



Please provide all information requested in as much detail as possible. Applicants will be advised if further information is required before this application can be processed by the Department.

This form must be completed for all longer term applications (ie not one-off applications), then please fill in and attach the form(s) for the activities you wish to undertake. If extra space is required for answering please attach and label according to the relevant section.

Once you have filled in your application form, please complete this checklist to ensure that all components of your application form are complete. This will help prevent any possible delays in the processing of your application:

- ☐ Legal status registration number (if not an individual)
- ☐ Written testimonials (if required)
- ☐ All appropriate activity application forms - for concessions we require the applicant information form **and** relevant activity form(s)
- ☐ Supporting evidence for Environmental Impact Assessment (if required)
- ☐ Evidence of MPI certified supplier status
- ☐ Evidence of a supply contract with a registered MPI processor **or**
- ☐ Evidence of a supply contract with a marketing entity with evidence of the arrangement with an MPI registered processor who will be processing the carcasses for supply
- ☐ Supporting evidence for details of activity forms
- ☐ Have you read the section regarding the liability of the applicant for payment of fees?
- ☐ **Have you signed your application?**

All efforts in putting together a detailed application are greatly appreciated and will allow the Department to effectively and efficiently process your application.

A. Applicant Details

Applicant Name
(full name of registered company or individual)

Fiordland Wapiti Foundation

Legal Status of applicant (tick)

Individual

Registered Company

Trust

Incorporated Society

X

Other (please specify full details)

Please supply the company, trust or incorporated society registration number: 654185

If an individual please supply your date of birth (this is a unique identifier for you):

Trading Name
(if different from Applicant name)

Fiordland Wapiti Foundation

Postal Address

Street Address (if different from Postal Address)

Registered Office of Company or Incorporated Society (if applicable)

Phone

Website

Fwf.net.nz

Contact Person and role

Roy Sloan General Manager

Phone

Cell Phone

Same

Email

Contact Person and role

Roy Sloan General Manager

Phone

Cell Phone

Email

Please provide details of aircraft below:					
Aircraft make/model	Aircraft registration			Aircraft colour(s)	

Please provide details of personnel who will be undertaking this activity as per the table below. Evidence of CAA compliance and MPI registration is to accompany this application.					
Name	Pilot Y/N	CAA compliant Y/N or N/A	MPI certified supplier Y/N	MPI number or N/A	Relationship to concessionaire (eg: director, employee)

Please attach a copy of the applicant's current <u>Supply Contract</u> with MPI processor or marketing entity.
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D. Term

Term applied for
(ie: number of years or months)

10 years

Note: All permits granted under the National Wild Animal Recovery Operations (WARO) Permit Concession Offer expire on 30 June 2018.

E. Actual or potential effects of proposal

Section 17S(1)(c) of the Conservation Act (1987) requires you to describe the potential environmental effect your proposal may have on land managed by the Department.

In offering a national WARO permit the Department acknowledges the general effects of the activity being offered are known.

B. Background Experience of Applicant

Please provide relevant information relating to the applicant's ability to carry out the proposed activity (e.g. details of previous concessions, membership of professional organisations and relevant qualifications). Attach details and label Attachment B.

The Fiordland Wapiti Foundation holds a community agreement with the Director General of Conservation. We have been doing deer management in Fiordland for 20 years.

In that time the Wapiti Foundation has undertaken deer management removing over 20,000 deer.

We have consistently achieved yearly deer management targets within fluctuating venison markets. When others in NZ have either failed or stopped undertaking deer management, we have found ways to continue. This includes subsidising, opening new venison markets and partnerships with companies.

A high percentage of these deer have been sold to venison markets and in return the funds have supported ongoing conservation efforts in Fiordland.

Please see Attachment titled Wapiti impact research-for supporting evidence.

Has the Applicant or any of the company directors, trustees, partners, or anyone involved with the Application been convicted of any offence? Does the Applicant or any of the company directors, trustees, partners, or anyone involved with the Application have any current criminal charges pending before the court? If yes, please supply details.

NO

C. Description of service/activity and Location

This application covers only the activities detailed below:

North Island permit

The use of aircraft (whether or not for hire or reward) to carry out one or more of the following activities:

- (a) the searching for, shooting, or immobilising of deer, pig and goat:
- (b) the searching for, shooting of pig and goat.
- (c) the recovery of dead deer, pig, and goat or any part of such deer (including velvet), pig and goat for supply to a MPI registered processing facility:
- (d) the recovery of dead deer, pig or goat or any part of such deer (including velvet), pig or goat for the personal consumption of the Concessionaire or its employees, only where undertaking the activity in (c):
- (e) the capture and conveyance of live deer, pig or goat:
- (f) the carriage of persons, supplies, equipment, firearms, ammunition, or other things that may be used for the purposes of paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) or paragraph (c) or paragraph (d) or paragraph (e):
- (g) the use of aircraft to facilitate the offloading of recovered deer, pig, or goat carcasses to a refrigerated truck or similar vehicle for transport

BUT EXCLUDING THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

- 1) Live capture of any other species of live wild animals.

