

 Proposal for Task Force Consideration at the ISSC 2017 Biennial Meeting		a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Growing Area b. <input type="checkbox"/> Harvesting/Handling/Distribution c. <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative
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Proposal Subject	MPN Real-Time PCR Method for <i>Vibrio vulnificus</i> and <i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> Detection in Oysters - Laboratory Evaluation Checklist	
Specific NSSP Guide Reference	Section IV Guidance Documents Chapter II Growing Areas .15 Evaluation of Laboratories by State Shellfish Laboratory Evaluation Officers Including Laboratory Evaluation Checklists	
Text of Proposal/ Requested Action	The requested action is to adopt the text of the attached checklist for the MPN real-time PCR method for detecting <i>Vibrio vulnificus</i> (Vv) and <i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> (Vp) in oysters and to append the checklist to the list of NSSP Laboratory Evaluation Checklists at the end of .15 Evaluation of Laboratories by State Shellfish Laboratory Evaluation Officers Including Laboratory Evaluation Checklists.	
Public Health Significance	Currently, there is no checklist adopted by the ISSC for the MPN real-time PCR method for detecting Vv and Vp in oysters that is approved in the NSSP for Vibrio enumeration. The attached checklist provides the quality assurance and method requirements that laboratory evaluation officers will use to evaluate laboratories implementing this method in support of the NSSP. The checklist documents the number of critical, key or other nonconformities and how overall laboratory status for the method is determined.	
Cost Information	NA	