I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Mike Hickey who passed the gavel to Chair Elect Keith Skiles.

II. ROLL CALL

Ken Moore conducted roll call and determined a quorum was present to conduct business.

Board Members Present:	Representing:
Keith Skiles	Chair
Maryanne Guichard	Vice Chair / Region 6 Regulatory
Ken Moore	ISSC Executive Director
William Eisele	Conference Office Manager
Mike Hickey	Region 1 Regulatory / Past Chair
Lori Howell	Region 1 Industry / Task Force II Chair
Cali Alexander	Region 2 Regulatory
Steve Fleetwood	Region 2 Industry
Julie Henderson	Region 3 Regulatory / AFDO Representative
Dave Wallace (for Larry Simns)	Region 3 Industry
Patti Fowler	Region 4 Regulatory
Tommy Ward	Region 4 Industry
Joe Jewell	Region 5 Regulatory
Al Sunseri	Region 5 Industry
Margaret Barrette	Region 6 Industry
Johnathan Gerhardt	Non-Producing State
Terri Gerhardt	Non-Producing State
Bruce Flippens	Non-Producing State
Paul DiStefano	FDA
Calvin Walker (for Spencer Garrett)	NOAA
David Fyfe	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Kirk Wiles	Task Force III Chair

Board Members Absent:

Rob Wittman	Program Chairman
Bill Kramer	EPA
Greg Pallaske	Conference for Food Protection Representative
Christopher Blankenship	Patrol Advisor
Chris Nelson	Task Force I Chair

ISSC staff and others were also present.

III. EXECUTIVE BOARD

A. Seating of New Officers
Maryanne Guichard assumed the position of Board Vice Chair.

B. Board Alternate Vacancies
The Board approved the following Board alternate appointments:
1. Region 2 Regulatory Debby Watkins
2. Region 4 Regulatory Sandy Shepherd
3. Non-Producing States second alternate Ed Watson

NOTE: Patti Fowler shared a letter with the Board that was received from Ed Watson regarding a family tragedy.

IV. MINUTES

A. October 3, 2011
The Board approved the adoption of the Board minutes of October 3, 2011.

B. October 7, 2011
The Board approved the adoption of the Board minutes of October 7, 2011.

Board members were in agreement that the preference of the Board was timeliness over details and asked that future minutes be streamlined to capture the actions of the Board.

V. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

A. Keith Skiles, Executive Board Chair
Keith expressed appreciation for all of Mike's work as past Board Chair.

B. Paul DiStefano, FDA
Paul briefed the Board on updates including the EU Audit, WTO Regulations, and an upcoming trip to Korea concerning the recent outbreak. Lori Howell asked if Paul would provide an update at the next Board meeting on WTO regulations.

C. Calvin Walker, NOAA
Calvin advised the Board that NOAA funding support should be available in the fourth quarter.

D. Bill Kramer, EPA
No comments were provided in Bill's absence.

VI. PROGRAM CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ken Moore advised that suggested dates and locations for the 2012 Fall Board Meeting would be provided to the Board by email. Board members were asked to notify the Executive Office of any dates with conflicts. He also advised that the 2013 Biennial Meeting would be held in one of the Gulf States (most likely Texas or Mississippi) and planning would begin during the summer of 2012. The Executive Office will update the Board as information becomes available.

VII. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE ROSTERS

The Board approved the following 2012 Committee charges and rosters as amended (changes noted below). Maryanne Guichard will provide the Executive Office Washington State committee assignments.