The Department has made an assessment of the activity being offered through the national WARO permits and has addressed the effects of this within the standard and special conditions contained in the permit on offer. That assessment covers the following effects:

- Impact upon recreation hunters and other public conservation land users
- Disturbance to plant life
- Disturbance to other wildlife
- Disposal of carcasses
- Effects on animal densities
- Effect upon public conservation land from any off-road activity (access)
- Removal of rubbish
- Disturbance to natural quiet
- Toileting
- Public and operator safety

If your activity is likely to have additional or more potentially adverse effects than those stated above please list these and state how you propose to avoid, remedy or mitigate these in Section D.

F. Description of additional, actual or potential effects of proposal

If you have identified additional or more potentially adverse effects than those assessed by the Department in Section C please complete the table below. Effects can either be actual or potential that you are aware of. An excellent resource to assist with this process is available online at <http://www.doc.govt.nz/upload/documents/about-doc/concessions-and-permits/concessions/guide-to-environmental-impact-assessments.pdf>

Record the potential effects of your proposal here	Outline methods to avoid, remedy or mitigate effects here

G. Concessionaire identity cards

Please advise how many ID cards you will require. Each individual aircraft and/or ground-based support vehicle that will be used on public conservation land will be required to clearly display a concessionaire identity card. Please note that replacement cards will incur a charge.

Aircraft: 10	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ground-based vehicles: 10	<input type="checkbox"/>
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H. Testimonials

- 2) Carriage of any other species of wild animal.
- 3) Carriage of recreational hunters involved with the searching for, shooting or immobilising and recovery of wild animals (e.g. heli-hunting).
- 4) Carriage of ground-based hunters who are not employees of the Concessionaire.
- 5) Carriage of individuals who are providing a guided hunting service.
- 6) Carriage of any passenger other than employees of the Concessionaire who are engaged in the Concession Activity
- 7) Subject to (d) above the recovery of wild animals for the purpose of personal consumption
- 8) Recovery of wild animals for trophy mounting purposes

South Island permit

The use of aircraft (whether or not for hire or reward) to carry out one or more of the following activities:

- (a) the searching for, shooting, or immobilising of deer
- (b) the searching for, shooting of pig, goat and chamois.
- (c) The recovery of dead deer, pig, goat, chamois or any part of such deer (including velvet), pig, goat, chamois for supply to a MPI registered processing facility:
- (d) The recovery of dead deer, pig, goat, chamois or any part of such deer (including velvet), pig, goat, chamois for the personal consumption of the Concessionaire or its employees, only where undertaking the activity in (c).
- (e) The capture and conveyance of live deer only:
- (f) The carriage of persons, supplies, equipment, firearms, ammunition, or other things that may be used for the purposes of paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) or paragraph (c) or paragraph (d) or paragraph (e):
- (g) The use of aircraft to facilitate the offloading of recovered deer, pig, goat, or chamois carcasses to a refrigerated truck or similar vehicle for transport.

BUT EXCLUDING THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

- (1) Live capture or carriage of other species of live wild animals including pig, goat, and chamois.
- (2) Carriage of any other species of wild animal
- (3) Carriage of recreational hunters involved with the searching for, shooting or immobilising and recovery of wild animals (e.g. heli-hunting)
- (4) Carriage of ground-based hunters who are not employees of the Concessionaire
- (5) Carriage of individuals who are providing a guided hunting service
- (6) Carriage of any passenger other than employees of the Concessionaire who are engaged in the Concession Activity
- (7) Subject to (d) above the recovery of wild animals for the purpose of personal consumption
- (8) Recovery of wild animals for trophy mounting purposes

Note: If you wish to apply to undertake the above activity at locations outside of those within the national WARO permits or if you wish to undertake any other activities outside of the national WARO permits you will need to complete a separate application form. If unsure please discuss with Janine Sidery (jsidery@doc.govt.nz) phone 03 371 3700.

Which of the above described permits do you wish to apply for? Please indicate your choice below.

Full South Island Schedule only

Please attach two written testimonials, together with the names, occupations, addresses and phone numbers of two people who will vouch for the proficiency of the applicant in the proposed activity. At least one testimonial should contain information in relation to the financial viability and standing of the applicant. These testimonials are to be labelled Attachment H.

