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Master of French Registered Fishing Vessel sent forward for Trial

A Spanish resident and master of the French registered fishing vessel, “Punteareas Uno”, appeared before Bandon District Court on October 17th 2025 charged with an alleged offence of failing to retain quota fish species onboard in contravention of the Landing Obligation.

The alleged offence was detected on the 15th of October 2025, during an at-sea inspection of the vessel by a Sea-Fisheries Protection Officer of the Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) and inspectors attached to the European Fisheries Control Agency's (EFCA's) patrol vessel 'Ocean Guardian', in the Irish Exclusive Economic Zone. The vessel was escorted to Castletownbere port and detained. The Director of Public Prosecutions directed the case proceed on indictment in the Circuit Court.

The fishing master was served with the Book of Evidence at Bandon District Court and sent forward for trial to the next sitting of Cork Circuit Criminal Court. The Court ordered that the vessel may be released from detention if a cash lodgement in the sum of €130,000 is made for the purposes of a bond. The bond has been taken up and the vessel released from detention.

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About the SFPA

The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) is the independent statutory body responsible for the regulation of the sea-fisheries and the sea-food production sectors. It promotes compliance with the EU Common Fisheries Policy, sea-fisheries law and food safety law relating to fish and fish products, verifies compliance and, where necessary, enforces it. Its mandate covers all fishing vessels operating within Ireland's 200-mile limit, over 2,000 Irish registered fishing vessels wherever they

operate, and all seafood produced in Ireland's seafood processing companies. The SFPA operates through a network of regional port offices situated at Ireland's main fishery harbours. For further information visit: www.sfpa.ie