



FisherFolk Net

NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Hello Fisherfolk of the Caribbean,

I greet you in the spirit of friendship and goodwill.

2019 was a productive year for the CNFO as we participated in the CC4FISH, STEWARDFISH and PISCES projects, closing out the year with our participation in GFCI where our CNFO Fisheries Liaison Officer Winsbert Harry was awarded the Gladding Memorial Fellowship.

Our work with our partners must continue as we build stronger relationships and stronger NFO's to better manage our industry, to this we say a special thanks to our partners for their continued support of CNFO and we look forward to greater cooperation. We also look forward to promoting greater safety at sea and encourage fishers to be mindful of the dangers known and unknown that we face in search of a decent livelihood.

2020 brings a new vision for fisherfolk, I have personally designated 2020 as the year of "OneVision, OneGoal OneMindest" as we expand the brand of CNFO and fortify our position as managers of this sector, local and global as we remain focused on the rights of fisherfolk and small-scale fisheries.

Let us also keep in our hearts those fallen fishers and may their souls rest in peace.

I wish everyone Gods speed and continual grace and mercy upon the waters. God Bless us all!

Adrian LaRoda, Deputy Chairman, CNFO



(Pictured Mr. Adrian LaRoda and Boats taken in Guyana after the 2019 holidays, ready for a fishing trip)

BELIZE FISHERMEN COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION
 FEELING POSITIVE GOING INTO 2020
 GILLNET FISHING CONTINUES



participated in the 72nd annual Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute, November 4-8, 2019.



Pictured: Sean with cap. "I attended a field trip organized for the GCFI fishers and other person interested, so that we can see what kinds of fishing techniques and practices were being used in a local town called Boca de Yuma. The exchange was great and was well accepted by the local fishers of that village. After witnessing the different practices, I was made aware of how much more developed our fisheries sector is at in my home town Gouyave and by extension the rest of Grenada."



L-R Winsbert Harry GMA winner 2019 and Earl George. Earl noted that the fishers had the same problems like the CNFO member. Some policies and regulations need enforcement, some boats have ice box while others don't, MPA management is a concern.



Caribbean delegation at GCFI



Armando Ramirez, Chairman BFCA

The BFCA was formed in 1970 and is a board member of the Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations (CNFO) who is a member of the World Forum of Fisher Peoples (WFFP). Big and powerful ENGO OCEANA formed a coalition with other like-minded partners in August 2018 with a mission to ban gillnet use in Belize. The BFCA was resolute that fisher's rights would not be trampled upon. OCEANA's ultimatum to government was that there should be a ban by the end of 2019 or the two-million-dollar financial aid package would disappear.



In December 2019, the government issued a press release highlighting new measures that would be deployed to phase out the use of gillnets gradually over a span of two years.

"The fixed date that is being demanded by environmental organizations before funds can be released to help the fishermen is arrogant, disingenuous and lacking in compassion and consideration for those who feed their families from this means" - **Hon. John Saldivar, Minister of National Security**



Picture: Mr. Sydney Fuller, Executive Director of BFCA addressing fishers at a gillnet rally held 13th Nov 2019, Dangriga. Picture credit: N.Nembhard

72nd Annual Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute, November 4-8, 2019.

The CNFO through the FAO/GEF-funded Climate Change Adaptation in the Eastern Caribbean Fisheries Sector Project (CC4FISH) sent Mr. Sean Walker of Gouyave Fishermen Cooperative Society Limited and Mr. Earl George of the National Fisherfolk Organisation of Dominica to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic where they



WINSBERT HARRY

G C F I G M A 2 0 1 9 W I N N E R

Winsbert born 1981 started fishing when he was 15 years old. Over 10 years ago he joined the Goodwill Fisherman Cooperative. He is the current president of the National Fisherfolk Organisation in St. Vincent and Grenadines and the Fisheries Liaison Officer of the CNFO.



Lives in Rose Place, St. Vincent and the Grenadines.



In 2009 Winsbert won fisherman of year award, landing 870 lbs of fish.



Winsbert created the 1st national fisherfolk football team in SVG (2014 to present)



He is an advocate for safety at sea.

MAJOR MILESTONES IN 2019



He received the Gladding Memorial Award. The annual award is presented at the Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute (GCFI) Conference to select fishers who demonstrate a significant commitment to the sustainable use of marine resources in the Gulf and Caribbean region.

The Ministry of Sustainable Development recognized the NFO and its leadership on World Oceans Day.



There is a port development that will displace the people of Rose Place. Goodwill Fisherfolk Coop is the only cooperative operating in this area. As the director of this organisation, and a fisher living in this community, Winsbert is very active and vocal about the need to preserve this area for the fishing community. 45 boats are going to be removed and about 80 people will be relocated.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Safety at sea, Saint Lucia, Jan 20-24, 2020 (CC4FISH)
- Climate Change Adaptation for Eastern Caribbean Fisheries (CC4FISH) Project. The CNFO will be hosting a meeting in Dominica, Feb 2020
- International Women's Day, March 8, 2020 #EachforEqual
- Caribbean Fisheries Forum April 23-24, 2020
- Caribbean Fisherfolk Day June 29, 2019

CARIBBEAN NETWORK OF FISHERFOLK ORGANISATIONS

COMING IN 2020!

CNFO VIRTUAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Monthly one (1) hour online sessions in English!

PARTNERING WITH THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS (FAO) STEWARDFISH PROJECT

All fisherfolk of the Caribbean are welcome to register!

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