
DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE WORKING PARTY ON BILLFISH

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*
 - Stock assessments
 - Assessment methods
 - Any new assessments on billfish species
 - 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**