



The Department recommends that you contact us to discuss the proposed activity prior to completing the application forms:

Permissions Advisor (Support)

Phone: +64 3 371 3700

Email: permissionschristchurch@doc.govt.nz

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 must be completed for all permit applications under the Marine Mammals Protection Act and Regulations. You are also required to please fill in, and attach, the form(s) for the activities you wish to undertake ie [Forms 8a and/or 8b and/or 8c; or 8d; or 8e](#). All the forms are available on the DOC website. If extra space is required for answering please attach and label according to the relevant section.

If you seek a minor amendment to a current permit (i.e. a new boat or new staff member), please complete application form 8f only, you do not need to fill in this form. If you seek an amendment that is more than minor, please contact the office below.

Once you have filled in your application form, please complete this checklist to ensure that all components of your application form are complete. This will help prevent any possible delays in the processing of your application.

- € Legal status registration number (if not an individual)
- € Written testimonials (if required)
- € Written consultations (if applicable)
- € All appropriate activity application forms

- € Supporting information and detail including maps as required in activity forms
- € Have you read the section regarding the liability of the applicant for payment of fees?
- € Have you signed your application?



Applicant Information Form 8

All efforts in putting together a detailed application are greatly appreciated and will allow the Department to effectively and efficiently process your application.

A. Applicant Details

Applicant Name (full name of registered company or individual)	RAKIURA ADVENTURE LTD.			
Legal Status of applicant (tick)	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered Company	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Trust	<input type="checkbox"/> Incorporated Society

Other (please specify full details)

Please supply the company, trust or incorporated society registration number: 1144378

If an individual please supply your date of birth (this is a unique identifier for you):

Trading Name (if different from Applicant name)	ULVA ISLAND FERRY & WATER-TAXI
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Postal Address

Street Address (if different from Postal Address)

Registered Office of Company or Incorporated Society (if applicable)

Phone _____ Website _____
 Contact Person and role _____
 Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
 Email _____
 Contact Person and role _____ - COMPANY DIRECTOR
 Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
 Email _____

B. Activities applied for

Please fill in all the forms that are applicable. Please tick below the forms that have been completed, and attach. Please note that even if you are applying for a renewal of an existing permit these forms are a necessary requirement of the application process and must be filled out in full.

ACTIVITY	FORM
Vessel Based Viewing	8a ✓
Land Based Viewing	8b
Aircraft Based Viewing	8c
Filming only	8d
Swimming with marine mammals	8e

Please note: If you seek a minor amendment to a current permit (i.e. a new boat or new staff member), please complete application form 8f only, you do not need to fill in this form.

C. Activity is in the interest of Conservation, Management, and the Protection of Marine Mammals (not necessary for filming only)

Please briefly describe how your activity is in the interest of Conservation, Management and the Protection of Marine Mammals. This is a requirement of Regulation 6(d) of the Marine Mammals Protection Regulations 1992.

Our activity will highlight the significance of the viewed marine mammal within their nature environment and their place within the ecosystem. This will encourage viewers to become aware of the fragility of the environment in which these marine mammals live and make better decisions regarding the protection, preservation, and enhancement of such environments. Viewers will also be

asked to make a donation which goes towards relevant programmes which are dedicated to the protection and monitoring of the varied marine species they may encounter.

D. Background Experience of Applicant

Please provide relevant information relating to the applicant's knowledge and experience operating with Marine Mammals. *N/B - Please note that this section is for the applicant as the operator; there are sections for the staff/guides and skippers within the additional activity information forms.*

The applicant has had innumerable encounters with a wide variety of marine mammals and has never had any incident which has caused harm/disruption to these. Direct involvement with two whale stranding events, including being the first responder, and indirect involvement with aiding in the transport of D O C staff to significant stranding events. The applicant is a regular provider of information regarding sightings and condition of injured marine mammals such as bottlenose dolphin, fur seals, hooker sealion, and leopard seal.

Whale Stranding Events: The Neck – Stewart Island 2001, Lonnekers Bay – Stewart Island, 2019 – direct involvement. Whale Stranding Event – Mason Bay 2019 – Indirect involvement

Sightings of injured Bottlenose Dolphin within Paterson Inlet – 2017 through to 2020 - Stewart Island.

