

## Summary of Application to SW RIFF



Inshore Fisheries Forums  
Fóraim Iascaigh Cois Cladaigh

**Name:** Joe O'Shea **Occupation:** Fisherman

**Vessel:** MFV Uncle Batt **Vessel Reg :** T23 **Home Port:** Cahersiveen

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

I have over 50 years fishing experience having started fishing in the 1960's after which I obtained my Skippers ticket following training in Haulbowline and Galway. I built my first vessel Patos Wish T185 built in the early 70's in Baltimore Boatyard. Trawling, netting, potting, hook and lines were among the fishing methods I used. I also fished salmon. I downsized to the MFV Grainne Marie fishing and netting for a mixture of whitefish and crayfish. I now fish the MFV Uncle Batt T23 potting for shrimp and lobster mainly, and Pollack with hooks and lines. I occasionally still fish herring and hake to help other crews.

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

I have been an active fishing advocate for all of my fishing career starting with the Iveragh Fisherman's Co-op and progressing to the IFPO. I was a founding member of both the IFO and the IFPO and served on the boards to both organisations. I am an active member of the Iveragh Fisherman's co-op and of the National Inshore Fishermen's Association. I also represent Iveragh on the SW Fisheries Local Action Group. I was an active member of the IFPO however I have recently resigned as my fishing is now exclusively inshore. Through my membership of all the fishing organisations I have extensive experience of representing various sectors and am strongly supported in representing the view of inshore through my mandate from Iveragh Fisherman's Co-op and NIFA. As a member of both groups I will have the practical support of the respective secretaries both in terms of disseminating information to and obtaining a mandate from their members in South Kerry.

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

Through my roles in the organisations, discussion and networking with fishing colleagues 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.



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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 Uncle Batt T23 and St Fursie

Member of: Iveragh Fisherman's Co-op , National Inshore Fishermen's Association and Former (NIFA) member & director of IFPO

