

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 8a.
- If your application also involves marine mammal viewing which is aircraft-based please also fill in Form 8c.
- 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 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 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)

PURAVIDA LIMITED

B. Proposed Operation

Species

Tick which species you are applying to view:

- 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:

Dunedin, New Zealand

Proposed area of operation:

Lower South Island Coastline

Specific locations where contact with marine mammals is proposed:

Moeraki Boulders, Kaiki Point, Sandfly Bay, Allan's Beach, Nugget Point, Surat Bay, Rakiura, Ulva Island.

Proposed route to, along and across the shore:

Normal vehicle access routes and designated parking areas will be utilised. Formed tracks will be used to access the shore by foot. Short excursions on the shore will take place depending on the position and number of marine mammals encountered but appropriate viewing distances and techniques will be adhered to at all times.

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:

Year-round operation with more frequent visits in the summer months; (Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb)

Frequency - number of trips per annum:

75

Frequency - number of trips per day:

1

Duration of trips:

20 minutes – 4 hours

Maximum number of vehicles operating at any one time:

1

Maximum number of passengers:

20

Vehicle Information (refer to Appendix 1 for detailed guidance)

Vehicle 1. description:

Registration: EAB303

Make: Suzuki

Model: Grand Vitara

4WD/2WD 4WD

Carrying Capacity: 4 passengers

Colour: Silver

Vehicle 2. description:

Registration: Hire vehicle, Tinto Bus Service

Make:

Model:

4WD/2WD

Carrying Capacity:

Colour:

Vehicle 3. description:

Registration:

Make:

Model:

4WD/2WD

Carrying Capacity:

Colour:

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: Matthew Dale Winter (Mateo)

Job Title: Owner/Tour Guide

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:

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: untamedNZ is solely owned and operated by Mateo Winter. Mateo has a good deal of experience as a tour guide for various operations in Otago. Mateo has worked at Penguin Place, Otago Peninsula as a guide and also for Back to Nature Tours as a guide. He is well versed in appropriate viewing of marine mammals and wildlife and has experience in group management in these often-sensitive situations. Strict viewing distances (as per the Marine Mammals Protection Act) are always maintained and Mateo is very conscious of the wellbeing of the wildlife at stake.

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:

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:

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:

10 minutes

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

45 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:

No vehicles will be taken to the shore. Vehicles will be parked in recognised carparking facilities and groups will approach the marine environment by foot on formed paths and tracks where possible.

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

Vehicles will not be on shore or interacting in any capacity with seals or sea lions and will always be >50m from any marine mammals.

Distances to each species:

20m from New Zealand fur seals, 20m from New Zealand sea lions.

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

Prior to any shore excursion the group will be briefed on appropriate viewing of marine wildlife – namely that;

- The group stay close together and with the guide at all times
- A distance >20m from marine mammals will be maintained at all times
- The group will only view NZ fur seals from the land side of the animal (never coming between the animal and the sea)
- The group must be quiet when in the immediate vicinity of the marine mammals.
- Viewing groups will be less than 50% of the circle/circumference around a marine mammal.
- Any marine mammal trying to leave the vicinity will not be blocked or interfered with
- If a marine mammal is showing signs of disturbance then viewing/engagement will cease immediately and the group will depart for the vicinity and not re-engage with the same individual.

These viewing behaviours will be strongly enforced and should the need arise due to lack of co-operation with appropriate viewing techniques the group will immediately return to the tour vehicle. Mateo has significant experience managing groups in the vicinity of some of New Zealand's national treasures (Yellow-eyed Penguins, NZ Fur Seals, Sea Lions, many native bird species) and always enforces the appropriate viewing of his beloved native fauna strictly.

Behaviour around breeding colonies, nurseries and pups:

The viewing behaviours will be as above with a special concern for marine mammals becoming more anxious and defensive when their young are present. Viewing distances will be increase and the duration of viewing/engagement with marine mammals around breeding colonies, nurseries and pups with NOT EXCEED 10 MINUTES.

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

Viewing groups will be less than 50% of the circle/circumference around a marine mammal. Any marine mammal trying to leave the vicinity will not be blocked or interfered with. Formed paths and tracks will be used to access the short (not interfering with their land habitat), removing any litter found in the marine environment and of course removing any litter that the group produces. Emphasise that viewing our precious marine mammals is a privilege not a right and how our viewing helps protect and conserve

that animals.

How will you depart from the marine mammals?

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

Vehicles depart from recognised car parks on formed roads and tracks – no vehicles will be within 50m of marine mammals.

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

Education material will be given verbally regarding the importance of conservation of our beautiful and unique marine mammals. In our experience, printed media is not the most appropriate method of education as often – times the brochures will just be left on the tour vehicle. A few short, succinct and memorable words regarding the conservation and importance of these animals has far longer lasting positive impacts. Having said this, Mateo always carries copies of the reference books covering all native flora and fauna that can be perused by tourists at their leisure on the tour vehicle.

APPENDIX 1

GUIDANCE INFORMATION FOR FILLING IN THE FORM

Location information

“Base of operation” -specify the location where passengers board the vehicle.

“Proposed area of operation” -provide a written description of the general extent of the operation where you will be likely to have contact with marine mammals – please specify the boundaries (e.g. key landmarks) and the location as it is generally known; e.g. Wellington coast or Wairarapa coast.

“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. Red Rocks, Ohau Stream waterfall, Point Kean, Barney’s Island, Adele Island.

Trip details

Clearly identify where there are seasonal differences in the trip details

Type and number of vehicles to be used

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

Drivers, 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 100 metres from a seal or sea lion.

Nature of the contact with marine mammals:

“Primary purpose” means the operation’s main focus is to seek out and encounter seals or sea lions e.g. seal encounter tours and trips to known seal colonies.

“Secondary purpose” means that viewing seals or sea lions is not the operation’s main focus but will still be viewed if encountered; e.g. certain scenic cruises, tourist bus trips.

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).