

In their application, TMC requested a total of 1023 takes of Steller sea lions incidental to the project (576 by Level A harassment and 447 by Level B harassment). As described in the proposed IHA notice, the method for calculating takes was based on the number of days of the project, expected occurrence rates, and the addition of 199 instances of Level B harassment to account for Steller sea lions at the Circle Point haulout (91 FR 20131). NMFS carried forward the request for 447 takes by Level B harassment in the notice of proposed IHA (441 takes of the eastern stock and 6 takes of the western stock). However, during the public comment period, NMFS identified that TMC mistakenly added 119 takes to the number of takes, by Level B harassment, requested (not 199 as described in the application and proposed IHA notice). NMFS subsequently confirmed this error with TMC and has authorized the correct total of 527 takes by Level B harassment of Steller sea lions (519 takes of the eastern stock and 8 takes of the western stock) which accurately follows the method described in the proposed IHA notice. NMFS also considered the amount of take for each Steller sea lion distinct population segment, as identified in the associated biological opinion and incidental take statement, issued on June 23, 2026. The amount of take authorized aligns with the ESA analysis.

National Environmental Policy Act

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 216–6A, NMFS must review our proposed action (*i.e.*, the issuance of an IHA) with respect to potential impacts on the human environment.

This action is consistent with categories of activities identified in Categorical Exclusion B4 (IHAs with no anticipated serious injury or mortality) of the Companion Manual for NAO 216–6A, which do not individually or cumulatively have the potential for significant impacts on the quality of the human environment and for which we have not identified any extraordinary circumstances that would preclude this categorical exclusion. Accordingly, NMFS has determined that the issuance of the proposed IHA qualifies for categorical exclusion from further NEPA review.

Endangered Species Act

Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that each Federal agency ensures that any action it

authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. To ensure ESA compliance for the issuance of IHAs, NMFS consults internally whenever we propose to authorize take for endangered or threatened species.

NMFS authorized take of the Western distinct population segment (DPS) of Steller sea lions and Mexico and Western North Pacific DPSs of humpback whale, which are listed under the ESA. On June 23, 2026, NMFS Alaska Regional Office issued a biological opinion under section 7 of the ESA, on the issuance of an IHA and potential renewal to TMC under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA by the NMFS Office of Protected Resources. The biological opinion concluded that the action is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of these species and is not likely to destroy or adversely modify critical habitat.

Authorization

Accordingly, consistent with the requirements of section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA, NMFS has issued an IHA to TMC for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to the Aak'w Landing Development Project in Juneau, Alaska.

Dated: July 21, 2026.

Kimberly Damon-Randall,

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

[FR Doc. 2026–15022 Filed 7–23–26; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510–22–P

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XF894]

Fisheries of the Caribbean; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of development workshop.

SUMMARY: The Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) 103 assessment process of Caribbean Application of Alternate Assessment Methods will consist of a Development Workshop, followed by a series of Application of Alternate Assessment Methods Webinars and a Review

Workshop. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SEDAR 103 Caribbean Application of Alternate Assessment Methods Development Workshop will be held from 1 p.m. on August 17, 2026, until 1 p.m. on August 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The SEDAR 103 Development Workshop will be held in person at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Miami Airport located at 3974 NW South River Dr, Miami, FL 33142. The established times may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the assessment process. Such adjustments may result in the meeting being extended from or completed prior to the time established by this notice.

SEDAR address: 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405. www.sedarweb.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Emily Ott, SEDAR Coordinator; (843) 302–8434. Email: Emily.Ott@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with the NMFS and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the SEDAR process. SEDAR is a participatory process for developing, evaluating and reviewing information used for fisheries management advice. This multi-step process for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region may include (1) a Data stage, and (2) an Assessment stage, and (3) a Review stage. Each stage produces a report summarizing decisions made during that stage. A final stock assessment report is produced at the end of a SEDAR process documenting data sets used, model configurations and the opinions from the independent peer review. Participants for SEDAR projects are appointed by the Gulf, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NMFS Southeast Regional Office, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants may include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and non-governmental organizations; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and Federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the Development Workshop are as follows:

A suite of alternate assessment methods suitable and practical for

application and associated documentation will be developed during the workshop. Participants will evaluate proposed assessment methods and select appropriate methods that generate management advice for US Caribbean federally managed species. Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business days prior to each workshop.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.)

Dated: July 22, 2026.

Rey Israel Marquez,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

[FR Doc. 2026–15033 Filed 7–23–26; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510–22–P

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Record of Decision for the Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System Low-Frequency Active Sonar Training and Testing Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement in the Western North Pacific and Indian Oceans (ID# SEIS–007–17–USN–1727716941)

AGENCY: Department of the Navy (DoN), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Executive Order 12114, the DoN announces its decision to conduct training and testing activities within the Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System Low-Frequency Active (SURTASS LFA) Sonar Training and Testing Study Area in the Western

North Pacific and Indian Oceans, as described in Alternative 1 of the SURTASS LFA Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS/OEIS).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Alternative 1 is the DoN's preferred alternative and is representative of an annual level of SURTASS LFA training and testing activities. The complete text of the Record of Decision (ROD) and the SURTASS LFA Final SEIS/OEIS is available on the project website at www.nepa.navy.mil/surtass-lfa/ along with supporting documents. Single copies of the ROD are available upon request by contacting: U.S. Pacific Fleet Command, Attention: SURTASS LFA SEIS/OEIS Project Manager (N46), 250 Makalapa Drive, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860–3131.

Dated: July 22, 2026.

T.M. Onik,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

[FR Doc. 2026–15011 Filed 7–23–26; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3810–FF–P

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2026–SCC–2608]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Approved State Ability To Benefit Process

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 22, 2026.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED–2026–SCC–2608. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, the Department will temporarily accept

comments at ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to Carolyn Rose, U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202–1200.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carolyn Rose, (202) 453–5967.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Department is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Approved State Ability to Benefit Process.

OMB Control Number: 1845–0176.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 10.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 3,200.

Abstract: Ability to Benefit (ATB) is an alternative for an individual who does not have a high school diploma to become eligible for Title IV aid. The