of becoming disturbed or alarmed.

The skipper will not cause any marine mammal to be separated from a group of marine mammals or cause any members of such group to be scattered.

Any approach to marine mammals would be slightly from the rear or parallel.

Position of vessels relative to marine mammals while viewing:

Marine mammals will be viewed from the stern of the vessel and through the windows of the cockpit.

The vessel will remain positioned slightly to the rear or parallel to any marine mammals.

Distances to each species:

The vessel will not approach closer than 50m to any whales, at least 20m away from any seals.

Distance to the water's edge (for seals or sea lions hauled out on shore):

No closer than 20m

Behaviour around calves or pups:

The skipper will be aware of the time of year and will keep a distance of at least 50m from all breeding colonies and will not approach closer than 200m to any whale with calf.

Speed of departure:

When within 200m of the shore vessels are required by maritime regulations to reduce speed to 5 knots hence our vessel will be operating at no wake speed when adjacent to shoreline where marine mammals are found.

Behaviour of vessel and departure route relative to marine mammals:

Skipper will be aware of the mammals assumed path and avoid splitting the group or obstructing their path. The skipper will vacate the vicinity of the marine mammals via a path that would not disrupt the mammals to the rear or side of the direction they are taking. Speeds will not exceed 10 knots until 300m away.

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

If any marine mammal chooses to leave the stationary or moving vessel, that vessel shall not attempt to

re-establish contact with the marine mammal.

No touching or feeding of marine mammals.

Participants will be well informed of the expected behaviour around marine mammals.

All rubbish and waste will be disposed onboard the vessel.

Where applicable, how will groups of kayaks (or similar manually propelled watercraft) be managed in the vicinity of marine mammals?

How kayaks will be positioned relative to each other during approaches and departures:

How kayaks will be grouped together while viewing:

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

As per existing permit

APPENDIX 1

GUIDANCE INFORMATION FOR FILLING IN THE FORM

Location information

“Base of operation” - specify the port, marina, or launching site where passengers would board the vessel (note: this may not necessarily be the same location where the booking office is located).

“Proposed area of operation” - provide a written description of the general extent of the operation – please specify the boundaries (e.g. key landmarks) and the location as it is generally known; e.g. Pelorus Sound or Otago Harbour.

“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. seal colony sites and/or specific localities where dolphins are known to occur.

Trip details

Clearly identify where there are seasonal differences in the trip details.

Type and number of vessels to be used

If you have more vessels than the spaces provided please copy the fields and paste to the bottom of the table in the section.

Masters, skippers, 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 300 metres from a marine mammal.

Nature of the contact with marine mammals:

“Primary purpose” means the operation’s main focus is to seek out and encounter marine mammals e.g. whale- watching tours and swim-with-dolphin tours.

“Secondary purpose” means that viewing marine mammals is not the operation’s main focus but will still be viewed if encountered; e.g. certain scenic cruises, water taxis.

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).