A. Aquaculture Facility Inspection Committee
B. Audit Committee
C. Biotoxin Committee
D. Communications Committee
E. Education Committee
F. Foreign Relations Committee (add Korean representative to roster)
G. Growing Area Classification Committee
H. Import Assessment Committee
I. Laboratory Methods Review & Quality Assurance Committee
J. NSSP Evaluation Criteria Committee
K. Pathogen Review Committee
L. Patrol Committee
M. Post Harvest Processing Review Committee
N. Plant Standardization Advisory Committee (add Joe Jewell to roster)
O. Program Review Committee
P. Proposal Review Committee
Q. Research Guidance Committee
R. Resolutions Committee
S. Shellfish Restoration Committee
T. Shipping and Receiving Committee
U. Traceability Committee
V. Use of Press Committee (change chair to Leslie Palmer)
W. *Vibrio* Management Committee
    1. *Vibrio parahaemolyticus (Vp)* Illness Review Subcommittee
    2. *Vibrio vulnificus (Vv)* Illness Review Subcommittee

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee
    1. Grant Updates
    Ken Moore provided updates on the following grants. No Board action was required.
        a. FDA Shellfish Safety Assistance Project Grant
        A continuation application will be submitted no later than April 30, 2012.
        b. FDA 2011 Small Conference Grant
        All funds were expended and a final report will be submitted to the FDA Grants Management Office.
        c. The Nature Conservancy (Shellfish Restoration BMPs) Grant
        All funds were expended and a final report has been submitted and approved. The report is available on the ISSC web site.
    2. Financial Statement & 2011 Expense Report

The current financial statement and the 2011 report of expenses paid were reviewed by the Board and no action was required.

3. Renewal of Director's & Officer's Liability Policy.
   Ken Moore reported that the Director's & Officer's Liability Policy had been renewed for the period of February 1, 2012 to February 1, 2013, at an annual premium of $2,776.00.
4. Renewal of Employee Bond Coverage
   Ken Moore reported that the Executive Office Employee Bond policy had been renewed for a period of one-year beginning March 1, 2012 at an annual premium of $100.00.
5. 2011 Work Plan Evaluation
   Ken Moore asked Board members to review the 2011 Work Plan Evaluation and email comments to the Executive Office.
6. 2012 Draft Work Plan
   Ken Moore asked Board member to review the 2012 Draft Work Plan and email comments or suggestions to the Executive Office. Maryanne Guichard suggested that the committee section be updated to reflect current committees.
7. Proposal 11-302 (State Membership Fees)
   Ken Moore advised the Board that the Executive Committee had previously discussed this item. Following a discussion, Ken advised the Board that the Executive Committee will continue to work on a new fee structure provide an update to the Board at the Fall 2012 Board meeting.

B. Shipping and Receiving Committee

Following a lengthy discussion, the Board adopted the Shipping and Receiving Committee's recommendations as amended.

1. Chapter VIII. Control of Shellfish Harvesting
   a. Add additional language in Guidance Document on re-submerging baskets.
   b. Add clarification in Guidance Document that two (2) hours will be included in twelve (12) hour requirement @.02 A (3)
   c. Change language @.02 B. strike "which is capable of lowering" and insert "necessary to lower" so that it is consistent with the requirement in Chapter IX.
   d. Editorial change to @.02 F. strike the word "All" at the beginning of the sentence and provide information in Guidance Document.
   e. Add language that Authorities shall consider the need for shading in developing *Vv* and *Vp* Control Plans and shading shall be required when deemed appropriate by the Authority when implementing @.02 A (1) (2) (3)
   f. Define "landing" in Guidance Document
   g. Add a note at the end of Chapter VIII .02 "NOTE: State *Vv* and *Vp* Control Plans can be accessed on the ISSC web site using the following link: www.issc.org.
2. Chapter IX. Transportation
   a. .01 C. The Shipping & Receiving Committee will review this language to see if there are ways to improve. This section will be defined in the Guidance Document)
   b. .05 Transportation Records strike reference to Chapter IX. .02 and .03.
3. Chapter XI. Shucking and Packing

a. Editorial change .01 A (2) (c) & (d) switch (c) & (d) (the (d) should go first).
b. Editorial change .01 B. (3) delete "of receipt"

4. Chapter XIII. Shellstock Shipping
   a. Define adequately iced in the Guidance Document.
   b. Change .01 A. (3)
      (i) In first sentence of this section strike the word "original" and replace with "a".
      (ii) Strike the sentence "Shellstock received in accordance with .01 A (3) that has not reached an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C) must be cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C) prior to shipment. **[C]**).
   c. Add .01 B. (4) "of receipt" at the end.
   d. .01 B. (4) Delete "or accompanied by at time/temperature recording device…" to end of (4).
5. Chapter XIV. Reshipping
   a. Change .01 A. (3)
      (i) In first sentence of this section strike the word "original" and replace with "a".
      (ii) Strike the sentence "Shellstock received in accordance with .01 A (3) that has not reached an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C) must be cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C) prior to shipment. **[C]**.
   b. Change language .01 A. (4) to make clear.

