

AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES AFFAIRS

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For:	Shipowners / Owners / Masters / Legal representatives
From:	Directorate of Technical Cooperation and International Fisheries Affairs
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The Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama reminds you that, through circular 020-2021, it was reported that the plenary session of the North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC), at the 6th Annual Session held in February 2021, approved the renewal of the status of Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (CNCP) to Panama, for the period 2021-2022, valid until the next annual meeting of the Commission, as indicated in the report NPFC-2021-COM06, where "The Commission approved the renewal of the PCNC status of Panama until the next meeting of the Commission" (free translation).

Said meeting would be held in March 2022, however the members of the Agency have decided to postpone it until further notice, which is why they are informed that, given the validity that our country maintains under the condition of CNPC before the NPFC, **we will be extending the current authorizations in the Commission's registry of vessels on a monthly basis, subject to the indications that are informed to us by the NPFC, as well as the new date for the celebration of its next annual meeting**, in which the results of the renewal application of Panama will be examined and defined as a cooperator of the same.

Based on the communicated periodicity and as soon as the date of the next annual meeting of the Commission is known, the fleet must take the necessary operational measures so that operations are ceased in the Convention Area of the NPFC in accordance with what expressed in the report of the annual meeting and later they will be communicating the official results of our application for the renewal of the status as a cooperator for the period 2022-2023.

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