

Council Motion C-1  
BSAI Groundfish Specifications  
December 5, 2019

The Council reiterates the dual purpose of the risk table in the harvest specifications process: 1) to facilitate further collaboration and communication among stock assessment scientists and those in other disciplines (for example, ecosystem and climate scientists) and 2) to increase transparency and consistency in the rationale for reducing from maximum permissible ABC based on exceptional risks/circumstances that are not already addressed in the stock assessment, tier system, and harvest control rules. The Council supports the SSC guidance to the plan teams on future use of the risk table as provided in the December 2019 SSC minutes (under C-1) and expects iterative changes to occur over time as we gain experience with its use.