



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](mailto: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.

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## A. Applicant name (as per Form 8)

Rover Tours Ltd

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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:

\* 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:

10 Antillies Place, Grenada, Wellington

Proposed area of operation:

South Coast Wellington

Specific locations where contact with marine mammals is proposed:

Tongue Point

Proposed route to, along and across the shore:

Access from either side of Tongue Point – through Terawhiti Station or Long Gulley Station

**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:

Year round, but mainly during cruise season Oct~April

Frequency - number of trips per annum:

730

Frequency - number of trips per day:

2

Duration of trips:

3~4 hours

Maximum number of vehicles operating at any one time:

6

Maximum number of passengers:

50 pax per trip

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

### Vehicle 1. description:

Registration:

Make:

Model:

4WD/2WD

Carrying Capacity:

Colour:

### Vehicle 2. description:

Registration:

Make:

Model:

4WD/2WD

Carrying Capacity:

Colour:

### Vehicle 3. description:

Registration:

Make:

Model:

4WD/2WD

Carrying Capacity:

Colour:

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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:

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:

Full Name:

Job Title:

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Yes

No

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Relevant experience with marine mammals:

Full Name:

Job Title:

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Yes

No

If "yes", please provide details:

Relevant experience with marine mammals:

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## 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:

20~30 minutes

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

20~30 minutes

Nature of the contact with marine mammals:

Primary purpose

Secondary purpose

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

From East or West, approaching from the land side

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

On the land side of the colony

Distances to each species:

20 meters

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

Passengers are guided and accompanied by our guides at all times during visit to Colony

Behaviour around breeding colonies, nurseries and pups:

No breeding evident at Tongue Point

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

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

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

Same as approach

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

Copies of all brochures available on request (advertising material, not educational) – [www.sealcoast.com](http://www.sealcoast.com) and [www.wellingtonnaturetours.co.nz](http://www.wellingtonnaturetours.co.nz)

Other material provided to passengers verbally by way of talk at the Seal Colony, regarding biology, history and preservation/conservation.

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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.

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#### **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).