Sightings of injured &/or deceased Fur Seal – 2009 through to 2020 – Stewart Island

Sightings of injured &/or deceased Hooker Sealion – 2009 through to 2020 – Stewart Island

Sightings of injured Leopard Seal – 2019 – Stewart Island

Please provide relevant information relating to the applicant's knowledge and experience operating within the region and local area, and of the sea and weather conditions.

The commercial vessel-based operation conducted by Rakiura Adventure Ltd. has been operative for 20 years. The business operation has been informed by the knowledge, and ways of working developed by the original skipper over his some thirty five years spent on boats and in the waters of Stewart Island.

Operations are conducted within reason, considering passenger safety relating to sea-state, wind, vessel's capability, and necessity of operation - e.g., partaking in rescue operations of other vessels in adverse sea-state and wind. Operations are conducted primarily within Paterson Inlet and along the North-East Coast of Stewart Island.

The skipper/business manager working in this operation is a born and raised Stewart Island local who knows the area and the weather conditions very well.

The company director has also lived on the island for over 20 years, holding an intimate knowledge of the place, conditions and wildlife.

Has the Applicant or any of the company directors, trustees, partners, or anyone involved with the Application been convicted of any offence? Does the Applicant or any of the company directors, trustees, partners, or anyone involved with the Application have any current criminal charges pending before the court? If yes, please supply details.

No

E. Consultation Undertaken

Some applications require consultation with whānau/hapū/iwi (local Māori), and other interested parties.

Please contact the nearest Department of Conservation office to discuss what is required. Written expert views, advice or opinions concerning your proposal may also be attached to support the application. Attach any proof of consultation to the application.

In order to assist consultation please advise of any cultural interpretation or activities that may have an impact on cultural values and measures you will take to mitigate their effects. Some examples are **talking to local Māori about correct interpretation** of stories in order for you to tell them, or encouraging your clients, passengers, staff to use the toilet facilities prior to departure because expelling body fluids into the water is regarded as culturally insensitive.

We have sought advice from _____ a past marine mammal watching permit holder) in order to ensure we are on the right track, and uncover any areas where our strategy/knowledge could be improved.

F. Public Notification

The Marine Mammals Protection Regulations requires all new permit applications and major amendments to current permits to be advertised at the Applicant's expense. Submissions will be open for a period of 20 working days. The Applicant will be given the opportunity to respond to any submissions but there is no requirement for a hearing.

If an application is to renew an existing permit on terms and conditions that, in the opinion of the Department, are substantially the same; to transfer an existing permit to a new holder; or to make a minor amendment to a current permit then notification is not required.

G. Fees

Processing Fees:

Section 60B of the Conservation Act contains the statutory provisions regarding processing fees.

The Department recovers all direct and indirect costs to process a marine mammal permit application from Applicants regardless of whether the application is approved or declined.

Estimated processing costs:

- The cost of processing a **standard renewal** of an existing marine mammal permit is likely to be **\$2065 plus GST**.
- The cost of processing a **standard new application or major amendment to an existing permit** is likely to be **\$2065 plus GST, plus advertising costs**. This fee is likely to be higher if submissions are received through the advertisement process.

The processing fee is likely to be higher if the application is assessed as complex or covers multiple regions. The Department will send an estimate of costs to the Applicant once the application has been assessed.

Applicants are entitled to request an estimate of costs at any point. The Department may impose a charge for preparing such an estimate. Estimates are not binding.

The Department will ordinarily invoice the Applicant for processing fees after a decision has been made on the application but in some cases interim invoices will be issued. If at any stage an application is withdrawn the Department shall invoice the Applicant for the costs incurred by the Department up to that point. Applicants are required to pay the processing fees within 28 days of receiving an invoice. The Director-General is entitled to recover any unpaid fees as a debt.

Please contact your nearest Department of Conservation office to discuss the applicable fee for the application. The Director-General of Conservation has discretion to reduce or waive processing fees.

The Department may obtain further information either from the applicant or from any other relevant source in order to process the application. The applicant will be advised of any information obtained from other sources. The cost of obtaining such information will be charged to and recovered from the applicant. The applicant will be informed as soon as practicable from receipt of the application if further information is required before this application form can be fully processed by the Department.

Terms and Conditions for an Account with the Department of Conservation:

Have you held an account with the Department before? (Please tick) Yes No
If yes, under what name: Rakiura Adventure Ltd.

