

F.I.S.H., Florida Institute for Saltwater Heritage
PRESENTS THE
41st ANNUAL
CORTEZ COMMERCIAL FISHING FESTIVAL
“CORTEZ KIND”
“100 years of Commercial Fishing”
February 17 - 19, 2023

Dear Vendors,

My name is Carol Kio-Green, and I'm the contact person for Food Vendors participating in the Cortez Commercial Fishing Festival. It's that time again to submit an application for this festival. **Please read all the information below and carefully follow the directions.**

WHAT: The 41st ANNUAL CORTEZ COMMERCIAL FISHING FESTIVAL

WHEN: Friday - February 17, 2023	Check-In and Set-Up day, By Appointment
Saturday - February 18, 2023	10am - 6pm
Sunday - February 19, 2023	10am - 6pm

WHERE: In CORTEZ, along the historic waterfront on 46th Avenue, between 123rd ST West and 124th ST West. For your GPS use 4600 123rd Street West, Cortez FL.

If you would like to be a Food Vendor at our Festival, please complete the application, and **EMAIL it to me at: cekg55@gmail.com**. You should also contact your insurance agent and ask them to email me the required document (see below). I don't need a hard copy of anything, but if you wish to send them anyway, first make sure I have reviewed the electronic copy, and second that you have received an email from me verifying your application is complete. Then you may mail it to me in Tallahassee. **DO NOT** send it to the Cortez address. It won't be accepted!

Cortez Commercial Fishing Festival
2023 Food Vendor Application
c/o Carol Kio-Green
4823 Sullivan Road
Tallahassee, FL 32310

F.I.S.H. exists to support the commercial fishing industry in Cortez and throughout Florida. During the early years of the festival the majority of the seafood we served was from the Cortez Commercial fishing industry and we desire to return to our roots. We are asking all vendors who serve seafood to indicate the source on their menu, and make an effort to serve commercially wild caught seafood from Florida. Our goal is that 25% of all seafood served at the festival will be from the Florida commercial industry. On the application you will see a column to indicate three things. First, indicate if it is wild

caught or farmed. Then the location it is from, such as Florida Gulf of Mexico, Texas Gulf, Florida Atlantic ... Please don't just say the Gulf. If it's from another state or country put that name here. Lastly specify the commercial fishing business or commercial supply business where you intend to purchase your seafood. For example A.P. Bell, Cortez Bait & Seafood... or if you buy from a restaurant supplier. You must still indicate wild or farmed, and the location it's from.

If you need clarification or have questions on things not covered, I can be reached by email at: cekg55@gmail.com. Please include the words **Food Vendor Question**, in the subject line. Seriously, I get a ton of email and unless I know it's important I don't open it right away.

Please be sure to complete all sections of the form, incomplete applications are not processed. Please email your application to me by November 17th, 2022, so that I can review it before the next Festival meeting. As soon as the Festival Committee makes a final decision I will notify you of your status.

Check-in and set-up will take place Friday February 17, 2023, 8am until 2pm. Details of booth location and your set-up time will be given a day or two in advance. If you need any special accommodations please let me know so I can attempt to make the necessary arrangements. On Saturday and Sunday mornings you will be able to bring your vehicles in to drop off supplies, but you must exit the grounds before 8:30 am, NO EXCEPTIONS. After closing at 6:00 pm, you may carefully bring your vehicles into the food vendor area to load up. There is security on the festival grounds through Sunday evening.

This year's theme is "**CORTEZ KIND**". Thank you for your submission. We look forward to another successful event.

Carol Kio-Green
F.I.S.H. (Florida Institute for Saltwater Heritage)

Mission Statement: Florida Institute for Saltwater Heritage is dedicated to the promotion, education and preservation of Cortez and Florida's commercial fishing and other traditional maritime cultures including the environment upon which these communities depend.

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February 17th – 19th, 2023
FOOD VENDOR APPLICATIONS **MUST BE EMAILED TO:**

cekq55@gmail.com

A: VENDOR INFORMATION:

Company Name: _____
Authorized Contact Person: _____
Address: _____
City/State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

B: SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

ELECTRICAL: 110v # Outlets _____ Amps _____ and/or 220v # Outlets _____ Amps _____

IF YOU HAVE A GENERATOR AND CAN BE OFF THE GRID, CHECK HERE: _____

ICE: _____ WATER: _____

TENT/BOOTH (Spaces are 10X10) How many are you requesting? _____

TRAILER, OR FOOD TRUCK, what size? _____

C: FESTIVAL GUIDELINES:

1. **INSURANCE:** Each vendor must have current and sufficient Insurance Coverage (ask Carol for details). **Your Insurance Agent must EMAIL me the insurance certificate within one week of submitting your application**, showing coverage for all three days of the event Feb. 17th – 19th, 2023, and with F.I.S.H. listed as a Certificate Holder as shown below:

*2023 CORTEZ COMMERCIAL FISHING FESTIVAL
F.I.S.H., Florida Institute for Saltwater Heritage
P.O. BOX 606
CORTEZ FL 34215-0606
February 17th - 19th, 2023*

2. **USE OF TICKETS:** All Food items must be purchased with Festival Tickets.
NO EXCEPTIONS. \$1.00 Tickets will be used. Anyone violating this guideline will be excluded from the remainder of the festival.
Make sure you instruct all of your employees.

