

Fishing Technology Specialist Working Group

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Draft Agenda (v1)

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1. Preliminaries

- Introductions and assignment of rapporteurs
- Adoption of agenda

2. Research priorities initial discussion

- Transition between SCTB and WCPFC structure
- Review of directives to the FT-SWG

3. Presentations of FT Working and Information papers

- Selectivity, targeting and bycatch reduction
- Training materials
- Effective effort

4. Identification of priority issues for the FT-SWG

- Open discussion format

5. Terms of Reference for the FT-SWG

- Review and comment on draft TORs and priorities
- Final adoption of Terms of Reference

6. Work program

- Identification of priority work for 2005 - 2006
- Assignment and implementation of research

7. Closing issues

- FT report preparation
- Organization of FT plenary session
- Close of meeting

Appendix: Fishing Technology SWG contributed papers

FT WP-1 Campbell, R. **Measuring effective longline effort in the Australian Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery**. CSIRO. Division of Marine Research, Hobart, Australia.

FT WP–2 Moron, J. et al. **Project on new FAD designs to avoid entanglement of by-catch species, mainly sea turtles, in the Spanish purse seine fishery in the Indian Ocean.** OPAGAC. Madrid, Spain.

FT WP–3 Moron, J. et al. **Project on tuna acoustic selectivity using ecosounder and sonar, on board Spanish purse seiners in the Indian Ocean.** OPAGAC. Madrid, Spain.

FT WP–4 Itano, D. **The transition and evolution of the Fishing Technology Working Group of the SCTB into the structure of the WCPFC Scientific Committee, including an annotated summary of FTWG research of relevance to the WCPFC.** Pelagic Fisheries Research Programme, Honolulu, Hawaii.

FT WP–5 Itano, D.I. & P.G. Williams. **A summarization and discussion of technical options to mitigate the take of juvenile bigeye and yellowfin tuna and associated bycatch species found in association with floating objects.** Pelagic Fisheries Research Programme, Honolulu, Hawaii. Oceanic Fisheries Programme, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Noumea, New Caledonia.

FT IP–1 Fukofuka, S. **Handbook for the identification of yellowfin and bigeye tunas in fresh, but less than ideal condition.** Oceanic Fisheries Programme, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Noumea, New Caledonia.

FT IP–2 Merta, G., Andamari, R., D. Itano, and C. Proctor. **Training guides for the identification of yellowfin and bigeye tunas to assist Indonesian port sampling and observer programs.** Research Institute of Marine Fisheries, Jakarta Indonesia, Research Institute for Mariculture, Gondol, Indonesia, Pelagic Fisheries Research Programme, Honolulu, Hawaii, CSIRO Division of Marine and Atmospheric Research, Hobart, Australia.