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PANAMA WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY

PANAMA WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES AFFAIRS

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То:	Resident Agents and Shipowners
From:	Dir. Technical Cooperation and International Fisheries Affairs
Subject	Compliance with the renewal period of the fishing license for Panamanian fishing vessels of international service.
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The Authority of Aquatic Resources of Panama, communicates to the Resident Agents and Shipowners that must comply with the provisions of Executive Decree 131 of April 14, 2020, "Which establishes and regulates the licenses of capture and activities related to the fishing for national flag vessels, international service and dictates provisions to prevent, discourage and eliminate illegal, unreported, no Regulated (IUU) ".

Said decree in Article 18 establishes the following:

"Article 18. The application for renewal of the international service fishing license must be submitted to the Authority within a period of no less than thirty (30) calendar days before its expiration, and the date of issuance of said license will be the day of the expiration date of the previous license.

In the case of a renewal request submitted to the Authority outside of the indicated period or with the license already expired, the new international service fishing license will be granted effective from the date of its issuance."

In accordance with the aforementioned, the Authority requests the Resident Shipowners and Agents to comply with the provisions of said Article and considers it necessary to exercise greater control in the issuance of fishing licenses and activities related to fishing, in order to to optimize the work and commitment of the Panamanian State to prevent, discourage and eliminate IUU fishing.

Important and Mandatory Character

To ensure compliance with the guidelines described in this circular, it is necessary that shipowners and resident agents of fishing vessels and related activities who opt for an international service license renewal, comply with the period established in said decree and in this circular.

If the application for the renewal of the fishing license is submitted outside the period indicated in Article 18 of Executive Decree No. 131 of April 14, 2020, the new international service fishing license will be granted effective as of the date of issuance, and if the vessel carries out fishing activities or activities related to fishing without a valid license, it will incur in IUU fishing, being considered as serious infractions to the current fishing regulations in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 of Law 204 of March 18, 2021, "That regulates fishing and aquaculture in the Republic of Panama and dictates other provisions."

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