



North Pacific Fisheries Commission

16 January 2024

NPFC CIRCULAR #003/2024

**COMMUNICATION FROM PANAMA REGARDING APPLICATION FOR 2024/2025
CNCP STATUS**

Dear Members:

Please see attached correspondence from Mr. Hamen Tuñón, Head of Delegation for Panama, informing of their decision not to apply for renewal of their Cooperating Non – Contracting Party status for 2024-2025.

Best regards,

Robert Day
Executive Secretary

c.c.: Mr. Hamen Tuñón, Head of Delegation for Panama

Attachment – AG-024-2024 Letter from Panama January 10, 2024.

**AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**

Panama, January 10th, 2024.

AG-024-2024

Dear Dr. Day:

The Republic of Panama informs the North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC) of its decision not to apply for the renewal of the status of Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (NCPC) for the period 2024-2025.

This decision has been made considering that Panama has recently adopted a new regulation of its fisheries and aquaculture law, so it will be necessary for Panama to submit to a series of adjustments and changes, in order to ensure the correct implementation of the law.

For the time being, we appreciate all the support received from the Secretariat staff and the Members of the Commission; we have decided to cease operations in the North Pacific, however Panama is committed to submit all required data in accordance with the rules adopted for 2023 activities; to cooperate with the NPFC and other international partners in the fight to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing activities; and to provide any other relevant information as determined by the NPFC, if required.

Additionally, until the conclusion of our current status as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party, we will comply with the commitments made and Panama will attend the upcoming meetings and the next 7th Technical and Compliance Committee Meeting and the 8th Commission Meeting.

From the General Administrator with my most distinguished consideration.



HAMED TUÑÓN
General Administrator

Dr. ROBERT DAY
Executive Secretary
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