

15th Standing Committee on Tuna and Billfish

Fishing Technology Working Group Preparatory Meeting – Provisional Agenda

**University of Hawaii – Jefferson Hall
Hawaii Imin International Conference Center, 177 East West Road
Tagore Room
Friday, July 19, 2002 -- (0830 – 1430)**

A. INTRODUCTION (Itano, WP Chairman)

1. Adoption of agenda and assignment of rapporteur(s)
2. Review of FTWG section of the Report of the 14th SCTB
 - a. Scope of report, final TORs, ...

B. COUNTRY AND FLEET REPORTS (DWFNs, PINs, OFP, FFA)

1. Country reports
2. DWFN reports
3. Report on the status of US western Pacific purse seine fleet (McCoy)

C. STATUS OF FTWG14 TASK LIST AND REPORTING

1. Reference lists and electronic library of relevant documents (all)
2. Document translations (Itano, all)
 - a. ESTHER report and documents
3. Contact with tuna industry associations (FFA)
 - a. Discussion of WTPO
4. Developments in WCPO fleets and technology
 - a. Documentation of “state of the art” purse seiner (Itano, Fukofuka, Brogan, FFA)
 - b. Documentation of “state of the art” longliner (Beverley, Fukofuka)
 - c. Review of draft SPC Longline Manual (Beverley)
5. Discussion related to vessel and gear attributes in the FFA Regional Register and interpretation of historical data (FFA, OFP)
6. Results of opinion survey on scope of technical information requested on the FFA Regional Register (Itano, all)
7. Status of anchored FAD arrays (Kumoro, Oreihaka, Opnai, OFP, Philippines, Indonesia)
8. Size and species composition of target and bycatch taken on anchored and drifting FADs (Brogan, Kumoru, Oreihaka, Park)

9. Information related to drifting FAD technology (OFP, FFA, DWFNs)
10. Role of sonar to purse seine fishing power and discrimination of target catch and bycatch
11. Role of new fishing technologies on scientific sampling and data collection (Park, Kumoru, Brogan, Staisch)

D. REGIONAL MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES (FFA)

E. FTWG PLENARY SESSION (Tuesday, July 23)

1. Planning of presentations
2. Adoption of final agenda to plenary session

F. OTHER MATTERS

G. CLOSE OF MEETING