

DRAFT General Reminders for BSAI Crab SAFE document and tables

These DRAFT general reminders are intended to be a quick reference in addition to the [BSAI Crab SAFE Guidelines](#) and the [Crab SAFE Report Review Checklist](#). This is an iterative document that will be updated periodically as new guidance is developed.

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SAFE Executive Summary tables

Accuracy and labelling in the Executive Summary (and all tables) are extremely important for translation to the SSC Report Tables. SSC Report Tables are the finalized harvest specifications on record. Currently, SAFE table formats do not match SSC Tables.

- ☐ Table formats - status and catch specs (kt or t; mill. lbs) and basis for the OFL (kt or t; mill. lbs), including new Table 1 "Current Status" (see SAFE Guidelines checklist)
- ☐ Table captions should always include the applicable model number and units
- ☐ Follow directions for new status of the stock table (MSST and BMSY come from different models; see SAFE Guidelines checklist)
- ☐ Clarify labelling of projected MMB vs current MMB (match BBRKC and Tanner tables)
- ☐ All Executive Summary tables (1, 2, 3) should be included for ALL model options (including tier 4 fallback models), somewhere in the document.
- ☐ Model tier designation (3, 4, or 5) should clearly denote subtiers (a, b, or c)
- ☐ Consistency in rounding practices and decimal places for reporting (guidance pending discussion at Sept 2026 CPT meeting)
- ☐ Table of projected MMB at more realistic catch values (from Jan Modeling Workshop) to address catch projections at levels of OFL - for Sept assessments (guidance pending discussion at Sept 2026 CPT meeting)

SAFE document

- ☐ Follow the standardized format for the document as specified in the [SAFE guidelines](#) (Jan 2023), streamline the main SAFE document where possible, evaluate whether information and figures can be moved to appendices
- ☐ Streamline the length of document and work to make the document as readable as possible, as this greatly helps the review process (internal, CPT, and SSC)
- ☐ All pages should be numbered
- ☐ Include a separate section on Rebuilding plan status. If the stock does not have a current rebuilding plan, write "Not applicable to this stock."
- ☐ When including a risk table, ensure that the risk table format and caption match the guidelines (formatting guidelines TBD)

- ☐ Include clear statements in the executive summary section 6 (“Management performance”) of 1) overfished status and 2) overfishing status. Under the new status of the stock table in Executive Summary (Table 1) - overfished and overfishing status descriptions will be below.
- ☐ Clarify type and purpose for all models discussed - i.e., diagnostic, research, for consideration for harvest specs

SAFE document review practices

- ☐ Model numbers within the document should be cross-validated with those endorsed by the most recent SSC Report, and with the proposed model runs draft document/presentation
- ☐ Minute leads should check the last two CPT & SSC Reports as well as the associated Council motions, as the Council sometimes endorses additional items outside the specs to ensure that authors have included and addressed all relevant CPT and SSC recommendations in Section B: Responses to SSC and CPT Comments.
- ☐ Proposed model runs documents should provide an interim check in on the status of responses to SSC and CPT comments. The proposed model runs document is only chance for the CPT to see whether there are questions that need clarification before the final SAFE is presented at the following meeting

SAFE presentation to CPT

- ☐ All models included in the SAFE document should be mentioned, however briefly (including fallback models)
- ☐ Minutes leads should verify model numbers in the presentation, checking whether they match the SAFE document and the model endorsed by the SSC in the prior cycle
- ☐ In years where the base model is retained, the presentation should be short and focus on the effects of any changes made in the current cycle (e.g., adding new data), since the model configuration has already received review
- ☐ Clarify model type and purpose for all models discussed - i.e., diagnostic, research, for consideration for harvest specs (from Dec 2025 mtg)