

# NPFMC response to SSC Risk Table Workshop

June 2021 Council meeting

# Council motion June 2021

- The Council supports the preliminary SSC guidance on the application of the risk tables and looks forward to final recommendations from the SSC and Council in October 2021.
- The Council supports SSC recommendations to provide risk tables during each full assessment.
- The Council also supports **delay of application of the risk table to the crab specifications process until further progress is made on groundfish.**

Council requests  
the SSC consider  
the following when  
developing its final  
recommendations  
in October:

- Include description of any new or modified concern categories, including whether positive stock trends should be included as similar 'concerns'.
- Request the SSC consider the roles of the stock authors and/or Plan Teams in presenting risk, and the role of the SSC in making specific recommendations on potential reductions from maxABC, if appropriate.
- Clear language relative to SSC guidance that the risk tables are intended to inform the SSC determination of adjusting ABC from maximum permissible when needed.  
**Previous reductions to maxABC should not be the basis for reducing maxABC unless relevant risk factors for a stock continue to be present**

- The Council recommends that the consideration of risk and its incorporation into the assessment process continue to be regularly reviewed by the Council and SSC.