

Council Motion  
C-3 BSAI Specifications  
Max ABC model  
December 7, 2018

The Council requests the Plan Teams continue to develop and critique stock assessment models and recommend ABC/OFL specifications consistent with Amendment 56 and the established Tier approach. Additional environmental, ecosystem or other species specific biological concerns that the Plan Team identifies that are not addressed in the stock assessment model should be clearly documented and provided to the SSC for consideration. The Plan Team's role should be to ensure the SSC has sufficient information to evaluate whether ABC should be reduced from maximum permissible ABC. The Council requests that the SSC consider these concerns when establishing ABC.

As part of this process, when a stock assessment author completes the risk matrix, the Council requests that the rationale for assigning each level of concern should be provided to the Plan Team and SSC, and document how any concerns are not already addressed in the model. Completion of the risk matrix does not necessitate a reduction from maximum permissible ABC.

The Council supports the SSCs recommendation of adding a fishery performance column to the risk matrix.