The Board approved an implementation date which will be thirty (30) days from the date of concurrence by FDA. A notification of requirements will be sent to the ISSC membership and Shellfish Control Authorities. The Authorities will notify harvesters/dealers, etc. in their State. Ken Moore advised the Board that a Guidance Document should be ready for submission to FDA within thirty (30) days.

C. *Vv* Illness Review Subcommittee

Lori Howell presented the Subcommittee's report. Following discussion a motion was made that the Subcommittee begin the process of reviewing the last three (3) years information and continue to develop the role of the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee will develop criteria which will be used in the future to develop *Vv* illness reports and outline new role in interviewing cases. Ken Moore will work with the Subcommittee to develop the charge of the Subcommittee; develop criteria for looking at source states; sort through national numbers and define cases; establish base line for last three (3) years; and define source state. The motion passed with a voice vote by the Board. Following a brief discussion the Board determined that FDA would send a letter to the State of Virginia notifying the State of the requirements for a *Vv* Control Plan.

D. Import Assessment Committee

Ken Moore suggested that FDA and NOAA review data in accordance with the recommendation from the Committee that communications be enhanced between federal and state agencies so that "real time" data is dispersed to shellfish authorities to improve import oversight. The committee was made aware of possible discrepancies between federal agency shellfish data (e.g. NMFS and FDA) that show importation of live/fresh NON-MOU shellfish from various countries (Attached as

additional information) and the lack of availability of "real time" import data. No action was required by the Board.

E. Laboratory Methods Review Committee
Ken Moore reported that the Committee is continuing to develop a checklist that can be used by States and FDA to evaluate laboratories that are conducting validation and verification work for PHP. The Committee will continue to report to the Board as needed.

F. Temperature Monitoring Device Committee
In response to Maryanne Guichard, Ken Moore said this Committee appointment and charge would be developed. The committee name will be changed to Time Temperature Technology Committee

IX. Old Business

A. RTI Report Update
Mary Muth presented the RTI Report to the Board. Mary will furnish the report to the Executive Office for posting on the web site and distribution to Board members.

B. 2011 Louisiana Evaluation Update
Ken Moore and Paul DiStefano provided an update to the Board.

- No response from Louisiana
- FDA final report to Louisiana November 17, 2011
- Louisiana responded December 27, 2011, with action plan
- FDA did not concur as stated in January 17, 2012, response to Louisiana
- January 30, 2012, Louisiana addressed FDA's concerns
- FDA has not made determination on accepting action plan
- FDA waiting on Louisiana to comply with implementing action plan.
- Louisiana has 180 days to comply which will be May 1, 2012
- Board discussed distribution of evaluation reports with consensus of Board that there should be no change in procedures

C. California Regulations Update
Ken Moore advised the Board that he had participated in a conference call with California shellfish authority staff several weeks ago. He said California is in the process of promulgating regulations to change the requirement to <30MPN/gram. No action was required by the Board.

D. GAO Report Review and Discussion
The final GAO Report was furnished to the Board as information. Ken Moore asked the Board if there was a need to comment or formally engage FDA in discussion on the GAO recommendations in the report. The Board approved a motion not to take any action on the report.

