



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.

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)

Horizon Tours New Zealand Limited

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:

Dunedin City

Proposed area of operation:

Otago Peninsula

Specific locations where contact with marine mammals is proposed:

Allans Beach and Sandfly Bay, Otago Peninsula

Proposed route to, along and across the shore:

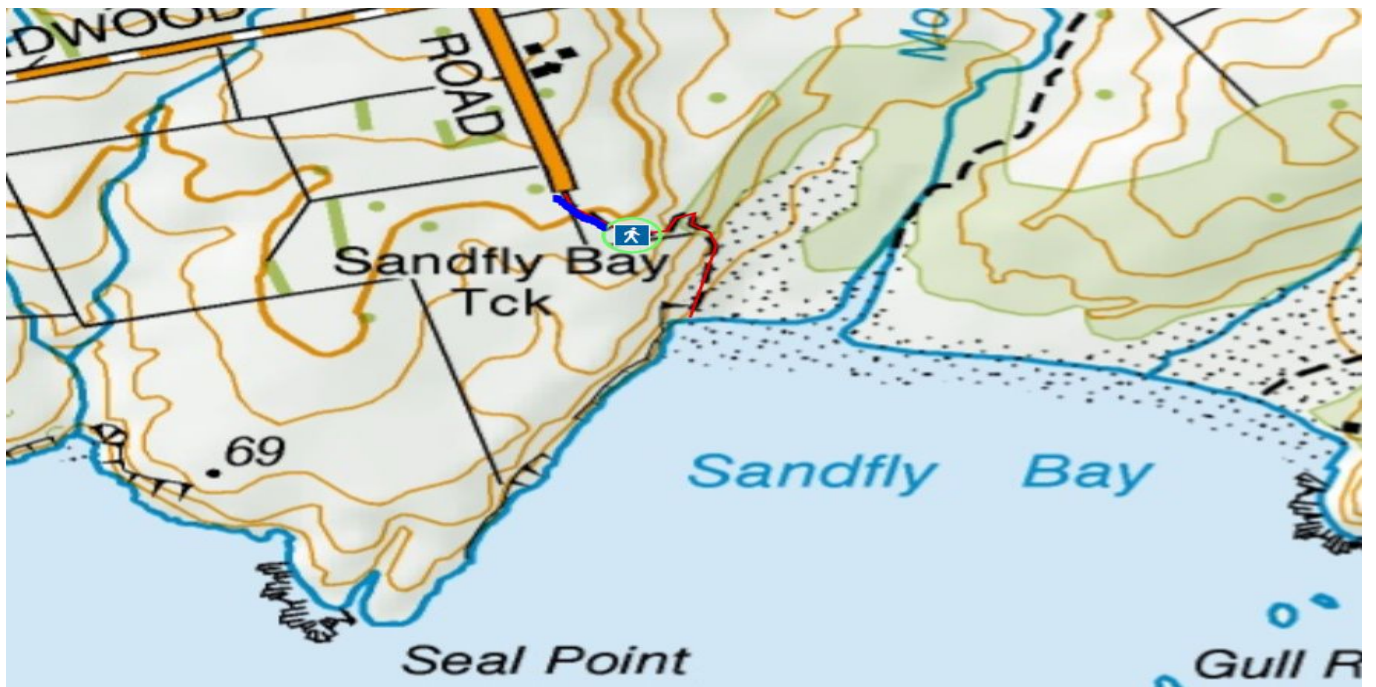
Allans Beach: Using the formed walking track/path from the car park to the beach (Northern end of the Beach) then walk down towards the Southern end of the Beach (if time allows) before returning to the vehicle.

Sandfly Bay: Using formed track from the car park to the viewing platform and leads on to the beach.

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.



Key: Blue = Beach/route to view mammals. Green shaded area is Public Conservation Area.



Key: Blue = Route to Sandfly Bay viewing platform.

Trip details (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

Frequency - proposed months of operation:

All Year round

Frequency - number of trips per annum:

364 (7 trips x 52 weeks) - Allans Beach

104 (2 trips x 52 weeks) - Sandfly Bay

Frequency - number of trips per day:

Allans Beach: Normally one trip per day over 5 days of the week. Some days may be two trips per day once or twice per week. (Maximum 7 trips per week).

Sandfly Bay: Normally one trip per day over 2 days of a 7 day week. Occasionally two trips per day once a week.

Duration of trips:

Less than 1 hour at Allans Beach.

Less than 1 hour at Sandfly Bay.

Maximum number of vehicles operating at any one time:

Two.

Maximum number of passengers:

24. Split between two 12 seater vehicles (11 passengers and 1 driver/guide).

Vehicle Information (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

Vehicle 1. description:

Registration: HGS60

Make: LDV

Model: V80

4WD/2WD: 2WD

Carrying Capacity: 12 seater

Colour: GREY

Vehicle 2. description:

Registration: Not acquired yet.

