

AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES AFFAIRS

Technical Circular 028 - 2021

For:	Shipowners, Masters and Legal Representative / Resident Agents
On Behalf:	Technical Cooperation and International Fisheries Affairs
Subject:	Panama's Status before the NEAFC Fisheries Commission
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The Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama informs Shipowners, Operators, Captains and Resident Agents that the Republic of Panama has renewed its status as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (CNCP) to the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) for the year 2022, decision confirmed by the Members of the Organization during the recent 40th Annual Meeting of the Commission, which was held virtually from November 8 to 12 of this year.

In this sense, the authorization to Panamanian flagged fishing vessels of fishing related activities of international service that intend to carry out operations within the NEAFC Convention area, with species regulated by this Commission, will be subject to the corresponding compliance and registration, according to the requirements established by the Commission in the Scheme of Control and Enforcement.

For the above mentioned, the Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama will ensure that all vessels aiming to enter the Convention Area of the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC), must comply with the regulations and conservation and management measures established and adopted by the Commission, by means of a Letter of Compliance.

✓ **Important and Mandatory**

The Directorate of International Cooperation and High Seas Fisheries Affairs will be requesting updated information from the vessels through the Letter of Compliance, prior to the registry of the vessels before this NEAFC Fisheries Commission.

It is necessary that all international service fishing vessels intending to operate in the Commission's regulatory area, are in full compliance with the NEAFC Recommendations established in the framework of the Convention, in particular the Scheme of Control and Enforcement.

Vessels that are detected in violative activities of the rules and recommendations established by the NEAFC Fisheries Commission, will be subject to the application of the current regulations as established by this Authority in sanctioning matters.

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