

# NPFC 2023-2024

# *PANAMA*

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# NPFC GENERAL INFORMATION

Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean.



## OBJECTIVE

Ensure long-term conservation and sustainable use of the fisheries resources in the Convention Area while protecting the marine ecosystems.



## PRIORITY SPECIES

- Neon flying squid (OFJ - *Ommastrephes bartrami*),
- Japanese flying squid (SQJ - *Todarodes pacificus*),
- Chub mackerel (MAS - *Scomber japonicus*),
- Blue (spotted) mackerel (MAA - *Scomber australasicus*),
- Pacific saury (SAP - *Cololabis saira*),
- North Pacific armorhead (EDJ - *Pentaceros wheeleri*),
- Splendid alfonso (BYS - *Beryx splendens*),
- Japanese sardine (JAP - *Sardinops melanostictus*).



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# 1. CONDITIONAL RENEWAL OF CNCP STATUS

**The COM07 “agreed to renew the CNCP status of Panama from 25 March 2023 until COM08 with participatory rights limited to carrier and bunker vessels, and also agreed that any new failure by Panama to comply with the Conservation and Management Measures of adopted by the Commission, will be dealt with in accordance with Rule 10 paragraph 18 of the NPFC Rules of Procedures including considering the revocation of Panama’s CNCP status”.**

10.18 CNCPs that fail to comply with any of the conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission shall be deemed to have undermined the effectiveness of the conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission. The Commission shall take appropriate action, which may include revocation of CNCP status and/or sanctions and penalties against such CNCPs, in accordance with the Convention and adopted conservation and management measures.



**Carrier vessels**



**Bunker vessels**

## 2. REGISTRY OF FISHING VESSELS

*CMM 2021-01 (CMM 2023-01, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023)*

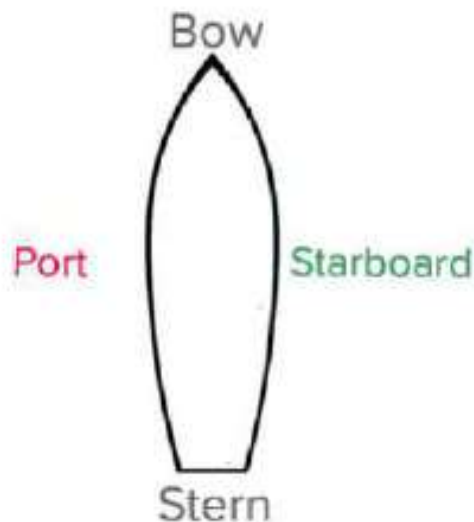
- Name (and Prev.);
- National Registration number (and Prev.);
- Port of Registry (and Prev.);
- OMI number;
- Name and address of owner or owners;
- Name and citizenship of the master;
- Previous Flag (if any);
- International Radio Call Sign (IRCS);
- MMSI number;
- Vessel's communications details;
- Color photograph(s), clear and unobstructed, showing both sides along their entire length, including the IRCS (port and starboard), bow and stern;
- Place and date of built;
- Type of vessel;
- Normal crew composition;
- Length, Depth, Breadth;
- Gross registration tonnage;
- Engine power;
- Hold capacity for fishery product;
- Number, type, and capacity of the freezer.

