

D-4 Risk Table Report
Council motion
June 15, 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. In addition, the 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.