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Clearwater Marine Aquarium Hires New Chief Financial Officer

Former NFL executive and Collegiate Athletic Director brings pro-sports acumen to new role

Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) is pleased to announce Richard “Dick” Regan as its new Chief Financial Officer. His hire comes on the heels of hiring Darryl Connors as its first Chief Business Officer and at a crucial time as CMA prepares to open an expanded facility drawing visitors from across the globe.

“Dick is bringing an incredible level of experience in managing high-profile organizations and skillfully improving operating results,” said David Yates, CEO. “We are very excited to have Dick join our team. His knowledge in negotiating contracts and creating efficiencies in corporate structures is going to elevate Clearwater Marine Aquarium to a new level of productivity as we prepare to open the enhanced facility.”

As Chief Financial Officer, Regan is responsible for all financial aspects of the CMA’s business operations. Reporting directly to the CEO and working closely with CMA’s senior leadership team and Board of Directors, he oversees and directs accounting and finance functions, including the organization’s budgeting and long-range financial planning, contract negotiation and management, treasury and relations with financial partners.

“The integrity Dick brings to the role ensures our long-term financial strength so we are able to share CMA’s mission with generations to come.” said Yates. “Our work has touched so many individuals across the globe and we’re confident that Dick’s financial acumen will ensure our sustainable future.”

“Clearwater Marine Aquarium is a very unique and dynamic organization with a wonderful mission,” said Regan. “Under David Yates vision and leadership, CMA’s best days lie ahead. I’m very excited to be part of such a strong management group and contributing to the Aquarium’s thriving future.”

Regan, a CPA, began his career at Arthur Andersen & Co, and left public accounting to join the New England Patriots. Subsequently he worked as an NFL Europe executive and as the Athletic Director at College of the Holy Cross. He brings years of relevant experience in financial and professional services to his position at CMA. He and his wife of 40 years have three adult children and are currently house-hunting in Clearwater.

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About Clearwater Marine Aquarium:

Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit working marine rescue center dedicated to inspiring the human spirit through leadership in education, research, rescue, rehabilitation and release. CMA is home to rescued dolphins, sea turtles, river otters, stingrays, nurse sharks and more. Winter the dolphin’s story of survival, after an injury that caused her to lose her tail, has impacted millions of people around the world. Major motion picture *Dolphin Tale* (2011) features Winter’s story and its sequel *Dolphin Tale 2* (2014) features the incredible story of Hope, a young resident dolphin of CMA. Through Clearwater Marine Aquarium Research Institute, CMA conducts important global research focused on protecting manatees, right whales and sea turtles. The mission and potential to change people’s lives differentiates Clearwater Marine Aquarium from any other aquarium in the world.

WE BELIEVE in preserving our environment while inspiring the human spirit through leadership in the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of marine life, environmental education, research and conservation.

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