1. I/We agree that the Department of Conservation can provide my details to the Department's Credit Checking Agency to enable it to conduct a full credit check.
2. I/We agree that any change which affects the trading address, legal entity, structure of management or control of the applicant's company (as detailed in this application) will be notified in writing to the Department of Conservation within 7 days of that change becoming effective.
3. I/We agree to notify the Department of Conservation of any disputed charges within 14 days of the date of the invoice.
4. I/We agree to fully pay the Department of Conservation for any invoice received on or before the due date.

5. I/We agree to pay all costs incurred (including interest, legal costs and debt recovery fees) to recover any money owing on this account.
6. I/We agree that the credit account provided by the Department of Conservation may be withdrawn by the Department of Conservation, if any terms and conditions of the credit account are not met.
7. I/We agree that the Department of Conservation can provide my details to the Department's Debt Collection Agency in the event of non-payment of payable fees.

Declaration

I certify that the information provided on this application form and all attached additional forms and information is to the best of my knowledge true and correct.

Note: The Director-General may vary any permit granted if the information given in this application contains inaccuracies.

Signature (Applicant)	_____	Date	18.04.2020
Signature (Witness)	_____	Date	18.04.2020
Witness Name	_____		
Witness Address	_____		

This application is made pursuant to regulations 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the Marine Mammals Protection Regulations 1992.

Applicants should familiarise themselves with the relevant regulations of the Marine Mammals Protection Regulations 1992.

The Department may also recover all reasonable costs under s. 60D of the Conservation Act 1987 that are incurred in administrating and monitoring the operation intended in this application, subject to its approval.

In accordance with Regulation 10(2) of the Marine Mammals Protection Regulations 1992, this application shall form part of any permit issued and shall be complied with accordingly.

This application is subject to further amendment as a result of consideration of submissions received under Regulation 11(5) and comments received under Regulation 11(4).

NOTE: When applying for this permit you should bear in mind that your application will be assessed under regulation 6 of the Marine Mammals Protection Regulations 1992, as set out below. Further information may be sought from you for this assessment if this application is not completed fully as required.

Criteria for issuing permits:

Before issuing a permit, the Director-General shall be satisfied that there is a substantial compliance with the following criteria:

- (a) That the commercial operation should not be contrary to the purposes and provisions of the Act:

- (b) That the commercial operation should not be contrary to the purposes and provisions of the general policy statements approved under section 3B of the Act, conservation management strategies approved under section 3C of the Act, or conservation management plans approved under section 3D of the Act
- (c) That the commercial operation should not have any significant adverse effect on the behavioural patterns of the marine mammals to which the application refers, having regard to, among other things, the number and effect of existing operations:
- (d) That it should be in the interests of the conservation, management, or protection of the marine mammals that a permit be issued:
- (e) That the proposed operator, and such of the operator's staff who may come into contact with marine mammals, should have sufficient experience with marine mammals:
- (f) That the proposed operator, and such of the operator's staff who may come into contact with marine mammals, should have sufficient knowledge of the local area and of sea and weather conditions:
- (g) That the proposed operator, and such of the operator's staff who may come into contact with marine mammals, should not have convictions for offences involving the mistreatment of animals:
- (h) That the commercial operation should have sufficient educational value to participants or to the public.

The purpose of collecting this information is to enable the Department to process your application. The Department will not use this information for any reason not related to that purpose.

Applicants should be aware that provisions of the Official Information Act might require that some or all information in this application be publicly released.

For Departmental use

Credit check undertaken Y / N

Comments :

Signed

Name

**Approved (Tier 4
Manager or above)**

Name



Peterson Inlet
/ Whaka A
Te Wera

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South Island

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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)

RAKIURA ADVENTURE LTD.

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:

HECTOR'S AND MAUI'S DOLPHINS

Or

the following specified species*

* 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:

Departure location (if different to base of operations):

Proposed area of operation:

Enclosed Waters - Paterson Inlet to Port William (encompasses coastline between the two)

Restricted Inshore Waters - Mutton Bird Islands, such as the Fancy Group (Edwards Island, Jacky Lee Island, & Bench Island) down to/including Lords River.

Specific locations where contact with marine mammals is proposed:

'The Neck' (Paterson Inlet), Bench Island, Ulva Island - circled in white on the area of operation map.

