

The Department recommends that you contact the Department of Conservation permissions office as 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 viewing marine mammals from aircraft. 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 8a.
- If your application also involves marine mammal viewing which is shore-based please also fill in Form 8b.
- 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 boat or new staff member), please fill in the application Form 8f. 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@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)

B. Proposed operation (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

Species

Marine mammals you propose to encounter:

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

Excluding*:

Or

- the following specified species*

* 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:

Proposed area of operation:

Specific locations where contact with marine mammals is proposed:

You must attach a map of the proposed area of operation; it must clearly show the boundaries of the area, any specific locations where contact with marine mammals is likely, and expected routes.

Trip details (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

Frequency - proposed months of operation:

Frequency - number of trips per annum:

Frequency - number of trips per day:

Duration of Trips:

Maximum number of aircraft operating at any one time:

Maximum number of passengers:

Type and number of aircraft to be used (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

Aircraft 1 description:

Registration:	Make:
Model:	Carrying Capacity:
Colour:	Owner:
Noise levels above sea:	Noise levels below sea:
Air service certificate number or other aviation document:	

Aircraft 2 description:

Registration:	Make:
Model:	Carrying Capacity:
Colour:	Owner:
Noise levels above sea:	Noise levels below sea:
Air service certificate number or other aviation document:	

Aircraft 3 description:

Registration:	Make:
Model:	Carrying Capacity:
Colour:	Owner:
Noise levels above sea:	Noise levels below sea:
Air service certificate number or other aviation document:	

Pilots, 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:	Job Title:
Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the Act or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

If yes please provide details:
Relevant experience with marine mammals:
Relevant knowledge of the local area and weather conditions:

Full Name: Job Title:
Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the Act or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals? Yes No

If yes please provide details:
Relevant experience with marine mammals:
Relevant knowledge of the local area and weather conditions:

Full Name: Job Title:
Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the Act or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals? Yes No

If yes please provide details:
Relevant experience with marine mammals:
Relevant knowledge of the local area and weather conditions:

Full Name: Job Title:
Has this person had any convictions or prosecutions for offences against the Act or any other Act involving the mistreatment of animals? Yes No

If yes please provide details:
Relevant experience with marine mammals:
Relevant knowledge of the local area and weather conditions:

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.

C. Additional information (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

Maximum time spent with marine mammals per individual encounter:

Maximum cumulative time for all encounters during a trip:

Nature of the contact with marine mammals:

- Primary purpose
- Secondary purpose

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

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

Height above sea level while viewing marine mammals:

Position and behaviour of aircraft relative to marine mammals including:
Horizontal distance from marine mammals

Circling or other aircraft manoeuvres in the vicinity of marine mammals

How will you depart from the marine mammals?

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

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

APPENDIX 1

GUIDANCE INFORMATION FOR FILLING IN THE FORM

Location information

“Base of operation” - specify the airport, airstrip or helipad where passengers will board the aircraft.

“Proposed area of operation” -provide a written description of the general extent of the operation – please specify the boundaries (e.g. key landmarks) and the location as it is generally known, e.g. Pelorus Sound or Hauraki Gulf.

“Specific locations where contact with marine mammals is proposed” – you need to list any particular sites you will visit where marine mammals are known or expected to be encountered; e.g. seal colony sites or specific localities where dolphin are known to occur

Type and number of aircraft to be used

If you have more aircraft than the spaces provided please copy the fields and paste to the bottom of the table in the section.

Pilots, guides and other relevant staff

If you have more staff members than the spaces provided please copy the fields and paste to the bottom of the table in the section.

Additional information

Please be specific for each class of marine mammal or for individual species.

Maximum time spent with marine mammals per individual encounter:

“Encounter” means being less than 1000 metres from a marine mammal

Nature of the contact with marine mammals:

“Primary purpose” means the operation’s main focus is to seek out and encounter marine mammals e.g. whale watching flights.

“Secondary purpose” means that viewing marine mammals is not the operation’s main focus but will still be viewed if encountered; e.g. certain scenic flights.

Educational material

Please briefly describe the educational aspects of the proposed operation and supply any proposed educational material, copies of brochures, or information booklets as an attachment (note, these may be returned if requested).