

Standing Committee on Tuna and Billfish

Methods Working Group

Provisional Agenda

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July 18, Imin Conference Center[†]

1. INTRODUCTION – John Sibert
2. RESULTS OF SIMULATION STUDIES
 - a. Operational model and “true” parameter values - Labelle.
 - b. MFCL example fits – Labelle
 - c. ASCALA fits – Maunder
 - d. SCALIA fits - Kolody
 - e. Production model fits – Kolody (tentative)
 - f. Other Models
 - g. Synthesis of results

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3. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS
 - h. Reference points and incorporation of weight-frequency information in MFCL – Hampton
 - i. Report of workshop on longline effort standardization – Kleiber
 - j. A statistical method to integrate habitat based and GLM CPUE standardization - Maunder
 - k. Availability of oceanographic data – Foley
4. FUTURE PLANS
 - l. Review MWG terms of reference – Sibert
 - m. Future plans: whether and how to do the simulation study correctly- group
5. OTHER BUSINESS
6. PREPARATION OF REPORT

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7. MWG Report - Sibert
8. Access to Oceanographic Data for Fishery Managers – Foley
9. Fundamental limitation of TAC as the goal of fishery management – C. H. Wang.
10. Other Business

[†] The Imin Conference Center is on the University of Hawaii Campus, on East-West Road. The MWG is tentatively scheduled to use the Pago Pago room, one of several small conference rooms on the second floor of the Imin Center.