Tour route:

*Example/expected tour routes. Actual routes may differ according to weather conditions and other factors

Golden Bay - The Neck - Bench Island - Golden Bay

Golden Bay - The Neck - Bravo Islands - Ulva Island - Golden Bay

Golden Bay - Ulva Island - Millars Beach - Norweigan Whaling Base - Golden Bay

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:

September through May

Frequency - number of trips per annum:

Average: 100 Max.: 380

Frequency - number of trips per day:

Max. three

Duration of trips:

1 - 2 hours

Maximum number of vessels operating at any one time:

2

Maximum number of passengers:

9 (Kaian), 24 (Ranui), 36 (New Vessel)

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

Vessel 1 description:

Vessel name: Kaian	Make: 600HT
Model: Stabicraft	Size: 6.3m
Carrying capacity: 10 (incl. Skipper)	Colour: Cyan
Motive power: 200hp	Construction and hull design: Aluminium planing hull, pontoon
Planing hull: Yes	Displacement hull: No
Noise levels above sea: ~75dB	Noise levels below sea: No data available
Maximum speed: 35kts	Normal cruising speed: 20kts

Vessel 2 description:

Vessel name: Ranui
Model: Displacement
Carrying capacity: 25 (incl. skipper)
Motive power: 75hp
Planing hull: No
Noise levels above sea: 67 db
Maximum speed: 8kts

Make:
Size: 12.4m
Colour: White and Blue
Construction and hull design: Kauri carvel plank
Displacement hull: Yes
Noise levels below sea: No data available
Normal cruising speed: 6.5kts

**Vessel 3 description:
(proposed/under construction)**

Vessel name: -
Model: -
Carrying capacity: 50 max
Motive power: 240hp x 2
Planing hull: Yes
Noise levels above sea: Vessel not yet constructed
Maximum speed: 35kts

Make: -
Size: 12m
Colour: Grey
Construction and hull design: Hydrofoiling aluminium catamaran
Displacement hull: No
Noise levels below sea: Vessel not yet constructed
Normal cruising speed: 20kts

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: [redacted] Job Title: Skipper (primarily Kaian)

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:

The applicant has had innumerable encounters with a wide variety of marine mammals and has never had any incident which has caused harm/disruption to these. Direct involvement with three whale stranding events, including being the first responder, and indirect involvement with aiding in the transport of D.O.C. staff & volunteers to significant stranding events. The applicant is a regular provider of information regarding sightings and condition of injured marine mammals: such as bottlenose dolphin, fur seals, hooker sealion, and leopard seal.

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Sightings of injured &/or deceased Fur Seal – 2009 through to 2019 – Stewart Island.

Sightings of injured &/or deceased Hooker Sealion – 2009 through to 2019 – Stewart Island.

Sightings of injured Leopard Seal – 2019 – Stewart Island.

Relevant knowledge of the local area and sea conditions:

This skipper is a born and raised Stewart Island local who knows the area and the weather conditions very well.

The skipper has and continues to operate - commercially (four years) and privately (longer) - within the full-spectrum of Stewart Island sea-state and weather conditions.

Operations are conducted within reason, considering passenger safety relating to sea-state, wind, vessel's capability, and necessity of operation - e.g., partaking in rescue operations of other vessels in adverse sea-state and wind would never purposefully involve commercial operation/transportation of passengers

Full Name: [] Job Title: Skipper (primarily Ranui)

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:

During his many years spent working on or enjoying the ocean recreationally, Peter has seen a lot of marine mammals in his time.

He has provided assistance to rescue efforts for a whale stranding in 2001 on Stewart Island, transporting DOC staff and volunteers to the event.

He regularly liaises with local DOC staff about marine mammal sightings and behaviour - particularly those on Ulva Island where he visits on a nearly daily basis while running the ferry.

He holds a strong conservationist attitude - understanding the rarity and fragility of local marine mammal populations.

He is mindful of respecting their space so as to avoid and minimise disruption.

Relevant knowledge of the local area and sea conditions:

[] is a well seasoned skipper, who has been operating commercial boats safely and appropriately in Stewart Island waters for over 25 years.

[] has a rich knowledge of the waters and history of Paterson Inlet/Stewart Island - having dived a lot or the coastline.

Full Name: [] Job Title: Guide (Partnership Company)

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:

[] has lived her whole life by the sea, and it's inhabitants are very important to her.

