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Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority to Exhibit at the Skipper Expo

The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA), Ireland's competent regulatory authority for the regulation of sea-fisheries and seafood safety, will be exhibiting at the Skipper Expo in Limerick on the 21st and 22nd March 2025. Sea-Fisheries Protection Officers (SFPOs) of the SFPA will be on hand to answer queries from fishers, industry, and stakeholders.

SFPOs will be happy to meet and engage with industry and discuss the significant programme of work undertaken by the SFPA to promote compliance with the EU Common Fisheries Policy, sea-fisheries legislation, and seafood safety law, all with the goal of ensuring the future sustainability of Ireland's marine resources and assuring public trust in the quality and provenance of seafood.

Paschal Hayes, Executive Chairperson, SFPA said: 'We are looking forward to engaging with industry at the upcoming Skipper Expo and to further explain the importance of our broad remit. Sustaining Ireland's marine resources, and assuring consumer trust in the quality, provenance and safety of our seafood produce are critical to achieving the collective ambitions for the sector. The SFPA, for its part, is committed to the promotion of compliance and the effective and fair regulation of the sea-fishing and seafood sectors that fall within the SFPA's mandate.'

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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