

## AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES AFFAIRS

### Technical Circular 022 - 2021

<b>For:</b>	Shipowners, Masters and Resident Agents
<b>On Behalf:</b>	Directorate of Technical Cooperation and International Fisheries Affairs
<b>Subject:</b>	Compliance's letter, Transshipment regulation and other activities for NPFC
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The Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama informs to the Shipowners, Operator, Masters and Resident Agents the renewal of Panama as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CNPC) before the North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC) to the period 2021-2022, that through these means we inform that, to be able of carrying out activities related to fishing within the NPFC Area, the vessel shall be dully registered and authorized in the vessels' regional registry of the Commission.

Therefore, the Authority reiterates the requirements and procedures to ensure that registered Panamanian flag vessels comply with the conservation and management measures adopted that must be applied in accordance with the regulations of the North Pacific Fisheries Commission.

To ensure compliance and the guidelines described in this circular, please find attached the documentation that supports this process, as well as the forms established by the Authority, of mandatory use, for the notification and declaration of the activities to be carried out by the vessels, subsequent to their registration with this Commission:

- **Compliance's Letter**; letter of commitment with the requirements established by the NPFC Fisheries Commission according to its procedures and conservation measures, which must be complied with by vessels authorized in the Commission's Regional Vessel Register. It must be submitted to the Authority duly completed, signed and dated by the vessel's resident agent.
- **Form NPFC - Transshipment Notification Template**; which must be sent to the ARAP through the e-mail [transshipment@arap.gob.pa](mailto:transshipment@arap.gob.pa) and [secretariat@npfc.int](mailto:secretariat@npfc.int), at least 48 hours prior to the transshipment activity.
- **Form NPFC - Transshipment Declaration Template form**; it must be submitted to ARAP through the e-mail [transshipment@arap.gob.pa](mailto:transshipment@arap.gob.pa) and [secretariat@npfc.int](mailto:secretariat@npfc.int), no later than 48 hours after the transshipment activity has been completed.
- **Port Entry Notification Form**; to notify port entry authorized by ARAP, the same must be sent to ARAP through the e-mail [transshipment@arap.gob.pa](mailto:transshipment@arap.gob.pa), within 24 hours of arrival at the port of unloading.
- **Port Unloading Form (F-INS-017-2020 Rev.01)**; for the declaration of unloading in port authorized by ARAP, the same must be sent to ARAP through the e-mail [transshipment@arap.gob.pa](mailto:transshipment@arap.gob.pa), at the end of the unloading activities, within a period of no more than 24 hours after the unloading has been completed..

✓ **Important and Mandatory**

According to the aforementioned, it is necessary that all Panamanian flag fishing vessels registered in the vessel registry of the NPFC comply with the provisions of this circular.

**Failure to comply with this measure will be subject to the application of the current regulations established by this Authority regarding sanctions.**

**Annexes:** Compliance's Letter, Transshipment Notification Template, Transshipment Declarations Template, Port Entry Notification Template and the Port Discharge Report for the ports authorized by the ARAP.

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