She has conservation/wildlife experience working with NZ fur seals in Kaikoura, where she also encountered a lot of whales, and has spent time on Codfish Island working with yellow eyed penguins.

[] holds a DOC concession for guided walks on Ulva Island.

Relevant knowledge of the local area and sea conditions:

[] has lived/been involved with the Island for the past 30 years and has a good knowledge of the area and weather patterns.

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:

Relevant knowledge of the local area and sea conditions:

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:

30min

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

40min

Nature of the contact with marine mammals:

Primary purpose

✓ Secondary purpose

Speeds when approaching and viewing marine mammals:

Match the speed the slowest animal is travelling or slower.

Once within 300m slow down to idle/no wake speed.

If animals are stopped (seals/sea lions on beaches/rocks), approach at 5kts maximum.

If stopped while viewing mammals, as soon as possible switch the engine to idle, unless it is required to be in gear so as to keep out of the path of the marine mammals - especially whales.

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

Only approach within 300m if fewer than three vessels are already interacting with marine mammals.

Coordinate approach with other vessels present via radio contact.

Approach parallel to the direction of animals travel and/or from slightly behind.

Approach each species only up to the minimum recommended distance. Allow the animals to make the decision/control the interaction/approach from there.

Position of vessels relative to marine mammals while viewing:

Dolphins: Alongside/behind group. Never blocking them into a bay or shallow area by the position of our vessel.

Whales: Alongside/behind. Never blocking them into a bay or shallow area by the position of our vessel. Ensuring at all times to keep clear of the path whales may be travelling in, and maintaining wherever possible a distance of 50m.

Seals/Sealions (in the water): Alongside/behind group.

Abandon any interactions if mammals show any sign of disturbance/distress/disruption.

Distances to each species:

Dolphins: No closer than 20m unless approached by animals.

Whales: No closer than 50m. Manoeuvre vessel to ensure this distance is kept wherever practicable.

Seals/Sealions: No closer than 20m unless approached by animals.

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

No closer than 20m

Behaviour around calves or pups:

Stay 50m away (dolphins) and 200m away (whales), no loud noises/sudden changes in direction.

Speed of departure:

Idle away until a minimum distance of 300m clear of the animals. After that, increase speed gradually.

In the case of dolphins, if necessary speeds greater than idle or no wake speed may be used in order to draw away from the mammals, in this case ensure no greater than 10kts when within 300m of dolphins.

Behaviour of vessel and departure route relative to marine mammals:

Leave at a right angle to direction of mammals travel AND/OR do not cut in front of their direction of travel, do not travel through a pod or group, or circle them.

Instead aim to travel behind their line of travel if paths are crossing.

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

Having spent a lot of time observing and interacting with these animals, our skippers have a good idea of their behaviours and can tell if they are busy doing something like fishing or if they are interested in an interaction. This allows us to better pick our timing and avoid causing any harassment or disturbance to them and their activities.

It is also observed that whales and dolphins are auditory animals and care will be taken with gear changes, changes in engine revs and noise from staff and passengers so as to minimise sound disturbance underwater.

From our consultation with a past permit holder, we learned that Fur Seals are more disturbed by singular people/people on land than they are by vessels, which they regard as an inanimate non-threatening objects. Viewing of fur seals will be conducted from the vessel only.

It is observed that the Hooker Sea Lions require a different approach for males and females of the species. Females generally being more easily disturbed and upset, males being more inquisitive. In our interactions we will endeavour to preferentially leave female Sea Lions alone, unless they inquisitively come to us.

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:

N/A

How kayaks will be grouped together while viewing:

N/A

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

During the encounter, as much information will be given as possible about each species, its population status, conservation efforts, breeding patterns, food sources, and hunting methods.

The skippers employed by Rakiura Adventure Ltd. take a keen interest in the resident wildlife and make the most of any opportunities to talk to visiting researchers, scientists and other knowledgeable people - always looking to expand their knowledge and understanding.

The 'Sharing our coasts with Marine Mammals' poster will be displayed on the vessel.

We will endeavour to supply on board 'New Zealand sea lions -Sharing the mainland with this rare native species' brochures, and NZ fur seal fact posters, doubtful sound bottlenose brochure, pilot whale DOC website facts printout.

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).