



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)		The New Zealand King Salmon Co. Limited						
Legal Status of applicant (tick)	Individual		Registered Company	✓	Trust		Incorporated Society	
Other (please specify full details)								
Please supply the company, trust or incorporated society registration number:								287485
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)		10-18 Bullen Street, Tahunanui, Nelson, 7011						
Street Address (if different from Postal Address)								
Phone		Website	www.kingsalmon.co.nz					
Contact Person and role		Kristin Spaetzel, Compliance Advisor						
Phone		Cell Phone						
Email								
Contact Person and role		Mark Preece, Seawater Manager						
Phone		Cell Phone						
Email								

B. Details of Proposed Activity

☒ Take ☐ Hold ☐ Import ☐ Export

NB please tick all applicable activities

C. Purpose of Proposed Activity

- Description of activity

As in current permit: to catch and release seals which have entered salmon pens; harass seals while attempting to deter them from entering salmon pens; and injure, attract, herd, disturb, and possess seals in association with the above actions. This does not include intentional killing of any seal or the use of acoustic devices.

- Species of marine mammal item/part (if known):

New Zealand Fur Seal, *Arctocephalus forsteri*.

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

Whole.

- Number of marine mammal items/parts:

Unknown/incidental to farm operations.

- How was the marine mammal item/part obtained:

Incidental to farm operations.

- Proposed dates for import/export if applicable:

Not applicable.

D. Other

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

See attached current permit for further information, particularly Schedule 1 – Seal Handling Protocol. See also attached Marine Mammal and Shark Management Plan which is applicable to all farm sites.

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.

Please see attached for: A copy of an email sent to the 8 Marlborough Statutory Acknowledgement Iwi with a response received from Ngāti Toa Rangatira; commentary from Ngāti Kuia on the annual Seal Report; the most recent annual Seal Report for all farms; and the current Marine Mammal and Shark Management Plan for all farms. The Seal Report is submitted annually to Te Ātiawa, Ngāti Kuia, and Ngāti Koata.

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

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☐ 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:

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	27/05/2025
Signature (Witness)		Date	27/05/2025
Witness Name			
Witness Address			

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.

For Departmental use only

Credit check undertaken

Comments :

Signed

Name

Approved (tier 4 manager or above)

Name