



Licence Application Form

Application for a licence to kill or take Seals from inland waters

- Please complete this application form using **dark ink** and BLOCK CAPITALS.
- Return the completed form to the address shown.
- All questions should be answered as appropriate. Questions marked with ‘*’ are mandatory and failing to complete these may result in delays to your application.
- If there is insufficient space for completing answers on this form, please attach a separate sheet.
- Natural England will aim to determine the outcome of a completed licence application within its published service standards.
- If you experience any problems completing this application –please contact Wildlife Licensing.

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For Office Use Only

Ref No:

1. Applicant Details

Please enter the details of the person or company who will become the licensee

(a) Customer Details

Please note: If you are the agent / named ecologist registering on behalf of the applicant you will need to provide their full authorisation with this application.

*Email Address

*Title

(please tick as appropriate) Mr Mrs Mx Other (Please Specify)

*Forename

Middle Name

*Surname

Professional Membership
(e.g. CIEEM, IEMA, etc)

If you represent an organisation please complete (i) (ii) and (iii)

(i) *Business Title

(ii) *Company

(iii) *Position

House Name / No.

*Address Line 1

*Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town

*County

*Postcode

Country

Either 'Telephone No.' or 'Mobile No.' must be completed.

Telephone No.

Mobile No.

Fax no.

*Customer Type (e.g. Farmer, Householder, Ecologist, etc.)

(b) Alternative Applicant Contact Details

In the event that the applicant is unavailable to discuss the application, it would be helpful if alternative contact details could be provided. By completing this section you are confirming that this contact is authorised to act on behalf of the applicant.

Name:

Tel Number:

Email Address:

2. Agent / Named Ecologist Details

(a) Will an agent / named ecologist be used in conjunction with this application?

Yes No
Do not know

(b) Ecologist Details

Please note: If you are the applicant registering on behalf of the agent / named ecologist you will need to provide their full authorisation with this application.

*Email Address

*Title

(please tick as appropriate) Mr Mrs Ms Other (Please Specify

*Forename

Middle Name

*Surname

Professional Membership

(e.g. CIEEM, IEMA, etc)

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Either 'Telephone No.' or 'Mobile No.' must be completed.

Telephone No.

Mobile No.

Fax no.

*Customer Type (e.g. Farmer, Householder, Ecologist, etc.)

(c) Alternative Ecologist Contact Details

In the event that the named ecologist is unavailable to discuss the application, it would be helpful if alternative contact details could be provided. By completing this section you are confirming that this contact is authorised to act on behalf of the named ecologist and has a detailed knowledge of the application.

Name:

Tel Number:

Email Address:

3. Communication Preferences

Please indicate who should be contacted if we need to discuss this application:

Applicant Agent / Ecologist

Please indicate to whom the outcome documentation for this application should be sent:

Applicant Agent / Ecologist

Applicant preferences: Email Post Telephone

If 'Yes' for telephone, please provide a contact no.

Agent / Ecologist preferences: Email Post Telephone

If 'Yes' for telephone, please provide a contact no.

4. Previous Applications

(a) * Have you applied for a licence under the Conservation of Seals Act 1970 before? Yes No

If 'No' please go to the next section. If 'Yes' to (a), please complete the following.

(b) *Date of most recent application:

(c) * What was the subject of the previous applications (e.g. species and/or methods)?

(d) *What is the application or licence reference number?

(e) *What was the outcome of the previous application? (Please select one of the following)

Granted Not Granted Advice Only Deferred Not Yet Known

5. Purpose

(a) *Confirm the purpose of the application:

- Science or education, under section 10(1)(a)
- Zoological gardens or collections, under section 10(1)(b)
- The protection of animal or human health or public safety, under section 10(1)(c)(ia)
- Reduction of a population surplus of seals for management purposes, under section 10(1)(c)(ii)
- Protection of flora and fauna in certain designated conservation areas, under section 10(1)(c)(iv)

No licence can be issued for the purposes listed above for the protection, promotion or development of commercial fish or aquaculture activities within the meaning of the Fisheries Act 2020 (see section 52 of that Act).

(b) *What are the main aims?

6. Site Details

*Is the address for the site or premises to be licensed different to the applicant's address? Yes No

*If 'Yes' ... For each Site / Location to be licensed, please complete **all** of the following details:*

If 'No' ... Please complete Site / Location Name and OS Grid Reference boxes only.

(For linear projects, please add the start and end points separately)

	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3
*Site / Location Name:			
House No:			
Address Line 1:			
Address Line 2:			
Address Line 3:			
Town:			
*County:			
Postcode:			
*OS Grid Reference: <i>(In format XX123456)</i>			

7. Conservation Considerations

(a) *Will any part of the proposed activity fall in and/or adjacent to a Designated Site?

Yes No N/A

If 'Yes' to (a) please complete the table below. If 'No', please go to the next section.

