

## **Fishing Vessel Notice**

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

Subject: **CHANGE OF AUTHORIZED VESSEL MONITORING SERVICE PROVIDER**

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This Notice serves to advise vessel owners and operators of an important change in the authorized provider of vessel monitoring services for Belize flagged fishing vessels, effective 1 January 2026. This transition has become necessary to ensure continued compliance with international legal requirements for vessel monitoring and to meet the critical need to stay current with evolving monitoring technologies.

As an active member of several Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMOs), Belize is under an obligation to maintain robust vessel monitoring capabilities in fulfilment of its international commitments. The current system can no longer adequately support the new monitoring requirements and obligations mandated by international fisheries regulations and is therefore not fit for purpose. This change will enhance Belize's monitoring, control and surveillance capabilities and ensure continued compliance and effective monitoring of all flagged vessels.

### **Existing Vessels**

To ensure a seamless and cost-effective transition, the Administration will bear all costs associated with the procurement of the monitoring equipment required for transitioning existing vessels to the new monitoring platform. However, vessel owners will be responsible for arranging their own qualified technician to install the equipment as per existing process.

### **New Vessels**

Any vessel that does not have an existing mobile transceiver unit registered on the current monitoring platform will be required to procure the prescribed monitoring equipment as per our current established protocols. Instructions on this process will be disseminated at a later date.

## **Benefits of the New System**

The new vessel monitoring system will offer:

- Full compliance with current and emerging RFMO monitoring obligations
- Enhanced tracking and monitoring capabilities to meet international standards
- Modernized user interface and direct access to monitor your vessels
- Real-time vessel tracking and reporting features including electronic catch reporting
- Improved reliability and technical support
- Greater compatibility with current technological standards

## **Next Steps**

Further details regarding the new platform, equipment and implementation timelines will be communicated in the coming weeks. Our team will work closely to ensure a smooth and seamless transition with minimal disruption to operations. The current vessel monitoring system will be allowed to run simultaneously until full transition to the new platform has been achieved.

Should you have any questions or require additional information regarding this transition, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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