



MEMORANDUM

Date: June 4, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Brian L. Barroso
City Manager

From: Kelli Funkhouser
Special Events Manager

Subject: **{FILE ID: 25-3782} Recommendation to Approve the “20th Annual Florida Keys Seafood Festival” on February 14, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and February 15, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Truman Waterfront Park Major Field**

Introduction

The City Manager’s Office requests the approval of the “Monroe County Commercial Fishermen, Inc. – 20th Annual Florida Key’s Seafood Festival” on Saturday, February 14, 2026 & Sunday, February 15, 2026.

Background

The City Manager’s Office has received an application from “the Monroe County Commercial Fishermen, Inc.” for the 20th Annual Florida Keys Seafood Festival on Saturday, February 14, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 15, 2026, 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. This event will take place at Truman Waterfront Park Major Field as a fundraiser for scholarships. The funds are also used to participate in both state and federal fisheries management meetings applicable to both the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic. Scholarships are given out to graduating seniors in the Florida Keys. 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 5/8/25 edition of 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 "20th Annual Florida Keys Seafood Festival" on Saturday, February 14, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Sunday, February 15, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Truman Waterfront Park Major Field.