



The Department recommends that you contact the Department of Conservation permissions office listed below to discuss the application prior to completing the application forms. Please provide all information requested in as much detail as possible. The Department will advise you if further information is required before this application can be processed by the Department.

This form is only to be used when the activity you wish to do:

- involves only filming of marine mammals with a drone; and
- involves filming a marine mammal closer than 150m horizontally and would contravene regulation 18(h) in Part 3 of the Marine Mammals Protection Regulations 1992.

Please complete this application form, attach **Form 8** and any other applicable forms and information and send to:

Permissions Advisor (Support)

Private Bag 4715

Christchurch Mail Centre

Christchurch 8140

Ph +64 3 371 3700

Email: permissionschristchurch@doc.govt.nz

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 Act 1978.

A. Applicant name (as per Form 8)

RF Media Limited

B. Proposed Filming Operation (please read Appendix 1)

Purpose, outputs and benefits of the proposed filming

Please note the purpose of the filming activity (advertisement, movie, documentary etc), and describe in detail the proposed filming activity.

Parkers Trail TV Series - We would like to film on board the Dolphin Encounter Boat – operating a drone from the vessel.

Proposed term

(Up to three years)

Episodes will remain through the Discovery streaming platform for an indefinite period of time.

Location information

Base of operation:

Kaikoura

Proposed area or areas of operation:

Area south of the Kaikoura Peninsula within the operational area of permit holder Dolphin Encounter.

Specific locations where contact with marine mammals is likely:

Goose Bay

Species

Marine mammals you propose to encounter and film:

- all species of whales
- all species of dolphins
- all species of seals

Please specify the species you intend to target at each location

Dusky dolphins

Filming details

Please provide the following additional information where applicable. Please be thorough and include relevant information for each species of marine mammal. In particular, describe how you intend to mitigate any potential adverse effects on marine mammals.

When do you propose to undertake filming at each location?
(please be as specific as possible, including dates and times during the day)

Approx 23rd or 24th or 25th or 26th or 27th January 2022 from 0630 am

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March 2022

Maximum time spent with marine mammals per individual encounter:

2.5 hours

Maximum cumulative time with marine mammals during a day:

2.5 hours

How will you approach, film and depart from marine mammals using a drone?

Is the drone being launched from:

- land
- boat
- both

Approach speed

As per marine mammal regulations applying to Dolphin Encounter Kaikoura, marine mammal permit holder, under which filming will be carried out.

Drone will be flown at approx. 0-5km/hour.

Horizontal distance from marine mammals in the water

As per marine mammal regulations, see above.

We will remain 20meters away from mammals at all times unless guided otherwise by DOC.

Vertical distance from marine mammals in the water

As per marine mammal regulations.

We will remain 20meters away from mammals at all times.

Horizontal distance from seals on land

NA

Vertical distance from seals on land

NA

Height above sea level during transit along the coast or across the sea

NA

Height above sea level while filming marine mammals

NA

Orientation of approach

Approach will not be from in front of dolphins or dolphin pod.

What other actions you will take to minimise disturbance

As per operating conditions followed by permit holder Dolphin Encounter

Type and number of drones (Copy and paste details for additional drones)

Maximum number of drones operating at any one time:

1

Drone 1 description:

Model: Inspire II

Noise level: The drone is whisper quite at 10m away

Drone 2 description:

Model:

Noise level:

Drone Operator(s)

Please fill in for every person that may come into contact with marine mammals throughout the course of the proposed filming. (Copy and paste details for additional crew)

Full Name: Yu Liu

Job Title: Drone operator

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: Drone operator has Part 102 certificate. Luey has had ample experience filming in these areas, operating a drone from the Dolphin Encounter boats.

Relevant knowledge of the local area and sea conditions: Strong local knowledge of the area and sea conditions based on previous filming experience with Tourism New Zealand and Discovery.

C. Other

Is there any further information you wish to supply in support of your application?

We of course will adhere to any rules and regulations for filming in the region and want to ensure that we are causing the least disruption possible whilst capturing the content required.