# 2.1 VESSEL MARKING

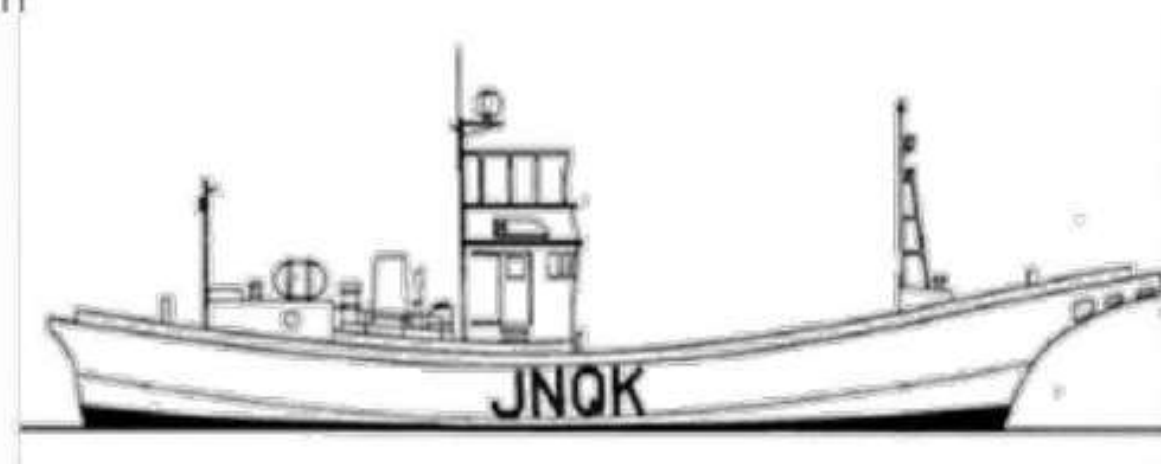
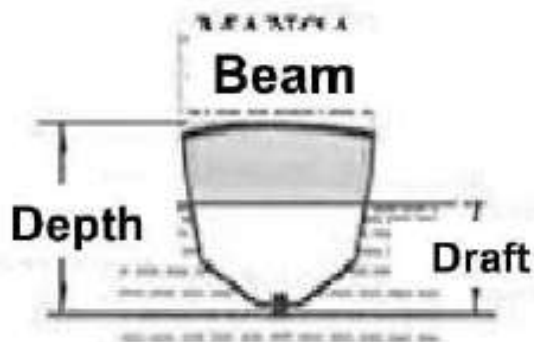
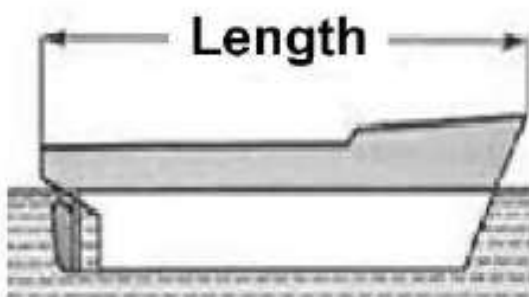


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THE MARKING AND  
IDENTIFICATION OF  
FISHING VESSELS



Total Length	Letter/number heights
25 m and over	1.0 m
20 m $\geq$ 25 m	0.8 m
15 m $\geq$ 20 m	0.6 m
12 m $\geq$ 15 m	0.4 m
5 m $\geq$ 12 m	0.3 m
< 5 m	0.1 m



# 2.1 VESSEL MARKING



### 3. VMS DATA TRANSMISSION

*CMM 2021-12 (CMM 2023-12, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023)*

- Frequency of transmission shall be hourly;
- If a MTU has not transmitted VMS data for four (4) hours, the master shall manually report to the Authority's FMC and/or the Secretary;
- MTU that fails to transmit VMS data be repaired or replaced asap; otherwise, the vessel must returns to port;
- When the vessel returns to port, ARAP will not allow the vessel to operate in the Convention Area until the MTU has been replaced and it successfully transmits VMS data;





## 3.1 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR MTUs

- Automatically and independently of any intervention shall transmit VMS data;
- Data from a satellite-based positioning system;
- Transmitting at least every 15 minutes;
- *Tamper-proof*;
- *Storage of info must be safe, secure and integrated*;
- It must not be possible for anyone, other than the FMC, to alter any of the VMS data stored in an MTU;
- Any features or its software shall not allow *unauthorized access* to the MTU that could potentially compromise the operation of the VMS;
- Shall be installed by an *authorized installer*;
- Data must include the geographical location within an *accuracy* of 100 meters;
- Service provider must be able send VMS data to multiple independent destinations;
- The *parts shall be fully integrated* and housed in the same tamperproof physical enclosure;
- All components sealed by the manufacturer; or *official seals*;
- Must have an *alternate power unit*;
- Should include audible or visible *alarms* to indicate a unit *malfunction*.

## 4. TRANSSHIPMENT, OTHER TRANSFER AND UNLOADING IN PORT ACTIVITIES

*CMM 2016-03 (CMM 2023-03, July 19th, 2023)*

### General rules :

1. A fishing vessel shall only engage in a transshipment, or other transfer activity in the CA, if both (offloading and receiving vessel) are duly authorized by its Flag State and included in the NPFC Vessel Registry.
2. A fishing vessel is prohibited from operating as both an offloading vessel and a receiving vessel in the same trip.



