
AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA



TECHNICAL NOTICE

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FOR: Shipowners, Operators, Masters and Resident Agents

**ON
BEHALF:** International Technical Cooperation Office

SUBJECT: *Panama's status with the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission - NEAFC*

DATE: April 18, 2024.

The Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP), communicates to Shipowners, Operators, Masters and Resident Agents that the Republic of Panama has renewed its status as an Active Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (CNCP) to the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) for the year 2024, decision confirmed by the Members of the Organization during the recent 42nd Annual Meeting of the Commission, which was held from 14 to 17 November 2023.

In this sense, the notification and authorization to the Panamanian flag carrier vessels of international service that intend to carry out operations within the NEAFC Convention or Regulatory area, with species regulated by NEAFC, will be subject to the corresponding compliance and registration, in accordance with the requirements established in the Commission's Control and Enforcement Scheme.

For the above mentioned, the ARAP will ensure that all vessels intending to enter the NEAFC Convention or Regulatory Area must comply with the regulations and conservation and management measures established and adopted by the Authority, through the Letter of Compliance adopted based on the provisions of Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 002 of January 13, 2022, published in Official Gazette No. 29458-A.

REGISTRATION OF VESSELS WITHIN THE AREA - LETTER OF COMPLIANCE

All international service vessels willing to participate in the Commission's fisheries must present the new version of the letter of compliance duly signed, since it has been updated based on the latest modifications of the scheme adopted by the Commission.

The new application must be submitted via the Authority's single window duly signed for evaluation of registration and application for operations in 2024.

Thus, to be included in the Commission's public registry of notified and authorized vessels.

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✓ Important and Mandatory

All international service fishing vessels intending to operate in the Commission's regulatory area must fully comply with the domestic law and the NEAFC recommendations established under the Convention, in particular the Scheme of Control and Enforcement. We emphasize that prior to the beginning of operations, they must be publicly notified and authorized on the Commission's website.

Vessels detected in activities in violation of the rules and recommendations established by the NEAFC shall be subject to the application of the regulations in force established by this Authority in sanctioning matters.

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