

**AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA**



**TECHNICAL NOTICE**

**N° 076-2024**

**TO:** Shipowners, Operators, Masters and Resident Agents.

**ON BEHALF:** International Technical Cooperation Office.

**SUBJECT:** *Non-renewal of Panama's CNCP status before the North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC), Period 2024-2025.*

**DATE:** January 24, 2024

---

The Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama shares with Ship-owners, Masters, and Resident Agents of vessels registered or intending to operate in the area of the North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC), the NPFC Circular #003/2024 communicating Panama's decision NOT to apply for the renewal of its status as a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (CNCP) to the Commission for the period 2024-2025.

This decision is based on the recent adoption, by the Republic of Panama, of the regulation of the national law on fishing and aquaculture, for which a series of adjustments and changes have been made to ensure the correct application of the law and compliance with the Commission's Conservation and Management Measures.

In view of the above, this Authority requests the Panamanian international service fishing fleet vessels authorized in the NPFC vessel registry to suspend operations involving regulated species and activities within the NPFC Convention area before midnight on Thursday, April 18, 2024 JST (Japan Standard Time).

**✓ Important and Mandatory**

It is important that each vessel, its owners, masters or operators inform the Authority of the cessation of its operations based on this circular through the following emails: [ivc@arap.gob.pa](mailto:ivc@arap.gob.pa) copy to: [hsfs@arap.gob.pa](mailto:hsfs@arap.gob.pa).

Vessels that are detected in activities that violate the conservation and management measures established by the NPFC and this circular, will be subject to the application of the current regulations established in sanctioning matters, as established by Law No. 204 of March 18, 2021, which regulates fishing and agriculture in Panama.

**Annex:**  
NPFC Circular #003/2024.

*For more information about this Technical Notice, please contact:*

**General Administration / International Technical Cooperation Office**  
**Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama**  
**Phone:** (+507) 511-6042 / 511-6019 / 511-6008  
**E-mail:** [admistraciongeneral@arap.gob.pa](mailto:admistraciongeneral@arap.gob.pa) ; [hsfs@arap.gob.pa](mailto:hsfs@arap.gob.pa)