



Applicant Information Form 12b Holding, taking, importing, exporting marine mammals for non-research purposes

The Department recommends that you contact us to discuss the proposed activity prior to completing the application forms:

Permissions Advisor (Support)

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This form must be completed when applying for permits to hold, take, import, export marine mammals for non-research purposes ONLY. If you wish to hold, take, import, export marine mammals for research purposes please fill in [Form 12a](#), available on the DOC website.

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.

Please note that the application process involves notification in the *Gazette* for 28 days (see s.5.5 of the Act), allow sufficient time when submitting the application for this to be undertaken.

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

- ☐ Legal status (company/trust/inc society) registration number (if not an individual)
- ☐ Written consultations (if applicable)
- ☐ Have you read and accept 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, student or university)		Greater Wellington Regional Council			
Legal Status of applicant (tick)	Individual	Registered Company	Trust	Incorporated Society	
Other (please specify full details)		Regional Council			
Please supply the company, trust or incorporated society registration number:					
If an individual please supply your date of birth (this is a unique identifier for you):					
Trading Name (if different from Applicant name)					
Postal Address (of Applicant)		Greater Wellington Regional Council 34 Chapel Street, Masterton 5810			
Street Address (if different from Postal Address)					
Phone	0800 496 734		Website	www.gw.govt.nz	
Contact Person and role					
Phone			Cell Phone		
Email					
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B. Details of Proposed Activity

☒ Take ☐ Hold ☐ Import ☐ Export

NB please tick all applicable activities

C. Purpose of Proposed Activity

- Description of activity

Nature of work: Ecological weed control and native planting that may result in Take (disturbance) of kekeno / New Zealand fur seals (*Arctocephalus forsteri*).

Requested permit duration: 10 years, starting from the date of permit approval to 01/07/2034.

This work is included within the Greater Wellington Regional Pest Management Plan 2019-2039: Section 2.1.4 Key Native Ecosystem programme (attachment 1) and is further defined in the Key Native Ecosystem Operational Plan for Cape Palliser – Te Mātakitaki a Kupe (attachment 2).

This work is intended to remove and/or reduce non-native ecological weeds from the coastal margin and re-instate a native-dominated floral community. Native flora is hypothesized to be of greater value for the marine mammal species in question (New Zealand fur seal) by providing familiar shelter while resting on land. Greater Wellington proposes that this work supports the Proposed Outcome of the DOC Wellington

Conservation Management Strategy (2019) Vol. 1, Section 11.1: “The ecological health of marine ecosystems and the marine coastal land interface with the [Wellington Marine Place] is improving, and marine species thrive.”

The work site is the rocky shore south of the Cape Palliser lighthouse (see map 1 - Attachment 3) at E 1790809, N 5390606 NZTM.

Greater Wellington staff will undertake ecological weed removal work along the rocky shore at Cape Palliser that may disturb resting New Zealand fur seals. This work includes chainsaw use, manual vegetation removal, and foliar herbicide application. Wherever possible, work will be scheduled outside the seal breeding season. Work will be undertaken in approximately 100 metre long sections to allow seals an opportunity to relocate to a safe location on the shore outside of the active work site.

District Name: Wairarapa
Region Name: Lower North Island
Ecological District: Aorangi
Ecological Region: 37
Marine Biogeographic Region: North Cook Strait

- Species of marine mammal item/part (if known):
Kekeno / New Zealand fur seal (*Arctocephalus forsteri*).

- Type of marine mammal item/part (eg tooth):
N/A

- Number of marine mammal items/parts:
N/A

- How was the marine mammal item/part obtained:
N/A

- Proposed dates for import/export if applicable:
N/A

D. Other

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

Safety Plan:

General (Pest Plants Regional Pest Management Plan) and site specific (Cape Palliser) Health and Safety Risk Register and Plans detail Greater Wellington staff obligations for working in and around seals on land. These plans focus on maintaining safe distance (20 metres) from seals whenever possible.