# ADVANCE NOTIFICATIONS FOR TRANSSHIPMENTS OR OTHER TRANSFER ACTIVITY

- Send it to [transshipment@arap.gob.pa](mailto:transshipment@arap.gob.pa), [transshipment.arap@gmail.com](mailto:transshipment.arap@gmail.com) copy to [transshipment@npfc.int](mailto:transshipment@npfc.int);
- At least 24 hours in advance;
- In case of modifications, the vessel shall modify the submission and forward it to the above mentioned e-mail addresses:
  - If the activity does not start after 24 hours of the estimated start time, or
  - Within 20 nautical miles of the estimated start location.
- The submission must contain the identification information of both vessels, coordinates and products info:
  - Regulated species,
  - Bycatch, and
  - Non-regulated species.
- If the vessel, intends to engage in a transshipment in an area under national jurisdiction, including in a port, it shall not start the operation unless an authorization from the relevant flag and coastal or port State has been issued.
- If is cancelled before it is undertaken, the vessel shall notify ARAP and the NPFC asap.

**Will enter into force on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

PART I – VESSEL INFORMATION			
	INFORMATION	OFFLOADING VESSEL	RECEIVING VESSEL
1	Vessel Name		
2	Flag State		
3	IMO number		
4	IRCS, if eligible, or registration number		
5	Start of Trip		
	Port Name		
	Date of Departure		
6	End of Trip (if known)		
	Port Name		
	Date of Entry		
PART II – INFORMATION ON ANTICIPATED TRANSSHIPMENT			
7	Transshipment Location	<input type="checkbox"/> High Seas, In Convention Area <input type="checkbox"/> In Port <input type="checkbox"/> High Seas, Outside Convention Area <input type="checkbox"/> NW	
	Port Name (if applicable)		
	NW (if applicable)		
	Latitude and Longitude (estimated)	Latitude:	Longitude:
8	Transshipment Start Date (estimated)		
9	Transshipment Start Time (estimated)		
PART III – VERIFICATION			
10	Vessel Master / Vessel Owner or Company		
	Name		
	Nationality		
	Email address (as applicable)		
	Telephone number (as applicable)		
	Signature		
11	Observer (for the receiving vessel only, if applicable)		
	Name		
	Nationality		
	Signature		

ADVANCE NOTIFICATION FOR TRANSSHIPMENTS (2/2)							
In completing this form, ensure the estimated information is as accurate as reasonably possible.							
Weight (kg) or unit used (e.g. box, basket), and the estimated total weight in kg:							
FAC Code	Geographic Location	State of Fish	Type of product (whole, G&G, etc.)	Unit	Kg per unit	Number of Units	TOTAL (kg)

ADVANCE NOTIFICATION FOR OTHER TRANSFER ACTIVITIES			
PART I – VESSEL INFORMATION			
	INFORMATION	OFFLOADING VESSEL	RECEIVING VESSEL
1	Vessel Name		
2	Flag State		
3	IMO Number		
4	IRCS, if eligible, or registration number		
PART II – INFORMATION ON ANTICIPATED OTA			
5	OTA Location	<input type="checkbox"/> High Seas, In Convention Area	
	Latitude and Longitude (estimated)	Latitude:	Longitude:
6	OTA Start Date (estimated)		
7	OTA Start Time (estimated)		
PART III – VERIFICATION			
8	Vessel Master		
	Name		
	Nationality		
	Signature		

# TRANSSHIPMENT DECLARATION

- The fishing vessel shall provide it to the ARAP as soon as possible and at least 48 hours after the event occurred; and to the Secretariat of the Commission shall have a period of 10 days to provide said declaration.
- Send it to [transshipment@arap.gob.pa](mailto:transshipment@arap.gob.pa), [transshipment.arap@gmail.com](mailto:transshipment.arap@gmail.com) copy to [transshipment@npfc.int](mailto:transshipment@npfc.int);
- **The vessel shall provide the transshipment declaration:**
  - **Duly completed,**
  - **Signed by the captains of both vessels,**
  - **Signed by the observer,**
- The vessel, shall maintain an electronic or physical record on board of each transshipment and a stowage plan available on board at all times;
- If a Panamanian-flagged receiving vessel receives catch from more than one offloading vessel, shall ensure that the catch from each offloading vessel is stored separately and readily identifiable;
- The submission must contain the identification information of both vessels, coordinates and products info.
- In the event of MTU failure, the transshipment shall be suspended, and only resume once the fishing vessel complies with the relevant procedures in CMM on the Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS).



