

RIFF Application Summary

Name: James Roche

Occupation: Fisherman

Home Port: Youghal

Vessel: MFV Maisie J C419 **Port:** Youghal

Please give details below of your knowledge of inshore fisheries, fish stocks, and fishing methods

I started fishing as child as my father was a fisherman. I got my own boat when I was 14 and fished for salmon on the River Blackwater. Once leaving school I drove trucks for a living but went fulltime into fishing in 2005 alongside my father. We had a 30ft versatility called 'An Baidin' then in 2009 I went out on my own and purchased a gm33 from Scotland now called 'Maisie J'. Our gear is pots mainly - catching lobster, brown crab and shrimp.

Please give details below of your experience & ability to represent the views of the inshore sector

I am an active member of the Ballycotton Fisherman's Association and the National Inshore Fishermen's Association. Through my membership of the fishing organisations I have experience of representing various sectors and am strongly supported in representing the view of inshore through my mandate from Ballycotton Fisherman's Association

Please give details below of their knowledge of relevant environmental legislation and their capacity to engage on fisheries and environmental management issues:

Through my participation in the NIFA and by keeping up to date with issues affecting inshore fishermen in the industry press (Skipper Marine Times and Fishing News and participation in various online fora I am aware of the challenges that are presented by environmental issues to inshore and vice versa. Because of the range of fishing experience, I have a good awareness of the Habitats Directive and particularly how impacts on fishing in my region.

In the interests of transparency and good governance please give details of any commercial interests, membership of organisations, directorships, provision of services related to the seafood/marine sector.

Owner of the MFV Maisie J C419, Director of Maisie J Fishing LTD and Member of: Ballycotton Fisherman's Association and National Inshore Fishermen's Association