Please indicate whether the activity will fall on and/or adjacent to a designated site:	Designated Site Name:	Type of Designated Site <i>E.g. National Nature Reserve (NNR), Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Protection Area (SPA), Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Ramsar Site, Ancient Monument, Marine Nature Reserve (MNR), Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)</i>
On <input type="checkbox"/> Adjacent to <input type="checkbox"/>		
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(b) Have you received permission from all the designated site managers?

Yes No Not Known

(c) Have you consulted with Natural England for advice on the implications of the application on the designated sites?

Yes No Not Known

(d) Please give either the outcome of your consultations or the reason why you have not consulted us. Please provide any relevant correspondence and the name of the local Natural England adviser or reserve manager consulted.

(e) Will work extend into future years?

(If 'Yes' please state how many years it will extend for)

Yes _____ years No

(f) Is work part of a wider project or contributing to local Biodiversity Action Plans?

Yes No Not Known

(g) Is the location covered by a Natural England Agri-Environment agreement (i.e. Environmental Stewardship)?

(If 'Yes' please provide the agreement reference number)

Yes No N/A

Ref. No:

8. Authorisation

(a) *Is the applicant the owner / occupier of the land? Yes No N/A

If 'Yes' to (a) please go to the next section. If 'No' to (a) please answer (b).

(b) Have you received the owner occupier's permission to apply? Yes No

Please note that it is your responsibility as the applicant to obtain the owner or occupier's permissions to act under licence on their property.

You may be asked to provide documentation which confirms that you have owner or occupier's permissions and we will contact you if this is necessary.

9. Application Details

(a) Please add details for all licensable actions you wish to perform. Please use one column per species

	Licensable Action 1	Licensable Action 2
Application Subject	<i>Licence to kill or take Seals from inland waters</i>	
* Species		
* Activity	<input type="checkbox"/> Take <input type="checkbox"/> Kill	<input type="checkbox"/> Take <input type="checkbox"/> Kill
* Method or Field Technique	<input type="checkbox"/> Shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Trap or net <input type="checkbox"/> Other method not specified	<input type="checkbox"/> Shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Trap or net <input type="checkbox"/> Other method not specified
Number		
County		
OS Grid Reference		
Detailed Location		
Proposed Date From		
Proposed Date To		

(b) *Are you submitting a map or plan? Yes No

Please note: For new applications, where practical, you will need to provide a map or plan of a suitable scale showing where the activities will be undertaken. Please attach this to your application if appropriate.

(c) How do you propose to take/kill seals

NOTE: It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the right to shoot

(d) Please state why you propose to use these methods to take/kill seals.

10. Authorised Individuals

*Will any additional authorised individuals / accredited agents be required to act under this licence?

Yes No
(EPS only) N/A

If 'Yes', for each additional authorised individual / accredited agent, please complete the details below. If 'No' please go to the next section.

	<i>Person 1</i>	<i>Person 2</i>	<i>Person 3</i>
*Title:			
*Forename:			
Middle Name:			
*Surname:			
House No.:			
*Address Line 1:			
*Address Line 2:			
Address Line 3:			
Town:			
*County:			
*Postcode:			

Please note: The licensee and anyone acting under the licence are responsible for their actions and for complying with the licence conditions. In addition, no-one under the age of 18 may be authorised by the licensee without specific written permission from Natural England for licences that permit shooting.

11. Qualifications

(a) *Do you have qualifications and/or experience of the methods and procedures proposed?

Yes No

(b) *Please provide details of relevant experience and qualifications.

(c) *Have you consulted anyone in Natural England regarding this application?

Yes No

If 'Yes' to (c)... Please provide details of the consultation.

12. Method Statement

To accompany this application we require a report or method statement that clearly describes the licensed work.

We would appreciate it if you **do not** use spiral binding for your report or Method Statement as this affects the ease with which we can scan or copy the document.

All reports must contain the following information (if not already provided in the application form):

(a) **Scientific Study.** Include below details of the nature and specific purpose of the study and any published references for related work you have previously carried out.

(b) **Education.** Include below details of the nature and objectives of the proposed action.

(c) **Zoological Garden or Collection.** Include below:

- (i) name and address of zoological garden or collection;
- (ii) number of each species of any seals currently held there;
- (iii) details of accommodation presently occupied by them;
- (iv) reasons why the additional seals proposed are required; and
- (v) details of accommodation that will be available for the additional seals.

(d) **The protection of animal or human health or public safety.** Include below:

- (i) details of the risk to animal or human health or to public safety;
- (ii) reasons for attributing the risk to the seals subject to the application
- (iii) details of any expert advice received on this risk; and
- (iv) details of preventative methods already tried and an explanation as to why you do not consider them sufficient, or an explanation as to why preventative control measures are considered ineffective or impractical

(e) **Reduction of a population surplus of seals for management purposes.** Include below:

- (i) why the population is believed to be in surplus (including published reports/studies);
- (ii) why it is considered necessary/desirable to reduce the population;
- (iii) what the objectives are of the intended management; and
- (iv) what, if any, consultation has been undertaken on these management proposals.

