



A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant

45654-OTH Fiordland Lobster

B. Proposed Activity and Location(s)

Restriction of access via installation of a permanent fence to the commercial port area of Deepwater Basin, Milford Sound Piopiotahi.

C.2 Your name

In placing your name and organisation below, you acknowledge that you are the person or authorised person submitting this objection or submission. You are also acknowledging that your name and organisation will be published.

Printed name of submitter or person authorised
on behalf of submitter

Organisation

Date

D. Statement of Support, Neutrality or Opposition

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I **Support** this Application (I am making a submission)

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I am **Neutral** on this Application (I am making a submission).

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I **Oppose** this Application (I am making an objection).

E. Hearing Request

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I **Do Not** wish to be heard in support of this objection or submission at a hearing.

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I **Do** wish to be heard in support of this objection or submission at a hearing

F. Objection or submission

The specific parts of the application that this objection or submission relates to are:

I object to the permanent fencing that will restrict access to the Whitehouse and the wharf by the public. Both of these assets are used by recreational fishers, visiting families and tourists.

The wharf and Whitehouse are popular with people not going on the expensive boat cruises and just looking for a place to relax and enjoy the national park.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I object to this notion because:

it restricts the access for visiting families, recreational fishermen and tourists.

I have noticed several young families fishing from the wharf, over the last 40 years, it would be a shame to restrict access for families using this wharf that cannot afford to go on expensive cruises or have a go at fishing.

By fencing off the Whitehouse it is restricting people to using the toilets, showers and accommodation which are the only facilities in the area. This will result in alternative measures such as using the bush as an alternative which has much larger consequences on the national park.

The outcomes that need to be addressed by this application are:

Give precise details, including the parts of the application you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought if the application is approved.

DOC need to address the health and safety issues caused by the Fiordland lobster company (FLC)

There are serious issues highlighted in their submission where they are acting in a dangerous manner, and are endangering the public and the fisherman. DOC need to revisit the conditions of their permit, and be more proactive in enforcing their health and safety plan to ensure everyone stays safe.

A solution to the permanent fencing is to put up temporary fencing ONLY WHEN fishing boats are being unloaded, other times the public need to have access to the wharf and facilities.

The recreational fishermen use the wharf for getting onto and off their boats and for a driver to get to their truck and trailer to retrieve their boat.

The Whitehouse should remain open to the public, fishermen travel from the north island to catch tuna and require these facilities as well as locals. The Whitehouse needs to be maintained by the local recreational fishermen

The health and safety issues pointed out by the FLC, are created by the FLC and their illegal activities.

The crane on the wharf needs to be removed and a mobile crane used when necessary for loading the crayfish boats, then removed when not in use.

All the FLC equipment and fish tubs should be removed from the wharf when boats are not being unloaded/loaded.

The FLC license states that they will not restrict public access, but they are restricting access via a temporary fence which is a contradiction of their permit.

Their permit conditions should be adhered to at all times for the safety of the fishermen, public and staff.

The FLC is not responsible to health and safety of the public unless they create the hazard, which they have done and continue to do so.

G. Attachments

If you are using attachments to support your objection or submission clearly label each attachment, complete the table below and send in your attachments with this 'objection or submission form'.

Document title	Document format (e.g. Word, PDF, Excel, jpg etc.)	Description of attachment

How do I submit my objection or submission?

Complete this form and email to DNSubmissions@doc.govt.nz. You may also mail your objection and submission to: Director-General, c/o Department of Conservation, Ōtepoti / Dunedin Service Centre, Level 1, John Wickliffe House, 265 Princes Street, Ōtepoti / Dunedin 9016.