

TABLE 1—WESTERNGECO ENGAGEMENT 12 SURVEY TAKE ANALYSIS¹—Continued

Species	Authorized take	Scaled take ¹	Abundance ²	Percent abundance
Blackfish ⁵	5,085	1,500	9,535	15.7
Pantropical spotted dolphin	20,467	5,874	50,209	11.7
Risso's dolphin	405	120	1,974	6.1
Rough-toothed dolphin	1,877	539	4,853	11.1
Short-finned pilot whale	618	182	3,277	5.6
Sperm whale	740	313	2,451	12.8
Spinner dolphin	298	86	2,991	2.9
Striped dolphin	5,998	1,721	16,102	10.7

¹Scalar ratios were applied to "Authorized Take" values as described at 91 FR 20784 (April 17, 2026) to derive scaled take numbers shown here.

²Best abundance estimate. For most taxa, the best abundance estimate for purposes of comparison with take estimates is considered here to be the model-predicted abundance (Garrison *et al.*, 2023). For Rice's whale, Atlantic spotted dolphin, spinner dolphin, and Risso's dolphin, the estimated SAR abundance estimate is used.

³Modeled take of one increased to account for potential encounter with a group of average size (Maze-Foley and Mullin, 2006).

⁴Includes 20 takes by Level A harassment and 248 takes by Level B harassment. Scalar ratio is applied to takes by Level B harassment only; small numbers determination made on basis of scaled Level B harassment take plus authorized Level A harassment take.

⁵The "blackfish" guild includes melon-headed whales, false killer whales, pygmy killer whales, and killer whales.

TABLE 2—WESTERNGECO ENGAGEMENT 13 SURVEY TAKE ANALYSIS¹

Species	Authorized take	Scaled take ¹	Abundance ²	Percent abundance
Rice's whale	2	0.4	51	0.8
<i>Kogia</i> spp.	329	99	1,385	8.6
Atlantic spotted dolphin	580	166	21506	0.8
Bottlenose dolphin	1,716	493	166,538	0.3
Clymene dolphin	1,842	529	6,136	8.6
Beaked whales	2,483	251	1,038	24.2
Fraser's dolphin	811	233	1,665	14.0
Blackfish ⁴	5,029	1,484	9,535	15.6
Pantropical spotted dolphin	19,962	5,729	50,209	11.4
Risso's dolphin	492	145	1,974	7.4
Rough-toothed dolphin	2,132	612	4,853	12.6
Short-finned pilot whale	825	243	3,277	7.4
Sperm whale	774	328	2,451	13.4
Spinner dolphin	315	90	2,991	3.0
Striped dolphin	5,175	1,485	16,102	9.2

¹Scalar ratios were applied to "Authorized Take" values as described 91 FR 20784, 20818 (April 17, 2026) to derive scaled take numbers shown here.

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³Includes 20 takes by Level A harassment and 309 takes by Level B harassment. Scalar ratio is applied to takes by Level B harassment only; small numbers determination made on basis of scaled Level B harassment take plus authorized Level A harassment take.

⁴The "blackfish" guild includes melon-headed whales, false killer whales, pygmy killer whales, and killer whales.

Based on the analysis contained herein of WesternGeco's planned survey activities described in their separate LOA applications and the anticipated take of marine mammals, NMFS finds that for each LOA small numbers of marine mammals will be taken relative to the affected species or stock sizes (*i.e.*, less than one-third of the best available abundance estimate) and therefore the taking is of no more than small numbers for each LOA.

Authorization

NMFS has determined that the level of taking for each LOA request is consistent with the findings made for the total taking allowable under the incidental take regulations and that the amount of take authorized under each

LOA is of no more than small numbers. Accordingly, we have issued two LOAs to WesternGeco, authorizing the take of marine mammals incidental to its geophysical survey activity, as described above.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of webinar.

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

series of Assessment Webinars, and a Review Workshop. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SEDAR 103 Data Webinar 6/pre-Development Workshop Webinar will be held from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. EST July 15, 2026.

ADDRESSES: SEDAR address: 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405. <https://www.sedarweb.org>. Meeting address: The SEDAR 103 Data Webinar 6/pre-Development Workshop Webinar will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. 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.

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 National Marine Fisheries Service 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 National Marine Fisheries Service 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 SEDAR 103 Data Webinar 6/pre-Development Workshop Webinar are as follows:

continue analytical method lightening talks and discuss workshop logistics. 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.*)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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

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

ACTION: Notice of webinar.

SUMMARY: The Southeast Data Assessment and Review (SEDAR) 101 assessment process of will consist of a Data Workshop, an internal agency led assessment stage, and a Review Workshop. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SEDAR 101 Post-Data Workshop Webinar 2 will be held from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. EDT July 16, 2026.

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

The SEDAR 101 Post-Data Workshop Webinar 2 will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. 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.

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The items of discussion in the Post-Data Workshop Webinar 2 are as follows:

The Panel will finalize data decisions that were not completed at the in-person data workshop. Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for