(g) **Protection of flora or fauna.** Include below:

- (i) name of the designated site and relevant details of the site designation;
- (ii) details of flora or fauna to be protected;
- (iii) reasons for believing protection from seals is needed; and
- (iv) details of preventative methods already tried and an explanation as to why you do not consider them sufficient, or an explanation as to why preventative control measures are considered ineffective or impractical.

(h) Please provide details of any purpose identified in (a) to (g) above.

(i) In all cases, have you applied or do you intend to apply for a licence to kill or take seals in Scotland, Wales or their territorial waters, and if so, where and when?

13. Supplementary Information

Please provide any additional information you may have to support your application.

14. Using and Sharing Your Information

How we use your personal information is set out in the Wildlife Licensing privacy notice which can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/natural-england-privacy-notice>
Important Advice:

- **If your application is made under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) or the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), any person who in order to obtain a licence knowingly or recklessly makes a statement or representation, or furnishes a document or information which is false in a material particular, shall be guilty of an offence and may be liable to criminal prosecution. Any person found guilty of such an offence is liable, on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or to both. Regarding other wildlife legislation, we will look to provisions in the Fraud Act 2006 (as amended) in respect of applicants making any false representations.**
- **Natural England or the Secretary of State can modify or revoke at any time any licence that is issued, but this will not be done unless there is good reason for doing so. Any licence that is issued is likely to be revoked immediately if it is discovered that false information has been provided that resulted in the issue of a licence.**

15. Declaration

15a. Convictions

* Have you or any person listed in the application been convicted of any wildlife-related or animal welfare offence? Yes No

If 'Yes': Please provide details of the convictions: *(including dates)*

15b. Applicant Declaration.

I have read and understood the privacy notice above.

- Where required, I undertake to obtain permission from landowners / occupiers of land to exercise any licence resulting from this application, and to allow any employee or representative of Natural England to monitor or inspect the work described in this application.
- I have read and understood the guidance provided in the application form and on the Wildlife Licensing Internet guidance pages. I declare the particulars given are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I declare the particulars given are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I apply for a licence in accordance with the information I have provided.

I agree to the declaration above.

Signature of Applicant:

For electronic applications, please insert an electronic signature above or tick this box to confirm with the declaration.

Name: *(In BLOCK letters)*

Date:

15c. Ecologist Declaration (if applicable)

I have read and understood the privacy notice above.

- I can confirm that I have visited the site.
- I have designed and inputted into the licence proposal.
- I declare the particulars given are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I agree to the declaration above.

Signature of Ecologist:

For electronic applications, please insert an electronic signature above or tick this box to confirm with the declaration.

Name: (In BLOCK letters)

Date:

16. Annex - Application Notes

Applicant

The applicant is the person submitting the application (usually the landowner or occupier) who, if the licence was granted, would become the licensee. The applicant may appoint agents to produce the application pack and act on their behalf. A person with specific skills and knowledge of the species concerned, such as a consultant ecologist, must be appointed to assist in the preparation and the delivery of the proposals that ensure the species protection requirements can be met.

Licensee

The "Licensee" named on the licence is responsible for ensuring that all activities carried out on site in relation to the licence comply with the terms and conditions of the licence. This means that all authorised persons have a responsibility for ensuring that the licence terms and conditions, including any annex special conditions, are understood and complied with. Failure to do so could lead to prosecution.

Consultant/Named Ecologist

The "Named Ecologist" is a professional ecological consultant who has satisfied Natural England that they have the relevant skills, knowledge and experience of the species concerned and is responsible for undertaking and/or overseeing the work undertaken in respect of the licensed species. The 'Named Ecologist' has a responsibility for ensuring that the licence is complied with. They are responsible for advising the licensee on the suitability and competence of any Accredited Agents or Assistants employed on site to undertake the required duties and may include the direct supervision of Assistants where appropriate. More information about the experience required to become a name ecologist can be found here:

http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140605090108/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/Images/bat-mitigation-guidance_tcm6-10534.pdf

Accredited Agent

An "Accredited Agent" is a suitably trained and experienced person who is able to carry out work under a licence without the personal supervision of the Named Ecologist. Any Accredited Agent must be appointed by the Licensee and be in possession of a letter signed by the Licensee confirming their appointment. Agents shall carry a copy of the said letter when acting under the licence and shall produce it to any police or Natural England officer on request.

Assistants

An "Assistant" is a person assisting a Named Ecologist or Accredited Agent. Assistants are only authorised to act under this licence whilst they are under the direct supervision of either the Named Ecologist or an Accredited Agent.