

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

Gareth MacRae

Organisation

Bonanaza fishing ltd

Date

29/1/2025

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:

The specific parts I support is fully keeping the general public off and away from the commercial area and fishing port of deep water basin.

I also fully support a permanent fence to be constructed and restricted access for commercial operators only.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

My reasons for my objection are simple. Deepwater basin has been invaded in recent years by multiple user groups. There is a serious problem involving access to the wharf and the causeway where commercial fisherman operate from.

I have personally watched the situation evolve into a mess over 27 years. My own experiences include theft of my commercial fishing gear, including theft of equipment aboard my vessel, recreational fisherman parking in front of my stack of gear, blocking access to my operating equipment, smashed beer bottles and rubbish strewn around the causeway and overnight camping onboard their non self-contained vessels along the causeway area. This also goes hand and hand with late night parties which affect all commercial operators fatigue levels while at work and can seriously affect productivity levels and sensible decision making.

I have on occasions been flatly denied access to the wharf by recreational boaties to unload my product and have also been abused.

Mostly and importantly, the public think it is acceptable to use the wharf when forklifts, trucks, cranes and large vessels are operating. I have had the public walk under suspended crane loads on the wharf and drive at speed down the causeway when forklift operations are taking place and heavy traffic is conducting tight manoeuvres in a restricted and tight area.

The latest one is recreational boaties tying up overnight in berths while the berth holder is away fishing.

The recreational fisherman have had every opportunity in recent years to mobilise and form a user group to upgrade their own facilities in collusion with DOC and other stakeholders.

It appears the wild west mentality is part of "going into Milford" and users do not seem to consider or that they are in fact in a commercial area.

In recent times a tourist was seen by my crew scaling a stack of crayfish pots to obtain a better photo opportunity. He was approached politely and asked to get down and in turn my crewman was abused.

Crayfish pots weigh upwards of 100 kg, often in stacks of four.

I absolutely will not curtail or change my storage methods of my commercial equipment to appease public who should not be there in the first place.

At some point commercial operators will need to bring cargo containers in for secure storage if this problem is not dealt with correctly.

Fiordland lobster company staff do a good job of caring for the area of deepwater basin and I believe a permanent fence will assist factory managers and commercial users to be able to go about their business without considering variables mentioned in this submission

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.

Restricted access and permanent fencing of the causeway, Fiordland lobster company buildings and plant and the main wharf in deepwater basin.

The temporary fence is working and has stopped a huge amount of access issues

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.