E. Dockside Biotoxin Testing in Federal Waters

Paul DiStefano reported that NOAA has established the George's Bank area as a permanently closed area. NOAA only has the ability to issue a fishing permit for research. There is an effort underway for the industry to work with FDA to recognize the need for fishing to occur in this area so that additional information collected be FDA to further understand how this particular toxin works. The Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Council is working to revise the control measures to get to the point where permits can be issued to fish these federal waters for commercial purposes alone without a required research component. The Board approved a motion to write a letter in support of this action supporting commercial fishing under the protocol.

F. Shellfish Restoration Report Interim Guidance

Ken Moore advised the Board that he had reviewed the report and said this type of report is not ordinarily in the Guidance Documents. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made that the Board not add this report to the NSSP Guide as interim guidance but directed the Executive Office to post the document on the ISSC web site. The motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote of the Board.

G. Proposal 05-308 ISSC Consumption Policies

Ken Moore provided an update to the Board and a motion was made that the Board take no action on this item. The motion was approved with a voice vote by the Board.

H. Proposals 11-101 and 11-102 (Male Specific Coliphage)

Ken Moore advised the Board that these two proposals were previously addressed during review and discussion of FDA's response to the 2011 Summary of Actions.

I. Proposal 07-305 Use of Press

Ken Moore advised the Board that conference calls would be scheduled to develop Use of Press protocols to be recommended to FDA and no action was required.

J. Resolution 09-001 Educational Outreach Common Carrier Association

Ken Moore suggested that opportunities to educate carriers be explored further and try to determine who has the opportunity to reach this group. Ken said he will continue to identify avenues in which our program information can be shared. Julie Henderson suggested posting a link to FDA's transportation document on the ISSC web site. The Board took no action on this item.

K. FDA's 1000:1 Dilution Policy

Lori Howell advised the Board that FDA currently has a 1000:1 Dilution Policy which is selectively enforced. ISSC received an update from FDA in May 2009 advising that FDA was in the process of completing the document. Paul DiStefano said the document is still in process with the intent still the same. Paul will communicate with Greg Goblick on the status. Paul will also inform FDA's shellfish specialists that States do not have to follow this policy since it is not part of guidance in the program. A motion was made that ISSC write a letter to FDA asking for a review of FDA's position on their 1000:1 Dilution Policy and notification to shellfish specialists and States that this is not a mandatory requirement. The motion was seconded and carried with a voice vote by the Board.

X. New Business

A. FDA Response to 2011 Summary of Actions

FDA's letter of response to the 2011 ISSC Summary of Actions was received February 26, 2012. FDA concurred with all Conference action with the exception of the following five (5) proposals.

1. Proposal 11-101 Male Specific Coliphage: The Board reviewed FDA's comments and this proposal will be referred to committee. As requested by Task Force I, information is currently being compiled by FDA regarding MSC data from WWTP sampling. Lori Howell asked that this project be moved along as quickly as possible.
2. Proposal 11-102 Male Specific Coliphage: The Board reviewed FDA's comments and this proposal will be referred to committee. As requested by Task Force I, information is currently being compiled by FDA regarding MSC data from WWTP sampling. Lori Howell asked that this project be moved along as quickly as possible.
3. Proposal 11-106: FDA concurs with the "No Action" taken on Proposal 11-106. However, the Summary of Actions incorrectly states that the reason for "No Action" was that Proposal 11-106 was addressed by action taken on Proposal 11-104. The Summary of Actions should be edited to correctly reflect that Proposal 11-106 was addressed by action taken on Proposal 11-104 and Proposal 11-307.
4. Proposal 11-116: The Board concurred with FDA's recommended changes for consistency between the Model Ordinance and Guidance Documents. In the adopted Model Ordinance language the Protocol requires delivery of all onboard screening homogenates and test results to the authority in the State of landing. However, there is a discrepancy between what the adopted Model Ordinance language requires and what the adopted Guidance Document language recommends. To be consistent with the Model Ordinance requirement for onboard screening homogenates and test results to be submitted to the authority in the State of landing, the Guidance Document should be amended.
5. Proposal 11-201 *Vv* Management Plan: FDA requested that the ISSC address the following issues and concerns.
    a. ISSC adoption of Proposal 00-201 in 2001 established a 60% illness rate reduction goal. Although FDA no longer considers this the most appropriate goal given the efficacy of PHP, FDA has continued to recognize and support ISSC efforts to achieve this level of illness reduction. However, the level of reduction reported by the ISSC *Vibrio* Management Committee (VMC) indicates only marginal success in moving toward that goal.
        i. Proposal 00-201 included specific control measures to be taken by the *Vv* Source States if the 60% goal was not met. Those measures, intended for all oysters harvested during periods of risk included; closing shellfish growing areas to harvest, labeling oysters for shucking by a certified dealer, and subjecting oysters to PHP. Although the 60% illness rate reduction goal has not been achieved, none of these control measures have been implemented. Disagreement by States and the ISSC to pursue these more

