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## AGENDA FOR THE WORKING PARTY ON BILLFISH

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**1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

**2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**3. REVIEW OF THE DATA**

- Review of the statistical data available for the billfish species (Secretariat)

**4. NEW INFORMATION ON BIOLOGY, ECOLOGY AND FISHERIES OCEANOGRAPHY RELATING TO BILLFISH**

- Review new information on the biology, stock structure of billfish, their fisheries and associated environmental data

*Papers as provided by Members*

**5. REVIEW OF NEW INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF BILLFISH**

- Stock status indicators for marlins, sailfish and swordfish.
  - *Catch and effort*
  - *CPUE*
  - *Changes in fishing area*
  - *Trends in size distributions of the catch*
  - *Other billfish stock indicators*
- Stock assessments
  - Assessment methods
  - Spatially disaggregated assessment methods
- Selection of Stock Status indicators and Likely future trends under alternative exploitation scenarios

**6. DEVELOP TECHNICAL ADVICE ON THE STATUS OF THE STOCKS**

- Marlins – new Executive Summary
- Sailfish – new Executive Summary
- Swordfish – update the Executive Summary

**7. RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS AND PRIORITIES**

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**