
AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA



TECHNICAL NOTICE

N° 088-2024

TO: Shipowners, Operators, Masters and Resident Agents.

**ON
BEHALF:** Directorate of Technical Cooperation and International Fisheries Affairs.

SUBJECT: *Panama's status with the NEAFC Fisheries Commission - 2025.*

DATE: November 19, 2024

The Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP) informs the Shipowners, Operators, Masters and Resident Agents that, in the framework of the 43rd Annual Meeting of the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC), held on November 12 to 15, 2024, **the members of the Commission did not adopt a final decision regarding the renewal of Panama's status as an Active Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (CNCP) for the period 2025.**

The Secretariat of the Commission has informed that, over the next few months, Panama's status will be evaluated by the members, who will determine the renewal as an Active CNCP. According to the information provided, **the final decision will be communicated no later than March 3, 2025.**

In this context, this Authority requests all vessels of the Panamanian international service fishing fleet registered in the NEAFC to **suspend their operations related to regulated species and activities within the NEAFC Commission area before 23:59 UTC time on Tuesday, December 31, 2024.** This measure will remain in effect until the renewal of Panama's status as an Active NEAFC for the period 2025 is officially communicated.

The Authority appreciates your understanding and cooperation in this process, reaffirming Panama's commitment to the sustainability of fishery resources and its compliance with the conservation and management measures established by NEAFC.

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✓ Important and Mandatory

It is mandatory that each vessel, together with its owners, captains or operators, notify the Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP), of the cessation of its operations, as indicated in this circular. Notifications should be sent through the following e-mail addresses:

- monitoreo@arap.gob.pa,
- hsfs@arap.gob.pa,
- ivc@arap.gob.pa.

Vessels detected carrying out activities in contravention of this circular and the conservation and management measures established by the NEAFC, will be subject to the regulations in force in sanctioning matters established by this Authority.

For more information about this Technical Notice, please contact:

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