



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 shore-based marine mammal viewing. This form is to be completed in conjunction with Applicant Information Form 8.

Note:

- If your application also involves marine mammal viewing which is vessel-based please also fill in Form 8 a.
- If your application also involves marine mammal viewing which is aircraft-based please also fill in Form 8 c.
- 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 vehicle or a new staff member) please fill in the application Form 8 f. 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 Advisor (Support)

Private Bag 4715

Christchurch Mail Centre

Christchurch 8140

Ph +64 3 371 3700

Email: permissionschristchurch@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)

Green Jersey Explorer Tours Limited

B. Proposed Operation Species

Tick which species you are applying to view:

X New Zealand fur seal

New Zealand sea lion

Other please list:

* 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:

Petone, New Zealand

Martinborough, NZ

Proposed area of operation:

Wellington, Wairarapa, Westland

Specific locations where contact with marine mammals is proposed:

Cape Palliser, Turakirae Scientific Reserve, Redrocks (Te Kopahou Reserve), Cape Foulwind (Westland)

Proposed route to, along and across the shore:

Cape Palliser - Access to the Colony via Cape Palliser Road

Turakirae Head - Access via the Rimutaka Cycle Trail (on occasional guided tours)

Red Rocks Te Kopahou Reserve via Owhiro Bay coastal road, walking access from visitor information centre.

Cape Foulwind - Short visits approximately 3 times annually, road and walking. Track and viewing platform

Trip details (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

Frequency - proposed months of operation:

Cape Palliser - Year round
Turakirae Head - Year Round
Red Rocks - Year round
Cape Foulwind - April, May, October

Frequency - number of trips per annum:

Cape Palliser - 100
Turakirae Head - 15
Red Rocks - 100
Cape Foulwind - 3

Frequency - maximum number of trips per day:

Cape Palliser - 1
Turakirae Head - 1
Red Rocks - 1
Cape Foulwind - 1

Duration of trips:

Time spent with marine mammals
Cape Palliser - 30 - 60 minutes (part of a day trip)
Turakirae Head - 30-60 minutes (side trip as part of 2-3 day cycling itinerary, maybe used for walking excursions as well)
Red Rocks - 30 - 60 minutes (day walking trip)
Cape Foulwind - 30- 60 minutes (this is a potential side excursion during a 20 day cycling itinerary)

Maximum number of vehicles operating at any one time:

Max 2 motor vehicles per location - generally only one, we may visit more than one site per day but never the same site, or the same group.
Turakirae Scientific Reserve will only be visited by cyclists
Red Rocks in Wellington only visited by walkers

Maximum number of passengers:

Cape Palliser - 22
Turakirae Head - 11
Red Rocks - 11
Cape Foulwind - 15

Vehicle Information (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

Vehicle 1. description:

Registration: CJY856	Make:Ford
Model: Transit	2WD
Carrying Capacity: 12 (11 pax)	Colour: White

Vehicle 2. description:

Registration: KKE 421	Make: LDV
Model:V80	2WD
Carrying Capacity: 12 (11 pax)	Colour: Silver

Vehicle 3. description:

Registration: CZK 852	Make: Toyota
Model: Coaster	2WD
Carrying Capacity: 20 (19pax)	Colour: White

Drivers, 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: Stuart James Edwards	Job Title: Managing Director	
Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals?	Act	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If "yes", please provide details:		
Relevant experience with marine mammals:		

Full Name: Joseph Howells	Job Title: Director
Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals?	Act <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If "yes", please provide details:	
Relevant experience with marine mammals:	

Full Name: Christian Williams	Job Title: Guide
Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals?	Act <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If "yes", please provide details:	
Relevant experience with marine mammals:	

Full Name: Thomas Vieregg	Job Title: Guide
Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals?	Act <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If "yes", please provide details:	
Relevant experience with marine mammals:	

Full Name: Bronwyn Pogson	Job Title: Guide
Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals?	Act <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If "yes", please provide details:	
Relevant experience with marine mammals:	

Full Name: Simon Meikle	Job Title: Guide
Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals?	Act <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If "yes", please provide details:	

Relevant experience with marine mammals:

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:

30 minutes

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

60 minutes

Nature of the contact with marine mammals:

Primary purpose

Secondary purpose

Vehicle approach route and orientation of approach relative to seals or sea lions:

Vehicle approach route is along a public road and parking will be in an accepted parking area or on roadside. We approach driving parallel to the colony.

Position of vehicles relative to seals or sea lions, the shore and the sea while viewing:

Vehicles will generally be a minimum of 10 metres from the seals although with roadside parking this could be closer from time to time. In most cases roadside viewing is from inside the vehicle.

Otherwise vehicles are parked a minimum of 30 metres from the seals.

Distances to each species:

Roadside viewing can be unavoidably close on the Cape Palliser Road as seals will bask in the sun very close to the roadside, in this case we proceed past them very slowly, both to offer ease of viewing and to minimise impact from the vehicle.

Viewing at the Cape Palliser Nursery Pool and other locations listed will allow 20 metres from species, occasionally, viewing will be closer as seals can find well hidden resting spots.

How groups of people will be managed in the vicinity of seals or sea lions in particular to manage noise and behaviour:

All groups are briefed on protocols for viewing seals before we alight the vehicle and are actively for the duration of the visit. We generally have small groups, so they are easily managed by guides with whom a rapport has been built during the tour.

Our policy includes never coming between an animal and the water, maintain a safe distance and you are obliged to adhere to the instructions of the guides.

Behaviour around breeding colonies, nurseries and pups:

Similar to regular protocols, we never get close enough to interfere with pup or breeding seals, We ensure noise is kept to a minimum as are sudden movements or distractions. We keep a close watch for "hidden" seals.

Binoculars for viewing are encouraged and may be supplied.

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

Ensure groups are educated on the DOC rules regarding viewing seals.

- Always stay at least 20 m from seals. Allow them space if they are active.
 - Do not disturb seals. Don't make loud noises or throw objects in their vicinity.
 - Always keep dogs and small children under control and away from seals.
 - Never attempt to touch or handle a seal. They can be aggressive if threatened.
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- You can also catch diseases from seals through their skin, sneezes, coughs and barks, and you may also carry diseases that can transfer to them and make them ill.
 - Do not feed any seal.

How will you depart from the marine mammals?

Vehicle departure route and orientation of departure relative to seals or sea lions:

When departing on foot we ensure we are not blocking escape paths for seals and guides ensure they are aware of any agitated or advancing animals. Depart quietly and as a group.

When departing by vehicle we drive in a way that minimises disturbance to the colony, remaining aware of any animals that are in the immediate vicinity of the vehicle.

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

We will supply information that can be found on the Department of Conservation website as a primary source.

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/native-animals/marine-mammals/seals/nz-fur-seal/>