effective control measures has been a significant concern to FDA. That concern is further exacerbated by the fact that Source States, with ISSC support, have now adopted a policy that focuses control efforts toward more stringent time to temperature controls, for which compliance by industry is proving difficult. Section @.05 E. (1) (b) (iii) of Proposal11-201 establishes risk per serving standards for States using time/temperature controls and Section @.05 E. (1) (b) (iv) allows for alternative controls that achieve those same risk per servings standards. The risk per serving standards in Proposal11-201 are based on controls that were derived from the FDA developed *Vv* calculator. These controls have not yet been demonstrated to achieve a 60% illness rate reduction. The FDA maintains that until these risk per serving standards are demonstrated to achieve the intended 60% illness rate reduction, evaluation of their effectiveness is imperative. Guidance needs to be developed for how to evaluate State programs to determine if risk per serving standards are being achieved. Section @.05 E. (2) (a) of Proposal11-201 States that the State Authority in conjunction with FDA will evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of these controls. As written, FDA would consider a State to be in non-compliance when there is ineffective implementation due to industry non-compliance or when the controls are determined ineffective in achieving the risk per serving standards. FDA would expect a State to discontinue the use of the time/temperature control measures and implement other control options outlined in @.05 E. (1) (b) should the State evaluation indicate that the State is not meeting the risk per serving standards.

ii. Proposal 11-201, based on temperature modeling using the *Vv* calculator, establishes risk per serving standards that are intended to achieve a 60% illness rate reduction. Determining the ability of the ISSC control strategy, based on implementing risk per serving standards, will focus on the number of nationally reported illnesses associated with oysters from the Source States. FDA expects that if the risk per serving standards established in Proposal 11-201 prove to be effective, the number of nationally reported *Vv* illnesses associated with Gulf oysters will be reduced by 60%.

iii. The Source States have generically incorporated as part of their risk reduction measurement a 10% reduction in harvest attributed to stricter time/temperature controls and a 15% reduction attributed to product diversion to PHP. Actual percentages are certain to vary from State to State and year to year, making it necessary that each State provide data supporting the use of these assumptions.

b. FDA is concerned that efforts to assess the effectiveness of time/temperature controls in achieving risk per serving standards will be difficult. Given the small number of illnesses associated with

oysters from an individual State, annual fluctuation of those numbers, and fluctuations in oyster production from year to year, calculating achievement of risk per serving numbers using national illness data and oyster production data from each *Vv* Source State will be challenging.

c. Beginning with the April 2012 *Vv* season, FDA will be evaluating State *Vv* Control Plans, industry compliance, and State enforcement. While FDA is developing guidance regarding what Shellfish Specialists should consider when conducting *Vv* evaluations, presently neither FDA nor the ISSC has developed specific criteria for determining compliance with State *Vv* plan goals. FDA requests that an ISSC committee be appointed to work with FDA to develop State evaluation criteria. FDA requests development of:
    i. Evaluation criteria for determining proper and effective use of the *Vv* calculator;
    ii. Evaluation criteria for determining State *Vv* Control Plan compliance with NSSP requirements;
    iii. Evaluation criteria for determining the effectiveness of State regulatory efforts to ensure industry compliance with State *Vv* Control Plan requirements;
    iv. A formula for calculating State compliance with risk per serving standards; and
    v. Actions and sanctions should a State be found out of compliance. In this regard FDA envisions that the established ISSC noncompliance process would be followed, which could result in advising receiving States of issues of noncompliance and recommending that shipments of oysters intended for raw consumption from non-compliant States not be accepted.

