

Moorings – what are the rules?

This fact sheet explains the rules that apply to moorings as of 6 September 2017.

It should be read in conjunction with the fact sheet titled *Legal effect of rules in Proposed Regional Plan*.

The regional plan sets out the rules for moorings - the circumstances when a resource consent is needed or not. The operative *Regional Coastal Plan* has a set of rules for moorings. However, we've just released the *Proposed Regional Plan* which also has rules for moorings.

The *Proposed Regional Plan* will ultimately replace the *Regional Coastal Plan* (once it's gone through the legal process) – which we estimate will be 2019 or 2020. Until then, the two sets of rules apply.

Where the plans have different requirements the most restrictive requirements apply. The following table summarises the most commonly used rules for moorings.

Activity	Summary of rule	Relevant rule
New swing mooring outside a mooring zone	Discretionary (resource consent required)	Rule 31.6.8(h) - Regional Coastal Plan Rule C.1.2.4 – Proposed Regional Plan
New swing mooring in an existing mooring zone	Discretionary (resource consent required)	Rule 31.6.8 (h) – Regional Coastal Plan
Existing swing mooring in an existing mooring zone	Permitted (no resource consent required)	Rule 31.6.8(c) – Regional Coastal Plan
Existing swing mooring – outside a mooring zone	Discretionary (resource consent required)	Rule 31.4.9 (c) – Regional Coastal Plan

Note:

All moorings are required to have a current mooring licence, in addition to any resource consents or permitted activities.

Changes to mooring tackle or increasing the length of a vessel using a mooring is not regulated by the Proposed Regional Plan – the Regional Harbourmaster's approval is required to do this under the Navigation Safety Bylaw.