



Merchant Marine **Notice**

Panama Maritime Authority
General Directorate of Merchant Marine
Control and Compliance Department

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TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PANAMANIAN FISHING-RELATED ACTIVITIES IN THE NEAFC CONVENTION AREA FOR THE YEAR 2026

No: **MMN-03/2026**

1. Stakeholders are hereby formally notified of the Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP) Technical Circular USOROP No. 2025-001, dated November 24, 2025, concerning Panamanian-flagged vessels and activities regulated by the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC).
2. The Circular informs that, following the 44th NEAFC Annual Meeting, Panama did not maintain its Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (CNCP) status for 2026, resulting in the mandatory suspension of NEAFC-regulated fishing and fishing-related activities by Panamanian-flagged vessels during the 2026.
3. For inquiries, notifications, or any matters related to the implementation of ARAP Technical Circular USOROP No. 2025-001, stakeholders may contact the Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP) through the following official focal points:
 - Email: hsfs@arap.gob.pa
 - Email: ordenacion@arap.gob.pa
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4. The full circular may be accessed through the following hyperlink:
[Temporary suspension of activities in the NEAFC Convention area for the year 2026.](#)



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Inquiries concerning the subject of this Merchant Marine Notice or any other request should be forward to:

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