

Fishing Vessel Notice

Date: September 1, 2025

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To: All Ship Owners, Operators, Deputy Registrars, Resident Agents, Representatives, and other Stakeholders

Subject: **Introduction of Digital Certificates and QR Verification**

The Belize High Seas Fisheries Unit (BHSFU) is pleased to inform all stakeholders that effective **September 1, 2025**, all licenses and certificates¹ will be issued using a new software application and will feature a **QR code for verification purposes**.

This new feature is part of our ongoing efforts to modernize our services, strengthen document security, and improve efficiency. The QR code will allow stakeholders, port authorities, and other relevant parties to quickly and securely verify the authenticity of certificates issued by the BHSFU.

Key Points to Note:

- The QR code will appear on all certificates issued from September 1, 2025, onward.
- Scanning the QR code will provide instant access to verification details.
- Existing certificates issued prior to this date will remain valid and will not be reissued with QR codes.

The BHSFU remains committed to ensuring that our operations meet international standards of transparency, security, and service delivery. We thank you for your continued cooperation and partnership.



Please direct all queries and concerns to:
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¹ Catch Certificates will be integrated and notified later.