# PORT UNLOADING NOTIFICATION AND DECLARATION

- The fishing vessels, which intend to participate in an unloading activity in authorized port, shall provide the Port Entry Notification form to ARAP, at least 24 hours for its due authorization.
- Vessels must report the unloading activities according to the Port Discharge Report form (F-INS-017-2020 Rev.02), provided by the Authority and within a period of no more than 24 hours after completion of the unloading.
- Port entry notification and port discharge report forms shall be provided only to ARAP at [transshipment@arap.gob.pa](mailto:transshipment@arap.gob.pa), [transshipment.arap@gmail.com](mailto:transshipment.arap@gmail.com).

# Port Entry Notification

## Notificación de Entrada a Puerto

Buques de Pesca y Apoyo a la Pesca / Fishing and Support Vessels

Fecha / Date (dd-mmm-yyyy)

### A. VESSEL DETAILS / PARTICULARIDADES DE LA NAVE

1. Vessel Name/Nombre de la Nave		2. IMO Number/Número OMI		3. Radio Call Sign/Distintivo de llamada	
4. Type of Vessel/Tipo de Buque		5. Flag State/Estado del Pabellón		6. Cargo Capacity/Capacidad de carga	
7. External ID/Identificador Externo		8. RFMO ID/Identificador OROP		11. Approved Fishing Gear/Arte de pesca autorizado	
8. Length/Eslora (m)	9. Beam/Manga (m)	10. Depth/Puntal (m)	12. Master Name/Nombre del Capitán		13. Master Nationality/Nacionalidad del Capitán
14. Vessel Monitoring System (VMS)/Sistema de Monitoreo					
No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes(National)/Si(Nacional) <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes(RFMO)/Si (OROP) <input type="checkbox"/> Type/Tipo	

### B. OWNERS DETAILS / PARTICULARIDADES DE LOS ARMADORES

15. Owners Name/Nombre de los Armadores	16. Address/Dirección	17. Email/Correo Electrónico

### C. ARRIVAL DETAILS / DETALLES DEL ARRIBO

18. Intended Port of Call/Puerto de Escala Previsto	19. Port State/Estado Rector de Puerto	20. Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA)/Fecha prevista de llegada (dd-mmm-yyyy)
21. Purpose of the Arrival (explain) /Finalidad del arribo (explique)		22. Last port of call and date of arrival/Ultimo puerto y fecha de arribo

### D. FISHING AUTHORIZATIONS (IFL) / AUTORIZACIONES DE PESCA (LICENCIA DE PESCA)

Only Fishing vessel / solo para buques de captura

23. Identifier / Identificador	24. Issued by / Expedida por	25. Expiration / Caducidad (dd-mmm-yyyy)	26. Fishing Area(s) / Zonas de Pesca	27. Species / Especies	28. Fishing Gear / Artes de pesca

### E. TRANSHIPMENT AUTHORIZATIONS (IFL) / AUTORIZACIONES DE TRASBORDO (LICENCIA DE PESCA)

Only Support Vessel / solo para buques de actividades relacionada a la pesca

29. Identifier / Identificador	30. Issued by / Expedida por	31. Expiration / Caducidad (dd-mmm-yyyy)



**F. TRANSHIPMENT INFORMATION / INFORMACIÓN DE TRASBORDOS**

32. Fecha / Date (dd-mmm-yyyy)	33. Location / Lugar	34. Name of Fishing vessel / Nombre del buque de Captura	35. Flag State / Estado del Pabellón	36. Species / Especies	37. Product Type / Tipo del Producto	38. Catch Area / Zona de Captura	39. Quantity / Cantidad (kg)

