

REPUBLIC OF PANAMA
AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA
ADMIN/ARAP
RESOLUTION No. 057
(August 4, 2025)

Establishing the requirements for any fishing support or preparation operation, including packaging, processing, as well as the provision of personnel, fuel, fishing gear, and other supplies, both in port and at sea, for commercial fishing vessels operating international catch services and fishing-related activities under the Panamanian flag.

THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATOR,
exercising his legal powers.

CONSIDERING:

That Law 44 of November 23, 2006, established the Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama, hereinafter the Authority, as the governing entity of the State to ensure compliance with and application of national fishing and aquaculture laws and policies.

Article 38, paragraphs 2 and 7, of Law 44 of 2006, establishes that the Authority, through the General Directorate of Inspection, Surveillance, and Control, is responsible for establishing the bases and parameters that technical standards for the development of fishing and aquaculture activities must follow, as well as for the supervision, verification, and certification of the updating and compliance with said standards. In coordination with the corresponding entities, it is responsible for ensuring strict compliance with the legal and regulatory provisions that regulate the protection and use of aquatic resources.

That Law 204 of March 18, 2021, regulates fishing and aquaculture in the Republic of Panama and establishes other provisions.

That Article 31 of Law 204 of March 18, 2021, establishes that the Authority shall adopt all necessary conservation, management, and oversight measures to prevent, combat, discourage, and eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing, and may regulate those measures not expressly contemplated in the Law, in accordance with international agreements, conventions, and treaties.

That Executive Decree 13 of November 1, 2023, regulates Law 204 of March 18, 2021.

That Article 133 of Executive Decree 13 of 2023 establishes that the Authority may establish, through an administrative resolution, monitoring, control, and surveillance measures applicable to each fishing or fishery activity and for each type of fleet, as well as for fishing-related and related activities. Likewise, the Authority may establish monitoring, control, and surveillance measures in addition to those established in the Law and these regulations, through an administrative resolution, when deemed appropriate, with the objective of preventing, deterring, and eliminating IUU fishing.

That the Authority, recognizing that the primary responsibility of the flag State is to implement the necessary measures to combat IUU fishing, and that port State measures are an essential element in preventing, deterring, and eliminating these illegal activities; and aware of the need to increase international coordination to combat this scourge.

RESOLVES:

FIRST: To establish the requirements for carrying out any fishing support or preparation operation, including packaging, processing, as well as the provision of personnel, fuel, fishing gear, and other supplies, both in port and at sea, for Panamanian-flagged vessels licensed to operate commercial fishing for international capture services or for fishing-related activities.

SECOND: The vessels mentioned in the first article of this resolution that require fishing support or preparation operations, including packaging, processing,


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For vessels that require personnel, fuel, fishing gear, and other supplies, both in port and at sea, they must request authorization from the Authority's Fisheries Control and Monitoring Center.

This request must be submitted within the deadline established by the Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO) to which the vessel belongs, whether as donor or recipient. In cases where the activity is carried out in fisheries management regions not regulated by an RFMO, or where there is no deadline established by the RFMO, the request must be submitted well in advance to allow for evaluation and authorization before the operation is carried out, within a period of no less than 24 hours.

Vessels licensed for commercial fishing for international capture services and fishing-related activities that carry out any fishing support or preparation operations, including packaging, processing, and the provision of personnel, fuel, fishing gear, and other supplies, both in port and at sea, must submit the following requirements along with their application for authorization:

1. Pre-notification template for fishing support or preparation operations, including packaging, processing, and the provision of personnel, fuel, fishing gear, and other supplies, both in port and at sea (Annex 1).
2. Permit or authorization to conduct operations in the Exclusive Economic Zone of third countries (if applicable).
3. Official document issued by the port State authorizing the transshipment operation (if applicable).
4. Name of the other vessel, IMO number, copy of fishing license, authorization to operate in the exclusive economic zone where the vessel is operating (if applicable), Regional Fisheries Organization authorization, if applicable.
5. Any additional documentation that ARAP deems relevant to ensure that support is not provided to a vessel that has been involved in IUU fishing activities.

In the case of tanker vessels with a commercial fishing license for international fishing-related activities, following the bunkering operation, they must send the following to the Fisheries Control and Monitoring Center emails listed below:

- Bunker Delivery Note (BDN).

Any request, rescheduling, or cancellation of the aforementioned operations must be sent, respectively, to the Fisheries Control and Monitoring Center at the following email addresses: **vigilancia@arap.gob.pa** and **alertas@arap.gob.pa**.

THIRD: Failure to comply with the provisions of this resolution will be sanctioned in accordance with Law 204 of March 18, 2021, and its regulations.

FOURTH: This resolution will take effect upon its promulgation in the Official Gazette.

FIFTH: Resolution ADM ARAP No. 051 of July 4, 2025, is hereby repealed.

LEGAL BASIS: Law 44 of November 23, 2006, Law 204 of March 18, 2021, Executive Decree 13 of November 1, 2023.

PUBLISH AND COMPLY.

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