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**Consultation title:** PROPOSED TE ARAWA LAKES FISHERIES BYLAWS

**Consultation summary:**

The Director-General of MPI gives this public notice calling for written submissions on the proposed fisheries bylaws applying to the Te Arawa Fisheries Area. Any submissions should be sent to the Te Arawa Lakes Trust (not MPI).

## PROPOSED TE ARAWA LAKES FISHERIES BYLAWS

## Have your say

Pursuant to section 78(3) of the Te Arawa Lakes Settlement Act 2006, the Director-General of the Ministry for Primary Industries gives the following notice calling for written submissions on the proposed fisheries bylaws applying to the Te Arawa Fisheries Area.

Regulation 25(1) of the Te Arawa Lakes (Fisheries) Regulations 2006 allows the Trustees of the Te Arawa Lakes Trust to make bylaws applying to the Te Arawa Fisheries Area to restrict or prohibit the taking or possession of an included species and/or the quantity of an included species that may be taken and possessed. The Trustees may also make bylaws for any purpose that they consider necessary for the sustainable utilisation of one or more included species.

Under section 78(1) of the Te Arawa Lakes Settlement Act 2006, the draft bylaws have been deposited with the Ministry for Primary Industries. Once Te Arawa Lakes Trust have considered any submissions made, they will finalise the proposed bylaws. They will then ask for approval from the Minister of Fisheries. The Minister must determine whether to approve or to reject the proposed bylaws.

## What's proposed?

The following ngā taongā ika (treasured fish species) are covered by the proposed bylaws:

* Tuna - *Anguilla australis (shortfin eel*) and *Anguilla dieffenbachia (longfin eel)*
* Īnanga - *Galaxias maculatus spp;*
* Kākahi - *Hyridella (echyridella) menziesi;*
* Kōaro - *Galaxias brevipinnis;*
* Kōura - *Paranephrops planiforns*; and
* Mōrihana - *Carassius auratus*

Īnanga specifically for these bylaws refers to the adult species only. Juvenile species of īnanga - commonly referred to as whitebait - are managed by the Department of Conservation.

The Te Arawa Lakes Trust has proposed the following bylaws:

* **Bylaw 1: Closure of koaro**

This bylaw ensures the survival of remaining relic stocks of kōaro through a total closure of this stock. Any kōaro caught accidentally must be returned immediately to the lake.

* **Bylaw 2: Return of accidentally caught ngā taongā ika.**

Ngā taongā ika species that are caught accidentally are to be returned immediately to the lake. This bylaw will ensure when accidental capture of fish species occurs they can be returned to the lake for future generations and support rebuild of any closed fishery.

* **Bylaw 3: Restrictions on harvesting of tuna, kākahi, kōura, īnanga and mōrihana.**

This is to ensure the sustainable utilisation of these fish species and limits access to these fisheries, the amount to be harvested, size and methods to be used for harvesting.

* **Bylaw 4: Total ban on use of SCUBA when harvesting ngā taongā ika.**

The use of Self Contained Underwater Apparatus is not to be used to harvest ngā taongā ika, this will ensure that access to stocks by retaining traditional and customary fishing methods consistent with Kaitiakitanga, tikanga and kawa of Te Arawa.

* **Bylaw 5: Ko Te Arawa anake e kato nga kai kei nga moana o Te Arawa**

This bylaw will ensure that only Te Arawa iwi will have access to ngā taongā kai (Tuna, īnanga, kākahi, kōaro, kōura, morihana) for customary and cultural purposes, and manage the fishery consistent with Te Arawa tikanga and kawa.

The proposed bylaws apply to the Te Arawa lakes within the Te Arawa Fisheries Area, which does not include the streams and rivers flowing into the lakes. Lake Rotokakahi is excluded from these bylaws.

## Making your submission

A full version of these proposed bylaws can be found at the following locations:

* **Te Arawa Lakes Trust, 1194 Haupapa Street, Rotorua 3040**
* **Rotorua Public Library, 1238 Pukuatua St / 1127 Haupapa St, Rotorua 3010**
* **Ministry for Primary Industries, Te Papa Tipu Innovation Park, 99 Sala Street, Rotorua**

A copy of the proposed bylaws can be downloderd from here: <insert weblink to the document>

Submissions must be made by **Friday 16 March 2018** to:

**Te Arawa Lakes Trust**

**1194 Haupapa Street, PO Box 128**

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