FDA remains committed to addressing *Vv* illnesses associated with consumption of raw Gulf oysters. As stated, FDA considers these illnesses to be preventable utilizing PHP technology. FDA will continue to support ISSC efforts to better control the risk of *Vv* until the obstacles associated with full implementation of PHP are addressed. In the interim, however, FDA cannot support Conference action to change existing *Vv* control requirements in such a way that they are less likely to achieve the existing 60% illness rate reduction goal. As adopted, FDA considers Proposal 11-201 a less effective approach to preventing *Vv* illnesses.

A motion was made and seconded that the Board review the issues and questions by FDA and provide comments. The motion carried with a voice vote by the Board. Following discussion Ken Moore advised the Board that he would draft a letter to FDA. Paul DiStefano stated that the FDA listening sessions will be held. Paul also said it was FDA's intent that after all of their studies were complete FDA would develop a proposal telling the Conference exactly what they want.

B. 2011 NSSP Guide for the Control of Molluscan Shellfish

Ken Moore reported that the Executive Office continues to work with FDA to update the Guide as quickly as possible.

C. FDA Status of State Report

Paul DiStefano provided the Board with the following FDA Status of States report. The fiscal year 2011 Molluscan Shellfish Evaluation Compliance Program covered the period October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. Evaluations of all NSSP elements (Growing Area, Control of Harvest, Plant and Shipping, Vibrio, and Laboratory) were conducted. The number of states evaluated for the Growing area, Plant and Shipping, and Control of Harvest elements varied based on the defined level of risk for each program element.

1. Evaluations Conducted Include:
   - Growing Area - 15 States and 128 Growing Areas Evaluated
   - Control of Harvest – 17 States and 169 Patrol Areas Evaluated
   - Plant and Shipping – 10 States Evaluated and 128 Certified Dealers Visited
   - Labs – 6 States Evaluated
2. Growing Area Element General:
   - 15 States evaluated - 128 growing areas evaluated
   - 5 States identified deficiencies
   - 3 states placed on an Action Plans in 2011 (4^{th} State has an Action Plan pending.
   - 2 states continue working under previous Action Plans
   - 1 state is potentially facing unresolved issue status. This state has not addressed issues outlined in 2009 and 2010 Action Plans

   All are being addressed under an Action Plan or have been corrected (Each deficiency associated with a single state although multiple deficiencies may be associated with a single state).
3. Control of Harvest Element:

   17 states evaluated - 169 patrol areas evaluated

   Significant Deficiencies: Not meeting patrol frequencies – both have been placed on action plans Plant and Shipping Element

   General:
   - 10 states evaluated.
   - 128 certified dealers were included in the evaluation (4 PHP, 22 SP, 3 RP, 73 SS, 26 RS). This includes 38 dealers in the NE, 71 in CE, 13 in SE, 6 in SW.
   - 3 SSO's were standardized - One SSO had maintenance
   - 9 states were in full compliance
   - 1 state found out of compliance with the NSSP for not meeting minimum inspection frequencies (an Action Plan has been requested).
   - 513 total violations (19 Critical, 321 Key, 173 Other)
   - 91 of the violations were reoccurring among multiple dealers within multiple states
   - The number of violations from 2010 to 2011 decreased by 79%. The number of Critical violations rose from 2.9% to 3.7% of the total number of violations. (198 dealers in 2010 with 41 SS)

   Significant Deficiencies: These are representative of violations that occurred at multiple dealers within individual states.
   - Failure to have appropriate Critical Limits within HACCP plans
   - Failure to have appropriate Verification within HACCP plans
   - Failure to have appropriate Corrective Actions within HACCP plans

