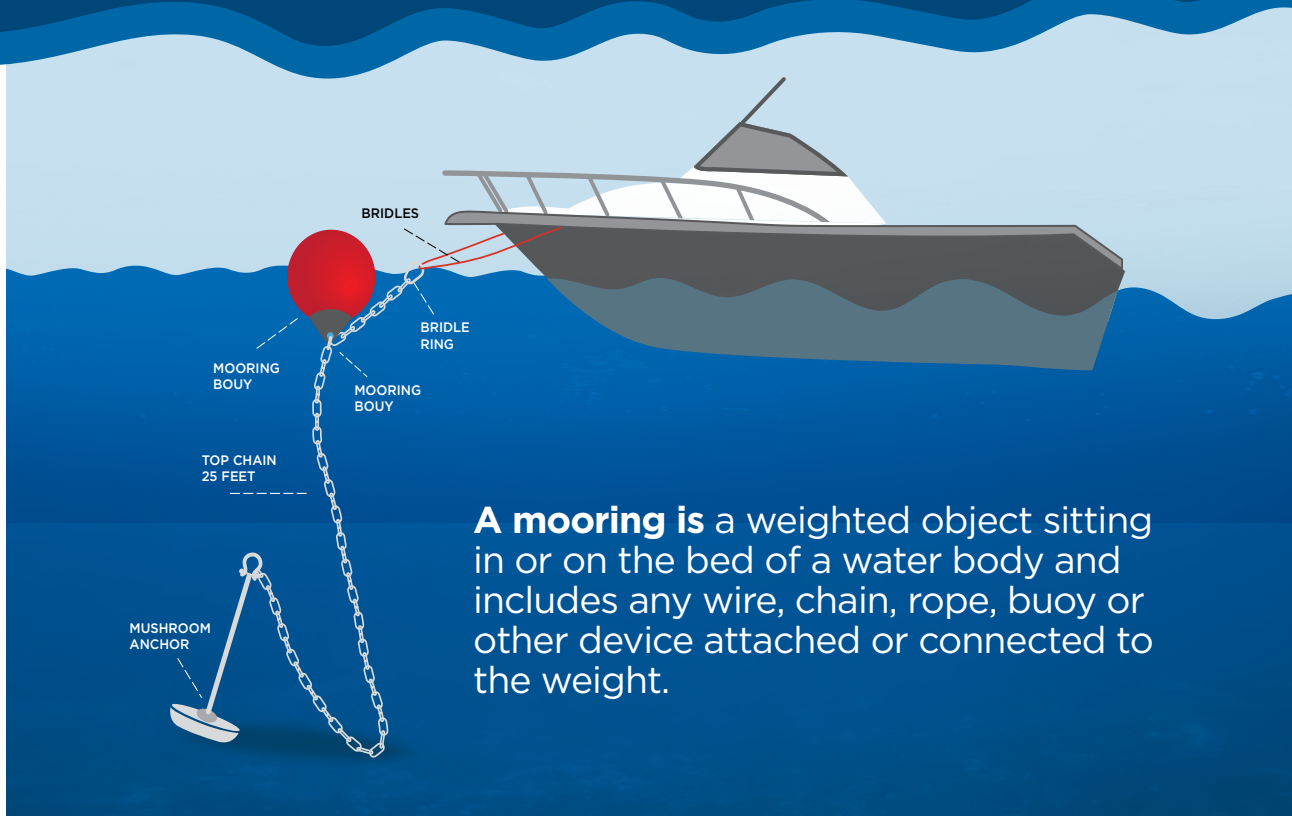


# Existing, unconsented moorings

Applying for consent for your existing, unconsented mooring (the mooring existed prior to the 2006 Te Arawa Lakebed Settlement and is unchanged).



**A mooring is** a weighted object sitting in or on the bed of a water body and includes any wire, chain, rope, buoy or other device attached or connected to the weight.

**The purpose of this arrangement is to provide for the attaching of a boat, raft, vessel, or any other floating, submerged, or semi-submerged equipment that is to remain in one location, but excludes an anchor.**

**Moorings on the Rotorua Lakes are considered to be structures and therefore require resource consent under the RMA.**

You can apply for resource consent for your existing mooring at the same time you apply for your previously consented structures and pay one \$775 application deposit fee, however additional charges are likely depending on the resource we use in processing your application (e.g. staff time, technical reviews, complexity of application). Staff can give an estimate of expected costs. Please see the schedule of fees attached and please also note if you do not have a previously consented existing lake structure the application deposit fee is \$2700.

