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THE YEAR 2006 IN REVIEW

The year 2006 comes to an end with its happy and sad moments.

For the CONAMAR Foundation it has been a year of advances and achievements.

From last March, an Executive Secretariat was installed as the technical and administrative body of the Foundation. Lic. Dalva H. Arosemena, a Marine Biologist is the Executive Secretary and with the President of the Foundation, Dr. Marcos D. Ostrander M., are in charge of executing most of the work of the Foundation.

An important achievement for the Foundation was the launching of its web site around the middle of the year, being nominated together with two giants of conservation, Albatross Foundation and Smithsonian, as one of the best web sites of the contest "Arroba de Oro" in the "Associations" category.

Important aspects of the web site are:

1. CONAMAR's official mascot "Billy the Billfish" was introduced. This mascot originates in the Foundation's logo, whose designer Mrs. Gladys Foster, is the wife of our Director Mike Foster.
2. Starting from the launching of our web site, CONAMAR has published a monthly newsletter through this important tool.
3. Fishermen's Watch is a novel section designed to post reports with photos and videos reference violations of fishing and environmental laws.

Pending of construction is the Kid's section, a very important objective in our environmental education initiative.

Up to now the emphasis of the Foundation has been the conservation of marine species that are the object of sport fishing, in particular billfish, having in this task the valuable support of our Ambassador Dr. Guy Harvey, Marine Biologist, experienced angler and artist.



Guy Harvey, Dalva H. Arosemena, Terri Andrews and Marcos D. Ostrander M.

Nevertheless our vision for the future is to continue carrying out actions for the protection of our forests and wildlife.

CONAMAR is an active organization that carries out multiple coordinations with Associations, non governmental and governmental institutions, participating in diverse representations where important topics such as sustainable management of marine and coastal resources, fishing policy and new legislations are considered.

We are committed in reaching an activity of Responsible Fishing at a national level, including small scale fishing, commercial fishing, sport fishing and all the related activities of the fishing sector.



Terri Andrews accompanied by Gladys and Mike Foster



BEST PRACTICES FOR RECREATIONAL ANGLERS is our first campaign, published in the "2007 Tides Magazines".

It is urgent to improve the observance of the fishing regulations in our country, that is why CONAMAR considers it a fundamental commitment to maintain a strategic alliance with the pertinent authorities and support the tasks of surveillance and inspection with a motor vessel that can transport the authorities designated for such a purpose.

We cannot conclude our annual recount without expressing our gratitude to the **Tropic Star 2006 Fishing Tournament**, for the economic support provided to the Foundation. It would be very important if other fishing tournaments in the country were to follow this example.

We exhort you to become a member of CONAMAR so we can achieve our objectives together. With your donation you can become a Dolphin Fish, a Wahoo, a Tuna, a Sailfish, a Swordfish or a Marlin!

