



TŪWHARETOA
MĀORI TRUST BOARD
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTOCOLS FOR LAKE TAUPŌ

Kawa Taiao o Taupō Moana



Introduction and Scope

This protocol applies to all persons that have a current Licence Agreement with the Trust Board, being:

- a) Tourism operators;
- b) Event operators; and
- c) Film and production operators.

Collectively referred to as 'Commercial Operators' for the purposes of this protocol.

This protocol provides Commercial Operators on Taupō Waters clarity on the taiao protocols relevant to their operations.

All Commercial Operators (which includes any employees and/or contractors) are to comply with the terms and conditions set out in this protocol and are to ensure that customers and/or clients comply with and are made aware of the relevant parts of this protocol.

For the avoidance of doubt, Commercial Operators are also required to comply with other protocols including the Cultural Protocol and Events, Filming and Photography Protocol.

The cultural significance of Taupō Waters to Nga Hapū o Tūwharetoa

Nga Hapū o Tūwharetoa are the descendants of Tūwharetoa and Tia and other tūpuna who have occupied the Taupō Region continuously since the arrival of the Te Arawa waka. Ngāti Tūwharetoa are linked by whakapapa to their lands, freshwater and taonga. This connection establishes their mana whenua, kaitiakitanga and rangatiratanga, including their right to establish and maintain a meaningful and sustainable relationship between hapū, whānau and their taonga.

Taupō Waters, inclusive of Taupō nui-a-Tia and all the streams and tributaries that feed into, and flow out of, Lake Taupō, is a taonga tuku iho and of paramount importance to Ngāti Tūwharetoa. The people of Ngāti Tūwharetoa enjoy a special relationship with Taupō Waters and have an inherent obligation to ensure that the mauri, and the physical and spiritual health of their environment, inclusive of Taupō Waters and the Waikato River, is maintained, protected and enhanced.

Ngāti Tūwharetoa value land, water and other natural resources for their innate ability to provide for the physical and economic needs of marae and hapū both now and for the future. As such, Ngāti Tūwharetoa asserts its right as kaitiaki in the following manner:

- Carrying out their responsibilities as kaitiaki over all taonga.
- Ensuring that the particular hapū associated with Taupō Moana retain their relationship with their taonga.
- Protecting the taonga tuku iho for present and future generations whilst being mindful of the need for enabling sustainable development.
- Respecting, sustaining, restoring and protecting the mauri of taonga along with wāhi tapu and other sites of significance.
- Recognising the fundamental connection of hapū and iwi with Taupō Moana which comes from mythology, tradition and whakapapa.
- Ensuring that the natural environment is not altered without the appropriate ritual and sustaining the ecological integrity and diversity of the land, the water and all taonga.

For Ngāti Tūwharetoa, the health and wellbeing of Taupō Waters is inseparable from the health and wellbeing of the people.

Compliance

All Commercial Operators are required to comply with all 'Authorisations'.

For the purposes of this protocol, Authorisations means any consent, authorisation, registration, filing, lodgement, agreement, notarisation, certificate, permission, licence, approval, authority or exemption from, by or with a Government Agency or required by any law (including any consent under the Resource Management Act 1991).

Refuelling

The following applies to any refuelling carried out by Commercial Operators:

- The use of any hazardous substance must be in accordance with the requirements of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996. 'Hazardous substance' has the same meaning as set out in that legislation.
- The refuelling of any motorised vessel can only be undertaken at a nominated refuelling area. 'Refuelling' means the use of any synthetic or petro-chemical, lubricant, grease oil, antifreeze, petrol, diesel, solvents or degreasers.
- As far as practicable, the refuelling area should be bunded or contained to prevent the discharge of contaminants to any area outside of the refuelling area.
- The Commercial Operator is responsible for ensuring necessary safety precautions are undertaken during refuelling operations.
- The Commercial Operator is responsible for supplying the appropriate level of spill response equipment, and adequate training of staff in the use of spill response equipment.
- The Commercial Operator will be responsible for the clean-up of any hazardous substance spill into any water body, or onto land adjacent to any water body.

Noise

- Commercial Operators are to comply at all times with Taupō District Council noise standards.
- No public address (PA) system or electronically operated equipment shall be used unless approved by the Trust Board.
- If substantiated complaints or breaches of noise conditions occur, the Commercial Operator must immediately reduce the noise to ensure it complies with Noise Standards.

Fireworks

The use of fireworks on or in close proximity to Taupō Waters, have an adverse environmental impact on Taupō Waters. Accordingly, the following procures apply in relation to the use of fireworks.

- Commercial Operators must notify the Trust Board prior to the use of fireworks or pyrotechnic effects, at least 30 Working Days prior to use. Further information may be requested by the Trust Board. The Trust Board reserves the right to decline any request to use fireworks.
- Commercial Operators must ensure that all appropriate Authorisations and permits are held, and if requested, provided a copy of those to the Trust Board.
- Commercial Operators must ensure all relevant laws, regulations, Authorisations and permits are complied with at all times.
- For the avoidance of doubt, the Trust Board assumes no responsibility or liability in relation to the use of fireworks or pyrotechnic effects.

