

Map 1: Marine farming in the Bay of Plenty



Proposed mussel farms

Opotiki application

Environment Bay of Plenty recommended to the Minister of Conservation that the resource consent application for a mussel farm be approved for Eastern Sea Farms Ltd. The recommendation is for the staged development of a 4,750 ha mussel farm near Opotiki. At the time of writing, the recommendation is the subject of inquiry (appeal) to the Environment Court. The Ministry of Fisheries has issued an interim decision to grant a marine farming permit for 3,800 ha of the 4,750 ha applied for.

Otamarakau application

Environment Bay of Plenty publicly notified a resource consent application for Bay of Plenty Mussels Ltd for a 4009 ha mussel farm near Otamarakau (about halfway between Tauranga and Whakatane). This application has been put on hold at the request of the applicant.



Existing oyster farms

There are three existing oyster farms in Ohiwa Harbour, each approximately 2 ha in size. The Ministry of Fisheries approved two of these in the 1960s. The third oyster farm was approved by Environment Bay of Plenty in 1995.



Approved mussel farm (unimplemented)

The Ministry of Fisheries issued a marine farming licence for a mussel farm at Factory Bay (4.6 ha) in the Eastern Bay of Plenty in 1992. The farm has not been developed.