



Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda Item Submittal

Item To Be Considered: **Swansboro Mullet Festival of NC 2026 Backup Plan**

Board Meeting Date: **September 8, 2026**

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Overview: At the request of the board, a weather back up plan for the Mullet Festival will be provided for approval.

The proposed contingency plan for the 2026 Mullet Festival if the festival cannot be held on its originally scheduled dates would take place the following Saturday, October 17, 2026, in downtown Swansboro as a condensed, one-day festival.

Proposed One-Day Event

The condensed Mullet Festival would feature vendors and the annual Mullet Toss. All registered vendors would be given the opportunity to participate in the rescheduled event.

Vendor Participation

During the previous rescheduled event, approximately 40 of the 172 registered vendors were able to participate. Although participation was reduced, the smaller event provided an opportunity to preserve key festival activities and support participating vendors.

Background Attachment(s): None

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the proposed contingency plan authorizing staff, if needed, to hold a condensed, one-day Mullet Festival in downtown Swansboro on Saturday, October 17, 2026.

Action: _____

