

Standing Committee on Tuna and Billfish

Statistics Working Group

Tuesday, July 23, 2002

Provisional Agenda

Tim Lawson, SWG Coordinator

**Preparatory meeting: July 18, 9:00 am, Tagore Room,
Imin Conference Center, UH Campus**

1. Coordinator's Report on Data Collection, Compilation and Dissemination

Tim Lawson (OFP) to report.

2. Review of SCTB14 Directives to the Statistics Working Group

Compile annual catch estimates, catch and effort data and length data from Indonesia and the Philippines and examine the availability of data for Vietnam.

Peter Williams (OFP) to report.

Evaluate methods to determine the extent of unreported catches in the WCPO, including trade statistics and catch certification schemes.

Tim Lawson (OFP) to report.

Examine the discrepancies between bigeye and yellowfin sampling by observers and port samplers by considering (a) sampling protocols, (b) the accuracy of species identification and (c) the effects of Spanish-style brailing on sampling by observers.

Tim Lawson and Deirdre Brogan (OFP) to report.

Other participants (e.g. Japan, Korea, Taiwan, United States) will be asked to describe their procedure for estimating purse-seine catches of bigeye and yellowfin.

Convene a workshop to determine minimum standards for research data collected by observers.

The workshop will be held on July 18th