



## MEMORANDUM

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Date: July 1, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Brian L. Barroso  
City Manager

CC: Marcus Davila, Director of Community Services

From: Kelli Funkhouser, Special Events Manager

Subject: **File ID: 26-5587 - Recommendation to approve the “21<sup>st</sup> Annual Florida Keys Seafood Festival” on Saturday, February 13, 2027, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 14, 2027, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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### **Introduction**

The City Manager’s Office requests the approval of the “21<sup>st</sup> Annual Florida Key’s Seafood Festival” on Saturday, February 13, 2027, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 14, 2027, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Truman Waterfront Park Major Field.

### **Background**

The City Manager’s Office has received an application from “Monroe County Commercial Fishermen, Inc.” for the 21st Annual Florida Keys Seafood Festival on Saturday, February 13, 2027, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 14, 2027, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to authorize the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages and to grant an exemption from the noise control ordinance. Setup will begin Thursday, February 11, 2027, with Four Star Rental setting up tents, tables and food/beverage booths. On Friday, February 12, 2027, vendors will set up along with food/equipment deliveries, and the stage will be set up.

This event will take place at Truman Waterfront Park Major Field as a fundraiser for the Monroe County Commercial Fishermen, Inc. for fisheries management and conservation, to preserve Florida Keys fishing culture and Florida Keys student scholarships. Historically, there have been approximately nine thousand attendees. The applicant has agreed to abide by City Codes and Ordinances, including providing insurance.

Notice of the City Commission's proposed action on a Noise Exemption was published in The Citizen and on KeysNews.com. There are no properties within 100' of Major Field to be noticed.

### **Procurement**

There will be no additional expenses to the city as all service costs (Police/Fire/Community Services) are covered by the applicant, based on the Special Event Matrix. The applicant will pay the \$500 per day rental fee for Truman Waterfront Park, based on the Special Event Matrix.

### **Recommendation**

The City Manager's Office recommends the Mayor & City Commission approve the "21<sup>st</sup> Annual Florida Keys Seafood Festival" on Saturday, February 13, 2027, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Sunday, February 14, 2027, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Truman Waterfront Park Major Field.