

AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES AFFAIRS

Technical Circular 015 - 2020

For:	Shipowners, Masters and Legal Representative / Resident Agents
On Behalf:	Technical Cooperation and International Fisheries Affairs
Subject:	Status of the Republic of Panama to the NEAFC Fisheries Commission.
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The Aquatic Resources Authority informs the Shipowners, Masters and Legal Representative and Resident Agents that, Panama will not participate in operations of activities related to fishing within the NEAFC Regulatory Area for 2021.

In this sense, this Authority requests that all Panamanian fishing vessels of international service that carry out operations related to fishing activities authorized by the NEAFC Convention, suspend operations that involve species and regulated activities within the Convention Area, before the midnight Thursday, December 31, 2020 (GMT), until obtaining the status of Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (CNCP) for 2022.

As you know, all activities of vessels that operate in the NEAFC Area, must submit their activities reports electronically under the compliance and control scheme of this Commission. However, it is important to have a consolidated report per vessel of these activities carried out during 2020. Therefore, we appreciate that these are provided before December 31, 2020 to the emails: transshipment@arap.gob.pa / vms@arap.gob.pa.

Important and Mandatory Character

- ✓ It is important that all vessels with authorization after December 31, 2020, announce the cessation of operations based on this circular through the following emails: hsfs@arap.gob.pa and ivc@arap.gob.pa.
- ✓ The Panamanian fishing vessel of international service that carry out operations related to fishing activities that is identified within the Convention Area of said Commission, after December 31st 2020, will incur in IUU activities and to it would applied all the provisions of current regulations stated in the law.

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