



ISSC Update
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2023 ISSC Biennial Meeting

Baton Rouge Marriott, March 18 – 23, 2023

The meeting was attended by 240 members representing 32 US states as well as Canada, New Zealand, and South Korea



2023 ISSC Proposal Package

52 Proposals Referred from Previous Conferences

56 New Proposals



Task Force I (Growing Area Classification)	57
Task Force II (Harvesting/Processing/Distribution)	34
Task Force III (Administrative)	17

2019 ISSC Proposal Package

28 Proposals Referred from Previous Conferences

103 New Proposals



Task Force I (Growing Area Classification)	67
Task Force II (Harvesting/Processing/Distribution)	48
Task Force III (Administrative)	16

2023 ISSC Conference Actions

Proposals Adopted



Task Force I (Growing Area Classification)	35
Task Force II (Harvesting/Processing/Distribution)	12
Task Force III (Administrative)	6

2023 ISSC Conference Actions

Proposals Referred to Committee



Task Force I (Growing Area Classification)	17
Task Force II (Harvesting/Processing/Distribution)	10
Task Force III (Administrative)	8

2023 ISSC Proposals

FDA Response

- Proposal 23-204 Wet Storage holding temperatures for shipped shellstock

FDA RESPONSE

- FDA did not concur with Conference action. FDA believes that the adopted language is in conflict with the principles of 21 CFR 123, Seafood HACCP Regulation and the policy outlined in the Fish and Fishery Products Hazards and Controls Guidance.
- The ISSC Executive Board voted to take no action on the proposal response. Pursuant to Procedure XI of the ISSC Constitution, Bylaws, and Procedures the proposal will be referred to the next Biennial Meeting for reconsideration.

- Proposal 23-104 Vp Illness reporting time frame for action to close growing areas.

FDA RESPONSE

- FDA expressed concern that the adopted language reduces the time frame for action on reported Vp cases and requested that 23-104 be referred to Committee for further discussion. The ISSC Executive Board discussed the proposal at length but took no additional action on the proposal since referral of the proposal to Committee had already been considered by the Voting Delegates at the 2023 Biennial Meeting closing General Assembly.

2023 ISSC Biennial Meeting Actions

Lab proposals:

- Lab / method checklist updates: 15-114, 17-110, 19-132, 19-133, 19-136, 19-138, 19-140, 19-141, 23-116, 23-117, 23-118, 23-119, 23-120, 23-122,
- Rescinding method approval: 23-105, 23-106
- 23-125: Amends Procedure XV of the ISSC Constitution, Bylaws and Procedures and NSSP Guidance related to the procedure for approval of new lab methods (matrix extensions)

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NSSP Model Ordinance Changes:

- 17-116, 19-229 and 23-210 Federal waters – amends several sections to provide oversight for harvest in federal waters.
- 19-105: Adds NSSP language to address situations when data from a lab that has not been evaluated may be used in regulatory decisions.
- 19-145: Adopted guidance language for cleansing studies.
- 23-100: Clarifies the definition of Mooring Area to mean that the boat count only includes vessels with MSDs
- 23-101: Clarifies that scallops are not included in the NSSP if the product form is the adductor muscle only whether the muscle is attached or unattached to a shell.

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NSSP Model Ordinance Changes:

- 23-102: Adds “resource enhancement” to the list of acceptable reasons to allow harvest of seed from prohibited areas.
- 23-103: Clarifies when the minimum 21 day closure timeline starts for closures that are the result of an outbreak of viral etiology.
- 23-104: Changes the Vp response requirements to provide that growing area closures are not mandatory if the illnesses are reported more than 30 days from harvest.
- 23-108: Clarifies conditions for the use of MSC to reopen after a sewage spill.
- 19-227: Added language to clarify that backflow and back siphonage devices must be installed according to the manufacturer’s specifications, including that devices not rated for pressure are not subjected to continuous pressure.

