



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

Matthew Fraser Ross

Organisation

Recreational User

Date

3rd February 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

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

X 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 building of a permanent fence and restricting access to the public wharf at deep water basin.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

To support the submissions of Carey David Hancox and Fiordland Outdoors Ltd (Mark Wallace)

I object to the principal that a single interested party (commercial or otherwise) can have the sole use of a public resource and facility. In this case the only available site for fuel, water and pre/post trip preparation in deep water basin/Milford Sound and the wider Fiordland area.

For boats moored in deep water basin the proposal by Fiordland Lobster provides no alternative or solution to refuelling, freshwater refill and pre/post trip disembarking. The proposal in its current form goes further, in that it creates an untenable situation with a number of consequences for other users – both commercial and recreational.

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.

As the submissions of both Carey Hancox and Mark Wallace set out, there are a number of wider issues in Deep Water basin, primarily brought about by increasing numbers of people, interests and activities.

I am a regular user/visitor to the area subject to this application and process. On most days it can be described as chaotic (compounded in good weather as user numbers increase). Milford track walkers, Commercial kayak operators, recreational trailer boaties, moored boat owners, lost tourists, commercial fishers, transport operators, an often-overflowing carpark, earthworks contractors etc etc. This list can go on.

If one interest group (in this case Fiordland Lobster) thinks it can fence off or remove the chaos from its operating environment, then I submit an appreciation for the bigger issues going on here has not been given enough thought.

While I respect Fiordland Lobster is a commercial entity and needs to go about its business, it is unreasonable for any entity to seek terms or conditions that fail to consider and address the effects on other interested parties or activities.

I submit a higher-level planning process needs to be undertaken (with urgency) in order to provide some clarity and long-term solutions for the Deep Water basin area and the activities that co-exist there.

The planning process needs to account for the range of activities and users based there, the appropriate facilities required and a rating structure to ensure infrastructure is adequate and maintained accordingly by the users.

In the interim I support the ideas put forward in the Fiordland Outdoors submission to manage Fiordland Lobsters immediate concerns.

It is my submission that the situation in Deep Water Basin is largely brought about by the absence of a long-term plan and appropriate facilities that manages the overlapping interests of increasing activities and people in the

area. While I understand and respect Fiordland Lobster have a business to run this process is putting the cart before the horse and may limit better solutions for all parties in future (including Fiordland Lobster).

Trying to solve for the bigger issues in the area and Fiordland National Park via this application would be an oversight and would not represent good decision making and planning for our future in this unique environment.

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.