**G. TOTAL CATCH or TRANSSHIPMENT ONBOARD AND TO BE OFFLOADED / TOTAL DE CAPTURAS o TRANBORDO ABORDO Y POR DESEMBARCAR**

40. Species / Especies	41. Product Type / Tipo de Producto	42. Catch Area / Zonas de Captura	43. Quantity / Cantidad		44. Catch to be Offloaded <sup>1</sup> / Capturas a Desembarcar <sup>1</sup>	
			(kg)	(units)	(kg)	(units)

Notice: This form should be duly completed, signed and sent in 24 hours before port arrival, to the following emails: [transshipment@arap.gob.pa](mailto:transshipment@arap.gob.pa).  
 Nota: Este formulario deberá ser debidamente completado, firmado y enviado en 24 horas antes de su llegada a puerto, a las siguientes cuentas de correo electrónico: [transshipment@arap.gob.pa](mailto:transshipment@arap.gob.pa)

<sup>1</sup> The Section 44 is applicable and should be filled only if the products is offloaded at port. / <sup>1</sup> La sección 44 es aplicable y debe ser llenado solo si el productos es descargado en Puerto.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Master's name / Nombre del Capitán*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Stamp / Sello*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Master's signature / Firma del Capitán*



## 5. ON-BOARD OBSERVER PROGRAM

- The obligations related to observer coverage on Panamanian-flagged fishing vessels will come into effect as of September 1, 2023.
- Vessels (refrigerated cargo) engaged in a transshipment activity, shall ensure have an observer on board from the national observer program of a Member of the Commission, or a Cooperating non-Contracting Party.
- An observer shall be provisioned, accommodated, including access to independent communications, and provided safe working conditions by the receiving vessel in accordance with the Commission Member's, or Cooperating non-Contracting Party's, domestic laws and regulations.
- An observer shall have full, unobstructed, and safe access to each fishing vessel involved in the transshipment, including, access to crew, gear, equipment, records, electronic means of communication, and fish holds.

# 6. ON-BOARD INSPECTION

*CMM 2017-09 (CMM 2023-09, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023)*

## Authorized inspectors shall:

- Submit his/her *ID* to the vessel's master.
- Not interfere with the master's ability to communicate with its authorities;
- Complete the inspection within four (4) hours unless evidence of a serious violation is found;
- Clearly collect and document any evidence that indicates a violation of measures;
- Provide the master before leaving the vessel, a copy of an interim report on boarding and inspection;
- Leave the vessel immediately after the completion of the inspection if they find no evidence of a serious infringement; and
- Provide a full report to the authorities including the master's statement.

## Master shall:

- Follow the internationally accepted principles of good practice of seafarers to avoid safety risks to approved inspectors and inspection vessels;
- Accept and facilitate fast and secure boarding;
- Cooperate and assist;
- Not to assault, resist, intimidate, interfere, obstruct, or unduly delay inspectors in the performance of their duties;
- Allow inspectors to communicate with the crew of the vessel, the vessel authorities, the on-board observers, as well as the authorities of the fishing vessel;
- Provide reasonable facilities;
- Facilitate safe landing.

## 6. ON-BOARD INSPECTION

- In case of refusal, the master shall provide an explanation of the reason. The authorities of the vessel under inspection shall immediately notify the authorities of the fishing vessel, as well as the Commission,
- If there is no reason, the authorities of the fishing vessel, shall order the master to accept boarding and inspection, in case of non compliance, Panama shall suspend the vessel's authorization to fish and order the vessel to return immediately to port and communicate it to the Secretariat.



# FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

- We are aware that our fleets participation in the Convention Area is conditioned,
- If one vessel falls under NON COMPLIANCE, our entire fleet will be exposed,
- We need to work together,
- Clear rules and good communication

# Q & A

## **General consultations and vessels registry**

Office for International Technical Cooperation /  
General Administration

E-mail: [hsfs@arap.gob.pa](mailto:hsfs@arap.gob.pa) /  
[administraciongeneral@arap.gob.pa](mailto:administraciongeneral@arap.gob.pa)

Phones: (507) 511-6008 / 18

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E-mail: [transshipment@arap.gob.pa](mailto:transshipment@arap.gob.pa) /  
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