The work we propose to undertake at Cape Palliser, covered in this application, will necessitate moving closer than 20 metres from resting seals. While every effort will be made to reduce disturbance of resting seals, we expect that some seals will be forced to relocate on the beach in response to work. This is the reason for our current application.

Greater Wellington Pest Plants staff have extensive experience working on rocky shores like those at Cape Palliser across the Wellington region. Greater Wellington Pest Plants staff also have experience working at the Cape Palliser site along the shore when there are no seals present. Site-specific Health

and Safety plans outline what weather and sea conditions are unsafe and which conditions require work stoppage.

Petition for waiver of fees:

Greater Wellington Regional Council requests that the permit application fee be waived for this work. The work is in keeping with broader ecological restoration goals and specifically contribute to:

- a) the Department of Conservation Statement of Intent 2013-17, Section 3.2: "The diversity of our natural heritage is maintained and restored – Control invasive plants, fungi, algae" and
- b) the Proposed Outcome of the DOC Wellington Conservation Management Strategy (2019) Vol. 1, Section 11.1: "The ecological health of marine ecosystems and the marine coastal land interface with the [Wellington Marine Place] is improving, and marine species thrive."

E. Consultation Undertaken

Some applications require consultation with whānau/hapū/iwi (local Māori), and other interested parties. Please contact the nearest Department of Conservation office to discuss what is required. Written expert views, advice or opinions concerning your proposal may also be attached to support the application. Attach any proof of consultation to the application.

Two Māori trusts (Mātakitaki-a-Kupe Reserves Trust and Mātakitaki 1B2 Trust) are landowners and management partners at the Cape Palliser-Te Mātakitaki a Kupe Key Native Ecosystem site and have been consulted on the ecological weed work described in this application. These iwi landowners are interested in returning the rocky shore to a native floral community. These iwi did not express any concerns regarding the health and wellbeing of the kekeno / fur seals in relation to the proposed weed control work.

Any updates or complications arising from this work will be copied to iwi partners for consultation before further work is undertaken.

Contact details for the trust representatives are available on request.

F. Fees

Section 60B of the Conservation Act enables the Department to recover all direct and indirect costs from an Applicant to process an application regardless of whether the application is approved or declined. If at any stage an application is withdrawn the Department will 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.

We will send you an estimate of fees before they are incurred and invoice you once we have processed your application. Please contact us for further information.

Waiving or Reducing Fees:

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

You may apply for a fee waiver or reduction if you provide information to the permissions team about how your application meets at least one of these criteria:

- The activity will make a direct contribution to management

- The activity will support or contribute to the Department's priority outcomes – which are stated in the Department's 2013-2017 Statement of Intent ([available on the DOC website](#))
- There will be other non-commercial public benefits from the permission (if approved)
- Activity covered by the authorisation (other than research, collection or educational activities) will make a contribution to the management of, or the public interest in, the lands that are covered by the permit

Paying fees:

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.

Please select your method of payment below:

☐ I have attached a cheque

☐ I have direct credited the DOC account (please use Applicant name and MMRP as references)
Department of Conservation
Westpac Bank
Account number: 03 0049 0002808 00

☐ I have a purchase order/number from an organisation registered with DOC

Order number/purchase number:

☒ I do not intend to pay the fees at the time of applying and/or I require an invoice for payment – I have filled in the Terms and Conditions for an Account with the Department of Conservation (following) with my own information.

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:

Greater Wellington Regional Council

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.

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 Director-General may vary any permit granted if the information given in this application contains inaccuracies.

Signature (Applicant)		Date	23/8/2024
Signature (Witness)		Date	23/08/2024
Witness Name			
Witness Address	34 Chapel Street, Masterton		

This application is made pursuant to the Marine Mammals Protection Act 1978.

Applicants should familiarise themselves with the relevant sections of the Marine Mammals Protection Act 1978.

NOTE: Further information may be sought from you for this assessment if this application is not completed fully as required. 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.

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Credit check undertaken			
Comments :			
Signed		Name	
Approved (tier 4 manager or above)		Name	



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- Operational Area
- Biodiversity Key Native Ecosystems

Project Name:	plant control
Author:	
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