Make:

Model:

4WD/2WD

Carrying Capacity:

Colour:

Vehicle 3. description:

Registration:

Make:

Model:

4WD/2WD

Carrying Capacity:

Colour:

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: James Karawana

Job Title: Director/Guide

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: [Limited.](#)

Full Name: [Lyndon Perriman](#)

Job Title: [Director/Guide](#)

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: [Extensive. Lyndon is a former DOC Ranger with over 25 years experience including work with seals and sea lions and 15 years in marine mammal viewing eco-tourism.](#)

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?

Yes

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?

Yes

No

If "yes", please provide details:

Relevant experience with marine mammals:

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:

[Allans Beach: 10 minutes per party. We will have a maximum of two parties consisting of a maximum 12 persons per party. Visiting groups will visit site at least one hour apart.](#)

[Sandfly Bay: 10 minutes per party. We will have a maximum of two parties consisting of a maximum 12 persons per party. Visiting groups will visit site at least one hour apart.](#)

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

[Allans Beach: Maximum 15 minutes per trip.](#)

Sandfly Bay: Maximum 15 minutes per trip.

Nature of the contact with marine mammals:

Primary purpose (Allan Beach)

Secondary purpose (Sandfly Bay)

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

Allans Beach: Vehicle parked at designated car park area and persons have to step over the fence stile before walking across a formed track to the beach access way.

Sandfly Bay: Vehicle parked at designated car park area and persons have to step over the fence stile before walking across a formed track to the beach access way.

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

Allans Beach: As above, the vehicle is parked about 5 minute walk from where the nearest seals / sea lions could be encountered.

Sandfly Bay: As above, the vehicle is parked about a 15 minute walk from where the nearest seals / sea lions could be encountered.

Distances to each species:

Once in close proximity of mammals, maintain a safe viewing distance between animals and humans.

- Seals – no closer than 20m at any time.
- Sea Lions (sleeping or peacefully resting) – no closer than 10m at any time.
- Sea lions that are active (i.e. anything beyond sleeping or peacefully resting) – no closer than 20m at any time.

We will not target or pursue viewing of mothers that have retired into vegetated areas to rest, sleep, feed or suckle pups.

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

Our guides will instruct customers to provide a safe passage to allow the animals not to feel threaten or surrounded. We'll also accompany our customers on the beach and talk (beforehand) about noise level and behaviour so not to provoke these animals. Our lead guide Lyndon has previous experience in this.

Behaviour around breeding colonies, nurseries and pups:

For fur seals there are no breeding animals on this beach (but it is a haul out site for younger males). For sea lions we expect to find male sea lions scattered along the beach, so as above, we will maintain a safe distance from the animals. We will not do anything to provoke the animals, we will not surround the

animals i.e. allow a passage to the sea for a mammal's retreat and leave if the animals behaviour changes due to people in the area.

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

Stop and quickly assess likely cause for disturbance. We want to ensure our visitors respect the animals in its natural habitat, so if it is disturbed by people on the beach we will retreat further away from the animal or leave the area completely. We generally will be operating with two guides on each trip so if other non-guided people are present and causing marine mammal disturbance, one of our guides will lead our visitors away, freeing the other guide to politely inform the others about possible disturbances.

- Seals – we will not get between seals and the ocean;
- Sea Lions – if a sea lion(s) becomes active (i.e. anything beyond sleeping or peacefully resting) then the group will retreat to the 20m minimum approach distance specified above.

How will you depart from the marine mammals?

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

Allans Beach: The vehicle will be parked at the designated car park area which is fenced and 5 minute walk from where the closest seals may be encountered. It is unlikely that any marine mammal will be visible from the car park. Our group, who have walked to the seal habitat from there, will leave along the same route.

Sandfly Bay: The vehicle will be parked at the designated car park area which is fenced and 25 minute walk, from where the closest seals may be encountered, and up a steep sandy hill. There won't be any marine mammal visible from the car park. Our group, who have walked to the seal habitat from there, will leave along the same route.

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

Our lead guide Lyndon has previously worked for DoC for over 25 years as a ranger at Otago Peninsula, and during this time his work included working with both fur seals and sea lions (included time spent with sub-antarctic islands populations). This vast experience and working with the species biology provides an unique opportunity to visitors to the Otago region to learn from someone with direct involvement in DOC's conservation and protection efforts of species in this region. Lyndon will drive Horizon Tours Marine Mammal "programme" to ensure a safe, consistent and educational visitor experience while mitigating marine mammal impact.

He also previously worked in eco-tourism on the Otago Peninsula that focused on land based marine mammals and seabirds bringing knowledge and skills to enable visitors to get an appreciation of the special and unique marine mammals found on the Otago Coast.

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).