

**Proposal Subject:** *Vibrio* Management Committee Membership

**Specific NSSP Guide Reference:** Section IV. Guidance Documents Chapter IV. Naturally Occurring Pathogens .02 *Vibrio vulnificus* Management Plan

**Text of Proposal/ Requested Action:** The ~~V.v. subcommittee~~ *Vibrio Management Committee* members will include, at a minimum, balanced representation from industry and state shellfish control authorities from *Vibrio vulnificus* Illness Source States California, Florida, Louisiana and Texas, FDA, NOAA, EPA, CDC, state epidemiologists; as well as industry and shellfish control representatives from other regions. *Vibrio vulnificus* Illness Source States are those states reporting two (2) or more etiologically confirmed shellfish-borne *Vibrio vulnificus* illnesses since 1995 traced to the consumption of commercially harvested raw or undercooked oysters that originated from the waters of that state. Etiologically confirmed means those cases in which laboratory evidence of a specific agent is obtained and specified criteria are met.

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**Public Health Significance:**

**Cost Information (if available):**

**Action by 2011 Task Force II** Recommended adoption of Proposal 11-205 as amended.

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The Executive Board Chairperson shall appoint a sixteen (16) member *Vibrio* Management Committee. The Committee will be comprised of a Chairperson with at least two (2) industry members from the East, Gulf and West coasts and at least one (1) state regulatory from each of the ISSC regions. The Committee will also include one voting member from NOAA, one voting member from FDA, one voting member from EPA and one voting member from CDC. The Federal entities will appoint these members. Non voting advisors will be appointed as appropriate. The Committee will assess if additional changes are needed in the NSSP Guide for the Control of Molluscan Shellfish Model Ordinance to reduce the risk of *Vibrio* illnesses. The Committee will annually review trends in *Vibrio* illnesses

**Action by 2011  
General Assembly**

No action was taken on Proposal 11-205.

Rationale: This proposal was addressed was addressed by General Assembly action on Proposal 11-201A.

**Action by FDA  
February 26, 2012**

Concurred with Conference action on Proposal 11-205.