



INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT SWING OR PILE MOORINGS

When submitting your application to the Northland Regional Council for a resource consent for a swing or pile mooring you need to ensure that sufficient information is supplied in support of your application.

The Council has specific forms to help you supply the required information. When applying to place and use a swing or pile mooring, please ensure all the relevant questions in AEE 9 are answered fully. Supplying this information will enable Regional Council staff to assess your application in terms of the Resource Management Act 1991, and any relevant resource management plans.

If all the necessary information is not supplied with the application then the Regional Council may return your application or request further information (pursuant to Section 92 of the Resource Management Act 1991). This will lead to delays in the processing of your application.

If the effects of the proposed mooring are minor, then the Regional Council is likely to process your application without public notification provided written approvals are gained from all parties that may be adversely affected by the mooring. Details of the consultation required are presented later in this document.

If you are unable to supply the necessary written approvals from the affected parties, or if the effects of the mooring are more than minor, then the Regional Council must publicly notify the application. This can result in significant delays in the processing of your application and additional processing costs.

If you have any doubts as to who you need to provide written approvals from, or what information should be supplied with your application, then you should contact Regional Council staff to discuss the matter.

It is advised that you make an appointment with an appropriate Council Officer to discuss your application prior to lodging it. This will help you supply all the required information at the onset and ensure the efficient processing of your application.

The Regional Coastal Plan for Northland sets out designated mooring areas. Inside these areas, applications for new moorings will be granted provided the Harbourmaster is satisfied they will have no impact on the safety of people or other boats. Outside designated areas, more stringent environmental requirements apply for approval. The information requirements are outlined over the page.

Moorings Proposed INSIDE Designated Mooring Areas

Moorings located inside designated mooring areas are classified as a controlled activity. These applications are processed on a non-notified basis and will be granted subject to Harbourmaster approval. The relevant information to be submitted with the application on the prescribed forms **must include**:

A. Site Details

The location of the proposed mooring ie. the Bay, Harbour and approximate map reference must be provided.

A plan showing the location of the proposed mooring, including distances from shore and other existing moorings, or structures. A

plan can be obtained from the Northland Regional Council Offices at Opua or Whangarei.

B. Particulars of the Vessel Proposed to be Moored

The particulars must include the vessel name, type, dimension and the owner's contact details for emergency purposes.

C. Mooring Arrangements

Details of the make-up and design of the proposed mooring. It is suggested that you discuss this with one of the Council approved mooring contractors, who will be able to design a mooring suitable to your requirements.

The mooring arrangement is important as you need to ensure that there is sufficient water depth and swing room before you decide on the site of your proposed mooring.

Below is the Recommended Mooring Details for Recreational Vessels

(for depths of up to 10 metres at Mean High Water)

	Mooring Line		Swivel Size (millimetres)	Intermediate Chain		Ground Chain		Block Size (tonnes)
	Size (millimetres diameter)	Length (metres)		Size (millimetres diameter)	Length (metres)	Size (millimetres diameter)	Length (metres)	
Light Runabouts	20	Variable	(optional)	13	3	20	2	0.5
Up to 10.5 metres in length	24	Variable	25	16	5	25	5	2
10 to 15 metres in length	32	Variable	32	(a) 20 or (b) 20 plus 16	5	25	7	(a) 4 or (b) 2 x 2 with 25 mm dia ground chain shackled both ends

NOTE:

- ◆ Buoy shall be a recognised marine float (not plastic containers).
- ◆ Use of dissimilar metals shall be avoided. All chains, shackles and mousing wire shall be black steel except that 13 mm will be acceptable in galvanised if not available in black.
- ◆ No mooring shall be placed until inspected by the Harbourmaster at the Northland Regional Council or his authorised agent.
- ◆ All shackles shall be moused (preferred) or welded.
- ◆ Moorings for vessels over 15 metres in length and/or in depths greater than 10 metres shall be individually designed.

Moorings Proposed OUTSIDE Designated Mooring Areas

Moorings located outside designated mooring areas are classified as a discretionary activity. These applications are processed as non-notified depending on the potential effects on the environment of the proposed mooring activity, and subject to the applicant obtaining written approvals from all parties that may be affected by the proposed activity. This will include adjacent mooring owners and landowners. The Council will on your behalf seek comments from local iwi, the Department of Conservation, District Council and the Maritime Safety Authority. If you cannot gain the necessary written approvals from affected parties, the Regional Council is required to publicly notify the application, and this can cause significant delays and extra costs in the processing of the application.

The relevant information to be submitted with the application on the prescribed forms must include:

A. Site Details

The location of the proposed mooring ie. the bay, harbour and approximate map reference must be provided.

A plan showing the location of the proposed mooring, including distances from shore and other existing moorings, or structures. A plan can be obtained from the Northland Regional Council Offices at Opuia or Whangarei.

B. Particulars of the Vessel Proposed to be Moored

The particulars must include the vessel name, type, dimension and the owner's contact details for emergency purposes.

C. Mooring Arrangements

Details of the make-up and design of the proposed mooring. It is suggested that you discuss this with one of the Council approved mooring contractors, who will be able to design a mooring suitable to your requirements.

The mooring arrangement is important as you need to ensure that there is sufficient water depth and swing room before you decide on the site of your proposed mooring.

Refer to the Recommended Mooring Details for Recreational Vessel on page 2 of these notes.

D. Assessment of Actual and Potential Effects

In this section you need to consider what the effects of your proposed activity will be on the surrounding Environment.

E. Consultation

If written approvals from adjoining mooring owners and landowners are gained, and the effects of your proposed mooring are minor then the Council is likely to process your application without public notification. It is important to consult with these people and provide the Council with any letter of concern/support of comment.

The Council can provide you with prescribed written approval forms to assist you with this consultation.

If you have any queries relating to information requirements, please contact the Northland Regional Council.

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