

**AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA  
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION & HIGH SEAS FISHERIES AFFAIRS**

**Technical Circular ARAP/IFA/TC/004/2019**

To:	Owners, Captains and Legal Representatives of Fishing Vessels and Support for International Service Fishing.
Subject:	Admission and Renewal of Panama to the Regional Fisheries Management Organizations as a Non-Contracting Cooperating Party (NPFC / NEAFC).
Ref.:	Executive Decree No. 161.

1. Panama is part of the North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC) as a Non-Contracting Cooperating Party since November 29, 2019.
2. The objective of the NPFC is to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of fishery resources in the Convention Area while protecting the marine ecosystems of the North Pacific Ocean in which these resources are found.
3. Panama renews its participation for the 2019-2020 period with the Northeast Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) as a Non-Contracting Cooperating Party since November 2019.
4. The objective of the NEAFC is to guarantee the long-term conservation and optimal use of fishery resources in the Convention Area, providing sustainable economic, environmental and social benefits.
5. Within the areas regulated by each of these organizations, Panamanian flag fishing vessels must comply with both the established management measures and the Compliance and Control Scheme of their activities.

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