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NSSP Model Ordinance Changes:

- 19-241: Changes to the Vv Control Plan requirements in NSSP as well as changes to Vv illness Review procedures.
- 23-201: Reduces the required inspection frequency to triannually for SP or RP (was quarterly), and annually for seasonal dealers that are only certified for 6 months or less.
- 23-208: Adds a new water temperature-based matrix as an option to determine shellstock time to temperature for harvest that is outside of Vv or Vp control plan periods.
- 23-214: Removes the Shellstock receiving CCP that requires the Shellstock be shipped in a conveyance at or below 45°F

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NSSP Model Ordinance Changes:

- 19-310: Adopts significant changes to the Plant Element Evaluation Criteria in Chapter I.
- 23-300: Amends the definition of shellfish to include all bivalve mollusks including cockles. The previous definition was limited to oysters, clams, mussels and scallops (other than adductor muscle only).

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NSSP Guidance / Public Health Reasons Changes:

- 13-107: New guidance section for Aquaculture
- 19-124: Revised Guidance Marine Biotoxin Contingency and Management Plans
- 19-145: Guidance language for cleansing studies
- 23-113: Reorganizes the Guidance Document section of the Guide so that it is better aligned with the Model Ordinance.
- 19-123: Revised Marine Biotoxin control information in Public Health Reasons and Explanations.

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ISSC Constitution, Bylaws and Procedures Changes:

- 23-306: Amends the unresolved issues section of the CBP to clarify the steps involved in the process.
- 23-307: Adds emergency consideration language to the CBP

ISSC Committees

- Aquaculture
- Audit
- Biotoxin
- Cleansing Study
- Control of Harvest
- Depuration
- ISSC Committee Review
- Education
- Foreign Relations
- Laboratory
- Marina/Mooring Area
- Model Ordinance Effectiveness Review
- NSSP Guidance Review (5)
- MSC
- NSSP Evaluation Criteria (2)
- Patrol
- Proposal Review
- Research Guidance / Management
- Resolutions
- Shellstock Relay
- Shellstock Restoration
- Shellstock Storage
- Standards
- Study Design Guidance
- Time Temperature
- Training
- Vibrio Management
- *V.p.* Illness Response
- *V.v.* Illness Review

Proposal Referrals

<u>2023 Committees</u>	<u>Proposals tentatively assigned</u>							
Aquaculture	19-108							
Biotoxin	23-305							
Cleansing Study	19-145							
Control of Harvest	23-200	17-204						
Depuration	23-123							
ISSC Committee Review	23-303	23-304						
Laboratory	15-109	17-103	17-106	17-108	19-101	19-128	23-114	23-115
Marina / Mooring Area	23-121	23-124						
NSSP Guidance Review - Administration & Steering Committee	23-301							
NSSP Guidance Review - Plants & Processing	23-301							
NSSP Guidance Review - Growing Areas	23-301							
NSSP Guidance Review - Patrol	23-301							
NSSP Guidance Review - Laboratory	23-301							
Male-specific coliphage	19-144							
NSSP Growing Area Evaluation Criteria	13-301							
NSSP Plant Evaluation Criteria	19-312							
Research Guidance	23-107							
Shellstock Relay	23-111							
Shellstock Storage	23-215							
Standards	11-310							
Study Design	19-240							
Time-Temperature	17-225							
Vp Illness Response	15-226	17-106	19-240					
Wet Storage	23-205	23-206	23-213					

Other Committee / Workgroup Activities

- Model Ordinance Effectiveness
- Recall Workgroup
- ISSC Strategic Plan

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ISSC 2025 Biennial Meeting

- Date and Location TBD
- Non-Producing State
- Mid to late October

NSSP Turns 100!

February 19, 1925

- *"The beds on which shellfish are grown must be determined, inspected, and controlled by some official State agency and the U.S. Public Health Service."*
- *"The plants in which shellfish are shucked or otherwise prepared or packed by the shipper must be inspected and controlled by some official State agency and the U.S. Public Health Service."*
- *"There must be such governmental supervision and such trade organization as will make plain the source of shellfish and will prevent shellfish from one source being substituted for those from another source. This will be chiefly a problem of the individual State."*
- *"The methods of shipping must be supervised, inspected, controlled and approved by the proper official Federal and State agency."*
- *"The product must conform to an established bacterial standard and must meet Federal, State, and local laws and regulations relative to salinity, water content, and food proportion and conform to the Pure Food Laws standards."*

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Thank you

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