
New Business

BSAI CRAB PLAN TEAM

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GONE FROM OUR SIDE,
BUT FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS
AND ON THE WATER.

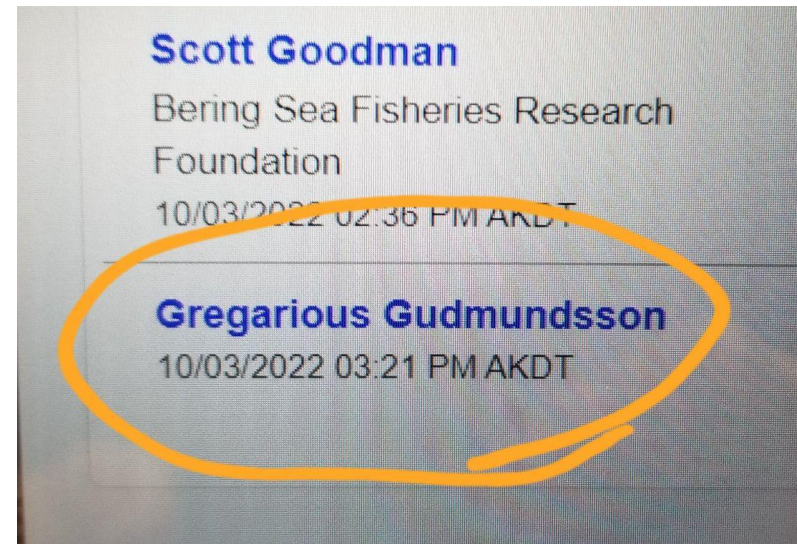


Gretar
Gudmundsson

1961 - 2026

We would like to take a moment to acknowledge Gretar Gudmundsson. As some of you may know, he recently passed away.

He was very engaged in the Crab Plan Team as a stakeholder and the Council as an AP member and a stakeholder. He was passionate about including fishermen's knowledge in management and participating in the Council process, ground truthing scientific models with on the water experience and observations. His insights and passion will be missed.



Draft risk table guidance for on-screen editing

For Sept 2026 (based on May 2026 draft with new proposed updates in bold):

1. Assessment authors should identify a historical buffer based on long-term, persistent considerations that encompass uncertainty relative to maxABC and tier level. These persistent considerations should be documented in the top row of the risk table and carried over each year a new risk table is developed. ~~Given that baseline buffers or buffer ranges are not specified by tier level for crab stocks, buffers should consider uncertainty associated with tier level if warranted.~~
2. The **second row of the** risk table should ~~also~~ be used to evaluate ~~additional~~ uncertainty within a **given year relative to the previous year**, ~~on a stock-by-stock basis, and should capture~~ capturing uncertainties that are not already incorporated in the assessment model, tier level, or harvest control rules.
3. No prescriptive formula will be used to adjust risk table scores, and an increase in risk tables scores does not necessarily require an increase in the ABC buffer. ~~The r~~Responsibility for making these decisions will be shared by the assessment author, CPT, and SSC.
4. Assessment authors should **collaborate** ~~coordinate~~ with ESP authors (and ESR authors when an ESP is not available) to ~~discuss~~ complete risk tables ~~ecosystem considerations prior to completion of a risk table. The timing of this discussion will also be at the discretion of the author.~~
5. Risk tables should be conducted for all annual crab stock assessments (snow crab, Tanner crab, BBRKC, NSRKC, and AIGKC). A full risk table will be **provided** ~~contained~~ as an appendix in each individual SAFE chapter with rationale given for risk table scoring. **If the stock has a buffer history appendix, the risk table will be combined with it.** ~~introduction (i.e., general description and risk table template, CPT recommended risk table scores, and the resulting buffer for each stock).~~
6. The CPT will develop a summary table **in the full SAFE Introduction** to track buffers **for each stock**. ~~risk table scores/concerns, and justification for buffers. This table will also be used to ensure that risk table scoring and buffer considerations are consistent within a stock across years.~~



Risk table template draft

	Assessment-related considerations	Population dynamics considerations	Ecosystem considerations	Fishery-informed Stock Considerations
Long-term/persistent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing uncertainties related to stock specific or model specific uncertainty - Includes data related or assessment related uncertainties not accounted for in the model. - This uncertainty represents historical buffer considerations 			
Current	<p>“risk table” section. Should be used similar to groundfish risk tables to determine whether we would adjust the “long-term” buffer for each stock based on current uncertainty in the risk table categories</p>			
	Level: 1,2, or 3	Level: 1,2, or 3	Level: 1,2, or 3	Level: 1,2, or 3



SAFE Guidelines for Fall

Stock authors: provide feedback on draft SAFE Guidelines checklist and reminders docs by **June 1, 2026**. We plan to hold an internal meeting to finalize in July 2026.

Updated guidance should be implemented for Fall 2026.

To include (among other things):

- Rounding guidance, thresholds - for June
- GMACS versioning and model #s
- Executive summary - new table
- Appendices
- Risk table SOPs and formatting
- Buffer history (summary version in full SAFE Intro; long version in appendix with risk table)
- Guidelines for proposed model docs - draft for Sept
- Guidelines for stocks on multi-year schedules - draft for Sept

Changes/updates will be translated to the BSAI Crab SAFE Guidelines document for review at a later date.



Co-chair vacancy

Congratulations to co-chair Mike Litzow on his retirement!

- Vacancy in federal CPT co-chair as of this meeting
- Have made inquiries, but no indication of a federal candidate at this time, at least not for the next few meetings
- Given this, September topics will need to be prioritized based on reduced bandwidth
- Interim potential - volunteer vice-chair with explicit, limited scope of duties, short-term assistance with workload
 - Administrative help - putting together agenda, minute assignments, editing minutes document, assembling presentation for SSC and Council
 - Jan modeling workshop lead (2027) - organize agenda and minutes



Next meeting topics

September CPT Topics (T)

- Final SAFEs
 - Tanner crab
 - Snow crab
 - BBRKC
 - SMBKC
- Tanner crab CIE review results
- NOAA Summer Trawl Survey results
- ADF&G Fishery Summary
- EBS Ecosystem Status Report
- ESP
 - Tanner crab ESP
 - BBRKC Report Card
 - Snow crab Report Card
- Overfishing status updates (AIGKC, PIRKC, PIBKC, WAIRKC)
- Council updates - with placeholder for any GMACS updates
- Document guidelines (SAFE and proposed models)?

November CPT Topics (T)

- NSRKC Final SAFE
- AIGKC proposed models



Proposed CPT meeting dates

- Sept 14-18, 2026
 - BBRKC, snow, Tanner, SMBKC final SAFEs
- Nov. 5, 2026
 - NSRKC final SAFE, AIGKC proposed
- Jan. 12-14, 2027
 - January Modelling Workshop (3 days)
- Week of April 19-23, 2027

2026

June 1-9, 2026 / Hilton Hotel – Vancouver, Washington

October 5-13, 2026 / Possibly Virtual

November 30 – December 8, 2026 / Anchorage, Alaska

2027

February 22 – March 2, 2027 / Anchorage, Alaska

May 17-25, 2027 / TBD

October 4-12, 2027 / Possibly Virtual

November 29-December 7, 2027 / Anchorage, Alaska

