



The Department recommends that you contact the Department of Conservation Office closest to where the activity is proposed to discuss the application prior to completing the application forms. 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.

This form is to be used when the proposed activity is the building or use of any private or commercial facility or structure on public conservation land managed by the Department of Conservation. Examples may include lease of land to erect an information centre; authorisation to erect a weather station; or construct or lease a private/commercial campground or lodge. This form is to be completed in conjunction with either Applicant Information Form 1a (longer term concession) or Applicant Information Form 1b (one-off concession) as appropriate.

Please complete this application form, attach Form 1a or Form 1b, and any other applicable forms and information and send to [permissions@doc.govt.nz](mailto:permissions@doc.govt.nz). The Department will process the application and issue a concession if it is satisfied that the application meets all the requirements for granting a concession under the Conservation Act 1987.

If you require extra space for answering please attach and label according to the relevant section.

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## A. Description of Activity

Please describe the proposed activity in detail – where the site is located, please use NZTM GPS coordinates where possible, what you intend to use the building for, whether you intend to make any changes to the infrastructure.

Please include the name and status of the public conservation land, the size of the area for which you are applying and why this area has been chosen.

If necessary, attach further information including a map, a detailed site plan and drawings of proposal and label Attachment 3b:A.

We are applying to renew an existing concession for sole occupancy of a boat shed and associated slip way in Fiordland National Park, located on the shore of Lake Hankinson, 45°05'31.4"S 167°34'16.3"E. This boat shed is accessed by walking from the head of middle arm of Lake Te Anau on the George Sound Route, arriving at the boat shed on the shores of Lake Hankinson. The boat shed exists to provide shelter for our vessel, Hankinson Water Taxi in order for us to provide affordable water taxi transport for those hiking the George Sound Route, hunting or fishing in the area. Lake Hankinson is otherwise inaccessible by foot to navigate around to get to Hankinson Hut and continue on the George Sound Route. The only other alternative to taking our boat is to fly into Hankinson Hut at naturally a higher cost.

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## B. Alternative sites considered

If your application is to **build, extend or add** to any permanent or temporary structures or facilities on public conservation land, please provide the following details:

- Could this structure or facility be reasonably located outside public conservation land? Provide details of other sites/areas considered.
- Could any potential adverse effects be significantly less (and/or different) in another conservation area or another part of the conservation area to which the application relates? Give details/reasons

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## C. Larger area

Is the size of the area you are applying for **larger** than the structure/facility

YES /  NO

If **yes**, please detail the size difference in the box below, and answer the following 3 questions, if **no** please go on to the next section:

Is this necessary for safety or security purposes?

YES / NO

Is this necessary as an integral part of the activity?

YES / NO

Is this essential to carrying on the activity?

YES / NO

If the answer to any of the above is yes, please provide details and attach supporting evidence if necessary and label Attachment 3b:C.

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**D. Exclusive possession**

Do you believe you need **exclusive possession** of the public conservation land on which your structure/building is located, ie no one else can use the land during your use of it?  **YES** / NO  
*(Exclusive occupation requires a lease which requires public notification of the application)*

If **yes**, please answer the following 3 questions, if no please go to the next section:

Is exclusive possession necessary to protect public safety?  **YES** / NO

Is exclusive possession necessary to protect physical security of the activity?  **YES** / NO

Is exclusive possession necessary for the competent operation of the activity?  **YES** / NO

If the answer to any of the above is yes, please provide details and attach supporting evidence if necessary and label Attachment 3b:D.

Our vessel stored in the boat shed operates under an existing Maritime Transport Operator Certificate, ensuring the safest possible experience for passengers. It is important that a duly certified operator only operates water taxi services on Lake Hankinson. Recreational users can walk to the Hankinson Boat Shed and it is important that access to the boat shed and therefore vessel is restricted so no one utilises the vessel for their own recreational purposes which could lead to safety risks and possible tampering or damage to the vessel. The boat shed does not physically have enough room for a second vessel or other boats. Exclusive use is necessary to limit access, non-compliant commercial operators to ensure safe operations of taxi services and that our boat operations are not tampered with by the public.

