

C-1 BSAI Crab specifications
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The Council supports developing the risk table approach for crab stocks to provide a more comprehensive, transparent, and defensible justification for SSC recommendations on ABC buffers with the following guidance and any lessons learned from the groundfish plan teams as provided by staff:

The risk tables are intended to inform the SSC determination of adjusting ABC from maximum permissible when needed, to account for uncertainty that is not already included in the model or the tier system. 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.