



**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
THIRD REGULAR SESSION**

13-24 August 2007
Honolulu, United States of America

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE
BIOLOGY SPECIALIST WORKING GROUP**

SC3-2007-BI-SWG-01 (Revised: Aug 17, 2007)

1. Opening of the Meeting

2. Selection of Rapporteurs

3. Adoption of Agenda

4. Research

a. Age and growth studies

WP-1: Young, et al. Comparison of swordfish maturity and ageing from Hawaiian and Australian waters.

WP-2: Sun, et al. Age and growth of black marlin (*Makaira indica*) in the waters off eastern Taiwan.

b. Stock structure

WP-3: Holdsworth, et al. An investigation into swordfish stock structure using satellite tag and release methods.

IP-1: Smith, et al. Evaluation of parasite markers to assess swordfish stock structure.

c. Behaviour and movement

WP-4: Leroy, et al. Preliminary analysis and observations on the vertical behaviour of WCPO skipjack, yellowfin and bigeye tuna in

association with anchored FADs, as indicated by acoustic and archival tagging data.

WP-5: Matsumoto, et al. Report of the ongoing tagging project on tropical tunas in the southern part of Japan.

IP-3: Dagorn, et al. Behavior of yellowfin (*Thunnus albacares*) and bigeye (*T. obesus*) tuna in a network of fish aggregating devices (FADs).

IP-4: Semba, et al. Experimental tagging research for bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*) in the Eastern offshore of Japan.

d. Other

IP-2: Davies and Griggs. Port sampling in New Zealand of tuna longline catches for swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*) size composition in 2005–06.

5. Research Planning

a. Short and median term research plan

b. Detail operational research plan for 2007/08 with budget

c. Work programme for 2009-2010

6. Administrative Matters

a. Election of Convener

b. Other matters

7. Adoption of Report (including a one page summary)

8. Close of the meeting