- Fireworks that are biodegradable and/or environmentally friendly must be used at all times. The Trust Board may seek confirmation as to the type of fireworks that are being used.
- All waste and general rubbish is to be cleared.

Simulated Fire/Smoke Effects

- The use of simulated fire or smoke effects must be notified to the Trust Board, at least 30 Working Days prior to use, and further information may be requested by the Trust Board.
- Commercial Operators must ensure that all appropriate Authorisations and permits are held, and if requested, provided a copy of those to the Trust Board.
- Commercial Operators must ensure all relevant laws, regulations, Authorisations and permits are complied with at all times.
- For the avoidance of doubt, the Trust Board assumes no responsibility or liability in relation to the use of simulated or smoke effects.

Specialised rigging/wire work

This is a specialised requirement and is dependent on the particular location involved. Sometimes in film making the need arises for the Special Effects, Safety, Stunt, Camera, Art, or Lighting Departments, to “Rig” or attach equipment in difficult locations, requiring the need to temporarily fix to some part of the natural environment.

When this is necessary at times, it is important to meet with all involved and explore the alternatives and determine if the requirement can be fulfilled with another method. If it is decided that the fixing has to take place it should be done with consultation of the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board, keeping the impact on the environment to a minimum.

Clay (Skeet) shooting and paintball

- Paintball activities are prohibited.
- Clay shooting is allowable, provided the Commercial Operator notifies the Trust Board of the frequency of the activity, and the frequency is approved by the Trust Board (acting reasonably). Approval is to be sought for one-off events, but for ongoing clay shooting activity the Commercial Operator must advise the Trust Board of its activities on an annual basis.
- There are only certain areas where clay shooting is allowed. For example, you must be at least 5 km offshore. A clear map showing the proposed activity area will be required to assess your request.
- Biodegradable/non-toxic material for both clay birds and shot is to be used at all times.
- Commercial Operators must ensure all relevant laws, regulations, Authorisations and permits are complied with at all times, including the Arms Act 1983 and Arms Regulations 1992.

Waste

The following applies to Commercial Operators in relation to any waste/rubbish:

- The Trust Board requires the minimisation and recycling of waste and a ‘Zero Waste’ approach is encouraged. No waste or rubbish may be put or discharged into
- Should an application be required, a waste management minimisation and recycling plan must be included with the application.
- The Commercial Operator is responsible to ensure that the surrounds are maintained in a clean and tidy manner at all times. All waste and general rubbish is to be cleared on a regular basis.

- Commercial Operators must remove all waste (including any props) from a site on completion of the activity (whether that be an event, or filming/photography).
- Any products used as debris/dust should be environmentally inert and if possible be sourced (after consultation with the Trust Board) from the natural surroundings. All debris/dust must be cleaned up when filming is completed (where applicable).

Wastewater disposal

- No rubbish may be placed (or caused to be placed) in Taupō Waters. Commercial Operators must not pollute the Taupō Waters with any fluid or solid matter detrimental to health. This includes bottles, tins or cartons.
- It is an offence under the Resource Management Act 1991 to discharge contaminants such as treated or untreated sewage into Taupō Waters unless the discharge is specifically authorised by a resource consent.
- Toilet pump out facilities are available for craft with sewage holding tanks or portable toilets at the Taupō Landing Reserve main wharf, Tokaanu wharf, Motuoapa and Kinloch marinas.
- For the avoidance of doubt, the Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Regulations 1998 apply to all Commercial Operators, as if they apply to Taupō Waters.
- For the avoidance of doubt, greywater must not be discharged into Taupō Waters. Greywater includes all wastewater from non-toilet plumbing systems such as hand basins, washing machines, showers and baths.

Biosecurity

The Commercial Operator must comply with all guidelines and notices issued by Biosecurity New Zealand to prevent and avoid the spread of *Didymosphenia geminata* (Didymo) as specified by the website of Biosecurity New Zealand: <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/didymo> and any other noxious flora and fauna that could pose a risk to Taupō Waters.

Vegetation/landscape Management

Tying-back of vegetation and other non-destructive practices is generally acceptable but cutting of vegetation is not. Introduction of foreign plants will, in most circumstances, not be permitted. Likewise digging of earth or shifting of earth or rocks will, in most circumstances, not be permitted. Please notify your trust board representative if any alteration to the location is required.

Preventing pests and cleaning boats

Commercial Operators will comply with best practice in relation to the prevention of pests and the cleaning of boats. For the avoidance of doubt, this includes compliance with the following advice from the Ministry for Primary Industries:

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/outdoor-activities/boating-and-watersports-tips-to-prevent-spread-of-pests/check-clean-dry/>

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/outdoor-activities/boating-and-watersports-tips-to-prevent-spread-of-pests/cleaning-boats/>



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