

year male northern fur seals, (2) add new conservation controls to prevent female harvest mortality, (3) add new conservation controls to allow harvests only at those breeding areas capable of sustaining any harvest, and (4) encourage the development of best harvest practices within the co-management structure. These changes would allow for a regulated harvest of male young of the year and subadult northern fur seals to meet the subsistence needs described in the Traditional Council's petition.

Under Alternative 2, NMFS and the Traditional Council would continue to co-manage the harvest consistent with new regulatory controls to reduce the accidental killing of females, reduce the concentration of the harvest, and prohibit harvest at small breeding areas, and would implement best harvest practices. The resulting modified harvest regime would reduce impacts to females, minimize harassment of non-target seals, and schedule harvesting to promote scientific coordination and monitoring along with reduction of repeated harassment at harvest locations. The best available scientific evidence suggests that preserving females in the population is essential to recovery. Historically, when the fur seal population has experienced more than minor levels of direct female mortality the estimated pup production in subsequent year(s) has declined. The best harvest practices would be reviewed each year by the Traditional Council and NMFS within the MMPA co-management structure.

Public Involvement

Scoping is an early and open process for determining the scope of issues, alternatives, and impacts to be addressed in an EIS, and for identifying the significant issues related to the proposed action. A principal objective of the scoping and public involvement process is to identify a range of reasonable management alternatives that, with adequate analysis, will delineate critical issues and provide a clear basis for distinguishing among those alternatives and selecting a preferred alternative.

NMFS began scoping for this issue when it received the petition from the St. George Traditional Council proposing changes in harvest regulations to better provide for cultural and traditional practices. On April 23, 2010, NMFS published a notice in the **Federal Register** and invited public comments on the petition (75 FR 21233). NMFS received no public comments during the 60-day comment period.

NMFS also conducted scoping meetings to identify the issues to be analyzed. NMFS circulated notices requesting public input on the proposed changes, and scheduled public meetings in St. George and Anchorage, AK. These meetings were designed to (1) be an open, public process for identifying the scope of physical, biological, and social environmental issues related to the proposed action that should be addressed, and (2) provide people potentially affected by the action an opportunity to express their views and offer any suggestions they may have regarding the project. NMFS used the following techniques for public notice:

- Newspaper advertisements announcing public meetings and comment period,
- Online posting on NMFS Web site and community calendars announcing public meetings and comment period,
- Announcements via email listservs announcing public meetings and comment period, and
- Personal phone calls to stakeholders.

The majority of comments NMFS received were from discussions during the St. George public meeting on May 27, 2011, which 14 people attended. No comments were received at the Anchorage public meeting on May 24, 2011, where only one person attended. NMFS received two letters from the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association and Mr. Larry Merculief of Seven Generations Consulting. Public comments included several detailed remarks emphasizing the cultural and historic context of the requested changes to subsistence harvest management. NMFS prepared a report that reviewed the comments received regarding proposed changes to the northern fur seal harvest regulations for St. George Island. The report is available on the NMFS Alaska Region Web site (see **ADDRESSES**).

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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 (SEDAR); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of SEDAR 35 Data Workshop for Caribbean Red Hind.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR 35 assessment of the Caribbean Red Hind: A Data Workshop; a series of Assessment Webinars; and a Review Workshop. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SEDAR 35 Data Workshop will be held from 9 a.m. on March 11, 2014 until 11:30 p.m. on March 13, 2014; the Assessment Webinars and Review Workshop dates and times will publish in a subsequent issue in the **Federal Register**. This workshop is a rescheduling of the SEDAR 35 Data Workshop originally schedule for October of 2013 which was cancelled due to the shutdown of the Federal government. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The SEDAR 35 Data Workshop will be held at the Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Marriott, 5 Estate Bakkeroe, St. Thomas, VI 00802, +1-340-776-8500 or 1-800-524-2000.

SEDAR address: 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Neer, SEDAR Coordinator; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: Julie.neer@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a three step process including: (1) Data Workshop; (2) Assessment Process utilizing webinars; and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a data report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which

datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Assessment Process is a stock assessment report which describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include: Data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs); international experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the Data Workshop agenda are as follows:

1. An assessment data set and associated documentation will be developed.
2. Participants will evaluate all available data and select appropriate sources for providing information on life history characteristics, catch statistics, discard estimates, length and age composition, and fishery dependent and fishery independent measures of stock abundance, as specified in the Terms of Reference for the workshop.

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 auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 3 days prior to the meeting.

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

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: February 13, 2014.

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BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

[Docket No: CFPB-2014-0004]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Bureau) is proposing a new information collection titled, "Randomized Evaluation of the Credit Matters Loan at St. Louis Community Credit Union and Credit Matters Counseling offered by BALANCE Financial Fitness Program."

DATES: Written comments are encouraged and must be received on or before March 21, 2014 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection, OMB Control Number (see below), and docket number (see above), by any of the following methods:

- Electronic: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552.

Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. In general, all comments received will be posted without change to www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or social security numbers, should not be included.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Documentation prepared in support of this information collection request is available at www.reginfo.gov. Requests for additional information should be directed to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552, (202) 435-9575, or email: PRA@cfpb.gov. Please do not submit comments to this email box.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Randomized Evaluation of the Credit Matters Loan at St. Louis Community Credit Union and Credit Matters Counseling offered by BALANCE Financial Fitness Program.

OMB Control Number: 3170-XXXX.

Type of Review: New collection (Request for a new OMB control number).

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,500.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,700.

Abstract: The aim of this data collection effort is to understand the impact of the Credit Matters Loan, a bundled credit-building loan product offered at St. Louis Community Credit Union (SLCCU), and Credit Matters counseling, a telephone based credit counseling service offered by BALANCE Financial Fitness Program, on asset building and financial behaviors of economically vulnerable SLCCU members. The information will be collected from economically vulnerable consumers who consent to participate in this research study. The target population for this survey collection is low-income consumers who have thin or poor credit histories. We will collect information about the financial health of these consumers, such as the amount of money they hold in savings, their credit score, and the size of their debt to income ratio. We will also collect information about their financial capability. The purpose of this data collection effort is to understand whether the Credit Matters Loan and Credit Matters counseling have an impact on asset building and financial capability.

Request for Comments: The Bureau issued a 60-day **Federal Register** notice on August 1, 2013, 78 FR 46578. Comments were solicited and continue to be invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the Bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methods and the assumptions used; (c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of