

ESF-18762 2024 Press Release **FINAL**

Press Release FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE **Contact: Holly Dudley** (239) 537-9922 SeafoodFestBoard@gmail.com

54th Annual Everglades Seafood Festival scheduled for February 2-4, 2024

EVERGLADES CITY, Fla. (October 17, 2023) - The Everglades Seafood Festival, presented by the Florida Stone Crabbers Association (FLSCA), is set to commence Friday, February 2, 2024, at 4:30 p.m., just outside Everglades City Hall at 102 Copeland Ave. North. The festival will conclude at 6 p.m. Sunday, February 4, 2024.

Made possible through generous support from the Naples, Marco Island, Everglades Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), the festival will include live music, creative works by local artisans, an array of seafood, a variety of beverages and carnival rides. The complete entertainment schedule is forthcoming.

Each year, tens of thousands of visitors from around the world converge on Everglades City to partake in three days of festivities to benefit the community. Proceeds from the 2023 festival aided Hurricane lan recovery efforts, though restoration is ongoing. Financial assistance was also extended to the Everglades City School, The Mobile Food Pantry and other local organizations. The festival's overarching mission remains to sustainably host this family-friendly event, ensure continued contributions toward community reconstruction and create enhanced opportunities for youth and children.

The festival's 2024 operating hours are as follows:

- Friday Feb. 2: 4:30 10 p.m.
- Saturday Feb. 3: 10 a.m. 10 p.m.
- Sunday Feb. 4: 10 a.m. 6 p.m.

Attendees can gain admission to the festival on Friday evening by making a canned food donation. Saturday and Sunday's adult admission will be a \$10 minimum donation. Beverage and carnival ride tickets will be available for purchase with cash (only), and ATMs will be available onsite.

About the Everglades Seafood Festival

For more than 50 years, the Everglades Seafood Festival has been essential in generating income to improve its community and help its residents. The host, Florida Stone Crabbers Association (FLSCA), is a non-profit organization founded May 2020 to help unite stone crab fishermen and advocate for their best interests. Everglades City is a major producer of stone crab, and the festival supports local fishermen and the communities that keep them in business. Online at www.evergladesseafoodfestival.org.

###