I. Insurance

WARO permit holders are required to indemnify the Minister against any claims or liabilities arising from their actions.

If your application is approved you will be required to hold the following insurance for each aircraft:

- (a) General Public Liability for an amount no less than NZ\$2,000,000 including Forest & Rural Fires Act Extension with this extension having a sub-limit of no less than NZ\$1,000,000;
- (b) Third Party Motor Vehicle Liability for an amount no less than NZ\$1,000,000;
- (c) Aviation Legal Liability for an amount of no less than NZ\$2,000,000 including Forest & Rural Fires Act Extension with this extension having a sub-limit of no less than NZ\$1,000,000.

If my application is granted, I agree to arrange insurance cover as above before commencing operations.

J. Fees and costs

Processing Fees:

Section 60B of the Conservation Act contains the statutory provisions regarding processing fees.

The Department recovers all direct and indirect costs to process a WARO application from Applicants regardless of whether the application is approved or declined.

The estimated cost of processing a WARO application is **\$1540 + GST**. If the application is particularly complex or complicated then further costs will be incurred. In this situation the Applicant will be sent an estimate of costs. Applicants are also entitled to request an estimate of costs at any point but the Department may impose a charge for preparing such an estimate. Estimates are not binding.

The Department will ordinarily invoice the Applicant for processing fees after a decision has been made on the application but in some cases interim invoices will be issued. If at any stage an application is withdrawn the Department shall invoice the Applicant for the costs incurred by the Department up to that point. Applicants are required to pay the processing fees within 28 days of receiving an invoice. The Director-General is entitled to recover any unpaid fees as a debt.

The Director-General of Conservation has discretion to reduce or waive processing fees.

The Department may obtain further information either from the applicant or from any other relevant source in order to process the application. The applicant will be advised of any information obtained from other sources. The cost of obtaining such information will be charged to and recovered from the applicant. The applicant will be informed as soon as practicable from receipt of the application if further information is required before this application form can be fully processed by the Department.

Reduction in Processing Fees for exceeding processing timeframe:

If the Department fails to meet its processing timeframes the fees will be reduced at a rate of 1% per day late, up to a maximum of 50% of the total processing fee. The reduction will not apply if the Applicant's actions have delayed the process.

Ongoing Fees:

If your application is approved, you will also be required to pay annual administration management fees throughout the term of the WARO concession to cover the cost of administration.

Please contact the nearest Department of Conservation office to discuss the applicable fee and processing timeframe for the application.

Terms and Conditions for an Account with the Department of Conservation:

Have you held an account with the Department before? (Please tick) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, under what name:

1. I/We agree that the Department of Conservation can provide my details to the Department's Credit Checking Agency to enable it to conduct a full credit check.
2. I/We agree that any change which affects the trading address, legal entity, structure of management or control of the applicant's company (as detailed in this application) will be notified in writing to the Department of Conservation within 7 days of that change becoming effective.
3. I/We agree to notify the Department of Conservation of any disputed charges within 14 days of the date of the invoice.
4. I/We agree to fully pay the Department of Conservation for any invoice received on or before the due date.
5. I/We agree to pay all costs incurred (including interest, legal costs and debt recovery fees) to recover any money owing on this account.
6. I/We agree that the credit account provided by the Department of Conservation may be withdrawn by the Department of Conservation, if any terms and conditions of the credit account are not met.
7. I/We agree that the Department of Conservation can provide my details to the Department's Debt Collection Agency in the event of non-payment of payable fees.

K. Other

Is there any further information you wish to supply in support of your application? Please attach if necessary and label Attachment K.

Helicopter: The Wapiti Foundation currently contract helicopter companies who hold WARO concessions to undertake their work. These companies also hold the relevant supply agreements with processing plants.

Fees Waiver. The Wapiti Foundation requests a fee waiver. We are a non-profit organization that has been conducting deer management in Fiordland National Park for 20 years. During this period, we have independently financed and successfully removed over 20,000 deer. We also undertake various conservation projects to protect native birds by maintaining traplines in areas accessible only by helicopter. Maintaining these traplines is costly, and we also self-fund their management.

This community project operates without government funding, relying entirely on volunteers and is

financed through fundraising and donations.

Any fees paid for this WARO concession will be deducted from other conservation projects we undertake in Fiordland National Park on behalf of Aotearoa.

Permit area: We request that this permit be for the South Island.

Declaration

I certify that the information provided on this application form and all attached additional forms and information is to the best of my knowledge true and correct.