**E. Technical Specifications (for telecommunications sites only)**

<b>Frequencies on which the equipment is to operate</b>
<b>Power to be used (transmitter output)</b>
<b>Polarisation of the signal</b>
<b>Type of antennae</b>
<b>The likely portion of a 24 hour period that transmitting will occur</b>
<b>Heaviest period of use</b>

**F. Term**

Please detail the length of the term sought (i.e. number of years or months) and why.

*Note: An application for a concession for a period over 10 years must be publicly notified, an application for a concession up to 10 years will not be publicly notified unless the adverse effects of the activity are such that it is required, or if an exclusive interest in the land is required.*

10 years

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## G. Bulk fuel storage

Under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (HSNO Act) 'Bulk fuel storage' is considered to be any single container, stationary or mobile, used or unused, that has a capacity in excess of 250 litres of Class 3 fuel types. This includes petrol, diesel, aviation gasoline, kerosene and Jet A1. For more information on Hazardous Substances, go to:

<http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe/information-guidance/legal-framework/hsno-act-1996>

Do you intend to store fuel in bulk on the land as part of the activity?

YES  NO

We carry fuel in on each trip.

If you have answered yes, then please provide full details of how and where you intend to store the fuel, and label any attachments including plans, maps and/or photographs as Attachment 3b:G. If your concession application is approved you will be required to provide a copy of your HSNO compliance certification to the Department before you begin the activity.

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## H. Environmental Impact Assessment

This section is one of the most important factors that will determine the Department's decision on the application. Please answer in detail.

In column 1 please list all the locations of your proposal, please use NZTM GPS coordinates where possible. In column 2 list any special features of the environment or the recreation values of that area. Then in column 3 list any effects (positive or adverse) that your activity may have on the values or features in column 2. In column 4 list the ways you intend to mitigate, remedy or avoid any adverse effects noted in column 3. Please add extra information or supporting evidence as necessary and label Attachment 3b:H.

Refer to Steps 1 and 2 in your Guide to Environmental Impact Assessment to help you fill in this section.

Location on public conservation land	Special feature or value	Potential effects of your activity on the feature or value (positive or adverse)	Methods to remedy, mitigate or avoid any adverse effects identified
<i>EG: Tararua Forest Park</i>	<i>Northern rata - threatened species</i>	<i>Damage to the plants by construction</i>	<i>Brief construction and maintenance staff of the location and importance of the species; clearly tape off areas with the species to avoid damage</i>
Fiordland National Park, Lake Hankinson	Normal Fiordland National Park species	Damage to plants by any routine maintenance needing carried out	Boat shed + slip way are both constructed above the ground level so any routine maintenance or launching of boat takes place above ground ensuring minimal disruption to plant life and allowing any plantlife to regenerate where possible.
		Damage to plants by boat moving up and down slip way	
Fiordland National Park, Lake Hankinson		Rubbish and littering	Site is checked and all rubbish is taken out with our staff on the return journey. Any rubbish created out through routine maintenance will be carried or flown out.
Fiordland National Park, Lake Hankinson	Hankinson Hut, one of Fiordland's oldest huts	Provided transport to assist with renovation and routine maintenance	We have recently been involved in the restoration project of Hankinson Hut, one of Fiordland's oldest, if not oldest, hut. This project was led by the Fiordland Wapiti Foundation and to assist we donated free water taxi services which was available due to the boat shed and slip way existing. This provides an on-going low cost transport option to access this important historical hut for future maintenance and recreational enjoyment.

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## I. Other

Is there any further information you wish to supply in support of your application? Please attach if necessary and label Attachment 3a:l.

Reconfirming size of structure is as follows:

Boat Shed - 8 x 4 meters

Slip Way - 20 meters long x 1.8 meters wide

Up to date photos attached.



