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On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Fair Advisory Board, and the Parks, Fair & Facilities Department Staff, it is with heavy heart that we announce the decision to cancel the 2020 Clallam County Fair.

For months, we have been working under the assumption that the 2020 Clallam County Fair would occur, as scheduled, on August 20-23. However, due to current COVID-19 concerns and after meeting with the Clallam County Health Officer, WSU Extension Director and the 4-H Program Coordinator it was clear that there were far too many unknowns remaining in order for us to dedicate the time and necessary resources to produce the 2020 Fair. The Fair would only be possible if Clallam County were in Phase IV of the Governor's "Safe Start" plan, which does not appear possible.

Since 1895, thousands of businesses and individuals throughout our community have participated in the annual Fair event and look forward to showcasing their products and services to fairgoers. It has also been a format for 4-H'ers and FFA'ers to vie for top honors, and dollars, for their market animals during the livestock auction. Over the past weeks, plans have been underway for a Virtual Livestock Sale in the event the Fair were to be cancelled. More information is forthcoming from the Pacific Northwest Junior Livestock Auction with regards to a time and place.

Now, more than ever, we look forward to next year's Fair, which is scheduled for August 19-22, 2021. Fair Manager Shari Ioffrida stated that, "Clallam County has a long history of facing adversity and flourishing in difficult times. Our return next year will be a reunion where we will celebrate our county's resilience and accomplishments", and we can't wait to see you there!

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