- Failure to maintain adequate HACCP records
- HAACP Plan Not Signed and Dated
- Failure to maintain adequate sanitation records
- Approved Source Control Failure
- Time/Temp Control Failure
- Failure to protect water supply from contamination
- Failure to properly maintain and clean food contact surfaces
- Failure to protect shellfish from cross-contamination
- Failure to protect shellfish from adulteration
- Failure to maintain hand washing/hand sanitizing facilities

Under the new Plant and Shipping Criteria approved at the 2011 ISSC Biennial Meeting, the majority of the 10 states evaluated in FY 11 would fall under Non-Conformance or Major Non-Conformance

4. Laboratories
   - 6 states visited
   - 1 state PHP lab confirmed
   - 1 state evaluated and found in conformance
   - 1 state 2 labs evaluated. One, a state lab, was in conformance. The other, a small town lab, had significant deficiencies and has been closed pending improvements. The growing area associated with its data has also been closed
   - 1 state labs evaluated for purposes of reentering the NSSP with growing areas – FDA working to bring them up to NSSP compliance.
   - 1 state lab had a complete turnover of personnel with little to no overlap with outgoing personnel. FDA working with the lab to bring them back into full compliance
   - 1 state had one new Biotoxin lab evaluated and found to conform. This lab has been set up in anticipation of the OBSDTP being used by industry/states.
5. No changes in *Vibrio* evaluation since FDA's report to the October ISSC.

No action was required by the Board.

D. Conference for Food Protection Issue Submission

Ken Moore advised the Board that an issue was submitted to the Conference for Food Protection to address the inability of food investigations to determine the exact source of shellfish in restaurants and retail in general. The recommendation of this proposal was that the Conference for Food Protection (CFP) and the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference (ISSC) jointly write a letter to State retail food programs requesting that retailers be advised of shellstock compliance and identification record requirements for the purpose of improving compliance per the FDA Food Code. No action was required by Board.

E. Oyster Gardening & Shellfish Restoration Guidance (Patrol Committee)

Ken Moore reported that the Patrol Committee had made a recommendation that if the NSSP is going to allow restoration there needs to be a proposal that would offer guidelines as to what the classification of an area needed to be for restoration to occur in prohibited areas. The Board approved a motion to take no action on this issue.

F. Standard Lab Method Criteria (Lori Howell)
Lori Howell asked that the Board appoint and charge an appropriate committee or work group to develop procedural guidance on how a method moves from initial approval to become an approved standard method. The Board approved a motion to appoint this work group with the stated charge.

G. Proposal 09-101 (Bill Hastback)
Ken Moore advised the Board that Bill Hastback's letter was to address his concern that the Conference had adopted standards for certain toxins and there is not an approved method for DSP. The Board approved a motion to refer this issue to the Lab Methods Review Committee for recommendations on what methods can be used until approval is given to particular methods.

OTHER INFORMATION

A. Regional Meetings
Ken Moore advised the Board that he had attended the following meetings:
1. Congressional Briefing/2012 Shellfish Walk on the Hill
2. Interstate Seafood Seminar
3. NESSA Meeting
4. Gulf States' Marine Fisheries Commission Meeting
Ken explained that this Commission is developing an electronic system for tracing shellfish. He will be assisting the Commission to help them understand the requirements of the NSSP. A pilot will be developed in the Gulf.

Patti Fowler extended an invitation on behalf of Sandy Shepherd to attend the May 2012 GSASSC meeting in Savannah. David Fyfe informed the Board that a PACRIM meeting would not be held this year. Maryanne Guichard briefed the Board on an upcoming HAB NOAA meeting that Washington State will be attending.

B. Outmoded Depuration Regulations (Lori Howell)
In response to a letter from Tom Howell, the Board approved a motion to appoint a work group to address modernization of depuration and how depuration-like processes apply. The work group will include non-depuration persons. Ken Moore will review Tom's letter and develop a charge for the work group.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 AM.

NOTE: All referenced documents had previously been furnished to Board members and are available from the ISSC Executive Office upon request.