Note: The Minister can vary any concession granted if the information given in this application contains inaccuracies.

Signature (Applicant)

Date

17/4/25

Signature (Witness)

Date

17/4/25

Witness Name

Witness Address

This application is made pursuant to Sections 17R and 17S of the Conservation Act 1987 the Wild Animal Control Act 1977 [and (where applicable) Section 49 of the National Parks Act 1980/Section 59A of the Reserves Act 1977].

Applicants should familiarise themselves with the relevant provisions of the Conservation Act 1987, the Reserves Act 1977 the National Parks Act 1980, the Wild Animal Control Act 1977 and the Wild Animal Control Amendment Act 1977 relating to concessions.

Once the application is complete, the Minister has 20 days within which to advise the applicant whether the application is declined on the grounds that the application does not comply with or is inconsistent with the provisions of the Act or any relevant Conservation Management Strategy or Conservation Management Plan. If the Minister does not so advise the applicant the application will be processed in accordance with Section 17T of the Conservation Act 1987.

The purpose of collecting this information is to enable the Department to process your application. The Department will not use this information for any reason not related to that purpose.

Applicants should be aware that provisions of the Official Information Act might require that some or all information in this application be publicly released.

For Departmental use

Credit check undertaken

Comments :

Signed

**Approved (Tier 4 manager
or above)**

Name

Name

30/04/2025

Helicopter company undertaking the activity.

The Wapiti Foundation will contract helicopter companies with current WARO concessions for deer management activities. This may be one of three companies operating in the Fiordland area.

Thanks

Roy Sloan



CAM SPEEDY

Wildlife Management Associates Ltd

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15 April 2025

To Whom it May Concern

My name is Campbell John Thorn (Cam) Speedy

I live at 20 Te Awamate Road, Tokaanu, TURANGI 3381. My contact details are contained in the footer.

I am a professional wildlife ecologist with extensive experience in the public (19 years) and private (23 years) sectors, working with a range of both indigenous and introduced species - including deer.

I write in support of the Fiordland Wapiti Foundation (FWF's) application for a Wild Animal Recovery Operation (WARO) Concession from the Department of Conservation (DOC). I have worked with the FWF since 2011 on developing a deer management model for the Fiordland Wapiti Area of Fiordland National Park – one that delivers a sustainable, low density, high quality, male dominated, trophy Wapiti Herd, that is compatible with the landscape and ecological values of this very special place.

In that time, I have witnessed substantial progress towards a modern, biologically appropriate, fit-for-purpose and more importantly, sustainable WARO approach over the ~190,000ha Fiordland Wapiti Area. FWF's evidence-based understanding of the deer management requirements within Fiordland is unparalleled. They operate at a scale and at times when other WARO concessionaires - who are wedded to financial outcomes rather than biological outcomes - are unable to do so. This is highlighted by FWF's ability to start going beyond the Wapiti Area into other important adjoining areas such as the Murchison Mountains, as deer numbers have increased under a 'traditional' WARO model.

In my professional opinion, FWF have developed a model that can be well supported by relevant science and has wide application across New Zealand – one that is appropriate for 2025, not stuck in 1977 when the Wild Animal Control (WAC) Act was passed in our Parliament. The ability and proficiency of FWF to deliver a WARO service that caters for the modern biological, ecological, social, financial and cultural needs of Fiordland is unquestionable.

I have no hesitation in offering my support for their DOC WARO Concession Application. Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Cam Speedy
Wildlife Ecologist/Director



Testimonial for the Fiordland Wapiti Foundation

From Southern Lakes Helicopters

Southern Lakes Helicopters has proudly worked alongside the Fiordland Wapiti Foundation (FWF) for over two decades, providing aerial support for their deer management operations within Fiordland National Park. Over this time, we have developed a close and trusted working relationship built on professionalism, operational excellence, and shared conservation values.

From an operational perspective, the Foundation has consistently demonstrated a high level of capability in the planning and management of wild animal recovery (WARO) activities. The Fiordland Wapiti Foundation operates with a deep understanding of the terrain, environment, and necessary safety protocols, ensuring that all work is carried out effectively and with integrity.

From a financial standpoint, the Fiordland Wapiti Foundation has been a reliable and responsible partner. Over the course of our 20-year relationship, they have consistently met all financial obligations in a timely and professional manner. This financial reliability is a testament to the Foundation's strong internal management and accountability.

We have no hesitation in supporting the Foundation's application for a WARO concession and affirming their ability to manage deer recovery operations at the highest standard.

Sincerely,

Michael Hayes



CEO
Southern lakes Helicopters Ltd

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