## Why do moorings need consent?

The purpose of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) is to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources. Resource consents are issued under this act to help manage activities that affect the environment. To minimise the impact of lake structures (including moorings) on the environment, the use, construction and maintenance of lake structures requires a resource consent from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

In the Rotorua Lakes area, the majority of resource consents for existing lakes structures have or are due to expire. To simplify and streamline the replacement consents process for lake structure owners we have been working with all relevant parties on behalf of structure owners.

## The process

When applying for consent, you will need to use our application forms and possibly some of our online tools to help. To apply for consent for moorings you will need to complete the online application form

[1C - Lake structures \(new and existing\)](#)

## Mooring Report

You will need include a mooring report with your application and this will need to include as a minimum the following information:-

- a. *Plans and dimensions of the mooring structure; including mooring block, chain/ropes size and length, and their attachments.*
- b. *Any engineering calculations prepared for the mooring structure design.*
- c. *Size and length of vessel/s utilising the mooring structure, and the frequency of mooring structure use.*
- d. *The age of the mooring structure and any maintenance and/or replacement of components undertaken to date.*
- e. *Any effects on the natural character of the lakebed and bed stability*

***A list of consultants including those who can undertake mooring reports can be found here***

You will also need to include evidence of the moorings existence prior to the 2006 Te Arawa Lakebed Settlement. This can be in the form of dated photos and/or aerial imaging. It would also be helpful to include any background information including how long the mooring has been in the lake, what it is used for and by whom.

## Environmental effects

An assessment of environment effects is a key component of a resource consent application, and the requirement are set out in the Resource Management Act 1991. As part of the replacement consent process for lakes structure in the Rotorua Lakes the following parties have provided approvals as outlined below.

## Assessments by affected parties

### Te Arawa Lakes Trust

Lakes Rotorua, Rotoiti, Ōkāreka and Tarawera are some of the Lakes owned by the Te Arawa Lakes Trust (TALT). If your mooring existed prior to the lakebed settlement (24 October 2006) there is no need to obtain separate affected parties consent from TALT. This is because TALT have agreed to provide cultural assessments for all unchanged lakes structures that existed prior to the 2006 Te Arawa Lakebed settlement providing evidence of the structures existence is provided.

There will be a small cost associated with them carrying out this assessment on behalf of all consent holders and

applicants. On your form, please note "TALT to provide Cultural Impact Assessment".

If you have installed your mooring post the 2006 Te Arawa Lakebed Settlement you will need to contact Te Arawa Lakes Trust to seek permission and then the Regional Council to discuss what needs to be done.

### The Department of Conservation

The Department of Conservation (DOC) have provided affected parties approval for all structures that existed prior to the 2006 Te Arawa Lakebed Settlement with the provision that the structure remains within the existing footprint and any maintenance works are undertaken outside of the dabchick breeding season (September 1- December 24).

Please note that separate landowner approval will be required from DOC if the mooring is located within Public Conservation Land. Please contact the Rotorua Doc Office Community Team Supervisor via email [rotorua@doc.govt.nz](mailto:rotorua@doc.govt.nz)

### Rotorua Lakes Council

Rotorua Lakes Council (RLC) has provided approval for all lake structures that are located on or attached to reserve land administered by the Council that were built prior to the 2006 Te Arawa Lakebed Settlement. This approval is subject to the structure being of the same dimensions and the completion of a RLC Right to Occupy (RTO). This approval does not apply if the structure has been altered from what was previously consented or is being used for a commercial purpose.

### Land Information New Zealand

Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) has provided approval for all lake structures built prior to the 2006 Te Arawa Lakebed Settlement.

If the existing structure is situated within the Crown Stratum (water and air space) and a resource consent is approved LINZ will issue a lease in the name of the consent holder.

### Fish and Game

You will need to obtain affected parties approval (or a written response) from Matt Osborne at Fish & Game [mosborne@fishandgame.org.nz](mailto:mosborne@fishandgame.org.nz). It is likely that Matt will want to see the mooring report and a copy of the application form 1C before providing approval or a written response.

### Regional Council Harbourmaster

You will need to obtain affected parties approval (or a written response) from the Regional Council Harbourmaster at [maritime@boprc.govt.nz](mailto:maritime@boprc.govt.nz). It is likely that the harbourmaster will want to see the mooring report and a copy of the application form 1C before providing approval or a written response.

We recommend you discuss your application with a Bay of Plenty Regional Council Consents Planner before you apply. The first hour is free and will save you time and money in the long run. After the first hour, we will charge you for the service. We'll let you know before we start charging. Please get in touch on [Consents.Queries@boprc.govt.nz](mailto:Consents.Queries@boprc.govt.nz)

For more information visit [www.boprc.govt.nz/lakestructure](http://www.boprc.govt.nz/lakestructure) or phone the Regional Council on 0800 884 880



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