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SUBJ: Update on Fair and Fairgrounds Operations

It is with much regret that we announce that, for the second year in a row, the Clallam County Fair has been cancelled. The recommendation was made on May 18, 2021 by Department Staff at a Special Meeting of the Clallam County Fair Board to cancel the 2021 County Fair. The two agenda items below were discussed at the meeting.

1. "Fair 2021 Requirements and Recommendations": After much discussion, The Fair Board voted on the motion to cancel the Fair, with 6 votes yea, and 3 votes nay. The motion passed to cancel the 2021 County Fair.
2. "Fairgrounds 2021 "Off Season" Events": A second agenda item was discussed which sought to re-open the Fairgrounds to off-season events. The Fair Board voted on the motion, with 9 votes yea, and 0 votes nay. The motion passed to re-open the Fairgrounds to off-season use.

Special message from Shari Ioffrida, Fair Manager:

"While we were hopeful that we would be able to move forward with the 2021 Clallam County Fair, based on the State guidance and what is best for public health, our Department, the County Health Department, and Fair Board has made the decision to cancel the 2021 Fair.

This was a difficult decision and one not taken lightly nor made quickly, but made to ensure the health and safety of our fairgoers, volunteers, exhibitors, vendors, sponsors, attractions, and staff. We are looking forward to bringing the Fair to you in 2022 with all the fun, food, displays and entertainment that we have been known for.

The Fairgrounds will open on June 7. 4-H Clubs are already planning small events and practices at the Fairgrounds. We will be accepting "reservations" for other events that fall within current state guidelines for safety and COVID compliance."

Contact the Fairgrounds Office for more details and information by phone at, 360.417.2551, or email at fairgrounds@co.clallam.wa.us. We will see you next year, August 18-21, at the 2022 Clallam County Fair, which will be bigger and better than ever!

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