



**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
THIRD REGULAR SESSION**

13-24 August 2007
Honolulu, United States of America

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE
STOCK ASSESSMENT SPECIALIST WORKING GROUP**

SC3-2007-SA-SWG-01

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Selection of rapporteurs
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Stock Assessment
 - 4.1. Bigeye and Yellowfin Assessments

SA WP-1: By SPC. Full stock assessment of yellowfin tuna in the western and central Pacific Ocean, including an analysis of management options (tentative title). Oceanic Fisheries Program, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Noumea, New Caledonia.

SA IP-1 : By Chinese Taipei and others. Stock assessment of bigeye tuna in the western and central Pacific Ocean using an age-structured production model (not confirmed).

Discussion and Conclusions
 - 4.2. South Pacific Albacore Assessment

SA WP-2: By SPC. Comparison of stock assessment results by MFCL/SS2 for South Pacific albacore. Noumea, New Caledonia: Secretariat of the Pacific Community.

Discussion and Conclusions
 - 4.3. Potential Impact on Skipjack Catches by Purse Seine Fishery Resulted from Management Measures for Bigeye and Yellowfin

SA WP-3 : By SPC. A review of spatio-temporal aspects of catches of juvenile bigeye and yellowfin tunas caught in association with fish aggregating devices (FADs) by updating the analysis presented in WCPFC3 2006-16. Oceanic Fisheries Program, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Noumea, New Caledonia.

Discussion and Conclusions
5. Responses to the Commission's Requests
 - 5.1. Refine stock assessment and scientific recommendations particularly for southwest Pacific swordfish, south Pacific albacore, yellowfin tuna and southwest Pacific striped marlin.

- 5.2. Mitigate the catches of small bigeye and yellowfin tunas caught by purse seine: “review spatio-temporal aspects of such catches and refine analyses of potential management options that the Commission might adopt in order to reduce such catches.”
- 5.3. Consider any need for more specific information on other commercial fisheries catching bigeye and yellowfin in formulating advice on specific management measures for those fisheries.
6. Research Planning
 - 6.1 Short- and Medium Term Research Plan
 - 6.2 Detailed operational research plan for 2007/08 with budget
 - 6.3 Work programme for 2009-2010 with indicative budget
7. Administrative matters
 - 7.1 Terms of Reference
 - 7.2 Other matters
8. Adoption of Report (including a one-page summary)
9. Close of the meeting