



## MEMORANDUM

TO: ISSC Members and Interested Parties

FROM: Ken B. Moore, Executive Director *Ken B. Moore*

DATE: December 20, 2016

RE: 2017 Membership

Thank you for your continued support and participation in the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference (ISSC) and the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP). Reducing the risk of illnesses associated with the consumption of raw molluscan shellfish continue to challenge State and Federal food safety agencies and the shellfish industry. The constantly changing expectations of the various ISSC stake holders continue to be diverse, complex, and often competing. This is clearly illustrated in our continuing challenge to address the food safety issues associated with naturally occurring Vibrios.

The activities of the ISSC for 2017 will continue to address naturally occurring Vibrios and associated risk assessments, laboratory methods approval, and reduced oxygen packaging. The ISSC is also focusing on improving compliance with the time to temperature and storage temperature controls of the NSSP. The ISSC remains committed to promoting open involvement by all interested parties.

Your Conference participation in both meeting and non-meeting years is vital to our ability to effectively address critical issues. I look forward to your involvement in deliberating the many complex issues which are presently being addressed by the ISSC.

- A State that is represented by multiple agencies may divide the membership fee. The State membership fee of \$1,100.00 will include one individual membership. Please provide the name & contact information of the individual whose membership is being paid by the State membership.
- The individual membership fee is \$60.00.

**Note:** The ISSC Constitution, Bylaws, and Procedures require that all Committee members be appointed from the ISSC membership. It is important that everyone's membership is current.