

**ISSC 2013 Biennial Meeting
January 25 – January 31, 2014 – San Antonio, Texas
Committee Report**

Committee Name: 2013 ISSC Vibrio Management
Chairperson: Bill Dewey
Date of Meeting: 01/26/14
Recorder: Maryanne Guichard **Approved By:** Bill Dewey

Committee Members Present:

Bill Dewey <i>West Coast Industry</i> (Chairperson)	Lori Howell <i>East Coast Industry</i>	Johnathan Gerhardt <i>Non-Producing Regulatory</i>
Maryanne Guichard <i>Region 6 Regulatory</i> (Vice Chair)	Margaret Barrette <i>West Coast Industry</i>	Marc Glatzer (Advisor)
Bill Jones (FDA Delegate)	Mike Hickey <i>ISSC Region 1 Regulatory</i>	Paul DiStefano (Advisor)
Angela Ruple (NOAA Delegate)	Calliope Alexander <i>ISSC Region 2 Regulatory</i>	Andy Depaola (Advisor)
Chris Nelson <i>Gulf Coast Industry</i>	Julie Henderson <i>ISSC Region 3 Regulatory</i>	Bill Watkins (Advisor)
AJ Erskine <i>East Coast Industry</i>	Patti Fowler <i>ISSC Region 4 Regulatory</i>	Gordon LeBlanc
	Kirk Wiles <i>ISSC Region 5 Regulatory</i>	Joel Hansel

Committee Members Absent:

John Tesvich <i>Gulf Coast Industry</i>	Al Rainosek (Advisor)	Susanne Bourgeois (Advisor)
Bill Kramer (EPA Delegate)	Benjamin Silk (CDC Delegate)	Tiffiani Onnifade (Advisor)

Charges

Charge 1: 11-201A: Vibrio vulnificus Risk Management of Oysters

Findings:

Per their charge the VMC reviewed the Model Ordinance language adopted in Proposal 11-201 A. The VMC determined changes were necessary to the Model Ordinance to reduce ambiguity related to V.v. management. The VMC submitted Proposal 13-205 with recommended changes for Conference consideration.

At the 1/26/14 meeting the Chair opened the floor for consideration of amendments to 13-205 based on new information learned since the proposal was submitted. FDA's Paul DiStefano raised that FDA feels strongly that achieving risk per serving goals should be part of the state's evaluation, and that states not meeting the risk/serving goal need to implement tighter controls. He is concerned that this proposal takes away that measure. Kirk Wiles and Chris Nelson reminded the Committee that they had previously debated FDA's concerns and ultimately decided to submit Proposal 13-205 as it is. Chairman Dewey ruled that without new information being brought forward by FDA the Committee would not revisit the issue.

In response to the VMC charge to consider options for water temperature determination which can be used in implementation of 11-201A the Executive Office conducted a survey of how Vv states collect water temperature data. The results of this survey were read and a written copy distributed. Kirk Wiles stated that the approaches taken seemed reasonable. Paul DiStephano agreed that no further action was needed.

Conclusions:

Proposal 13-205 has been submitted for conference deliberation to reduce ambiguity related to V.v. management relative to MO changes that resulted from Proposal 11-201A. Proposal 13-205 had been adequately debated by the VMC prior to being voted on for submission to the Conference.

Recommendations:

Task Force 2 adopt proposal 13-205 as submitted.

Charge 2: 11-206: Vibrio parahaemolyticus Illness Information

Findings:

A handout titled "Trends by Harvest Region" was distributed to the VMC. This handout was provided by the Executive Office as CDC data. Jerrod Davis raised specific concerns about the data presented by CDC on the ISSC vibrio conference call on January 8th, 2014. In particular Jerrod was concerned about the deaths attributed to V.p.. No CDC representative was available to answer questions about the data.

The December 15, 2010 Vp Illness Review Subcommittee report was distributed and read. It was confirmed by the Executive Office that this was the most current report from that subcommittee. Paul DiStephano said that recent information indicates that V.p. illness data is trending up and including clam associated illnesses.

Conclusions:

The committee concluded that CDC's presence is necessary at future VMC meetings and for Task Force deliberations to answer questions on their vibrio illness data if it is to be relied on for Conference decisions.

Recommendations:

Laurie Howell moved and Mike Hickey seconded that FDA request CDC to be present at Task Force 2 to answer questions on their data including, (1) does the data include exposures to other foods especially to crustaceans, (2) does data include actual cases or under-reporting factors, and (3) explanation of the Vp death data. Motion carried

Additional Information:

Annual Review of trends in vibrio illnesses

Laurie Howell provided take-away messages from the V. v. Illness Review Committee. Lori indicated that traceback from Southern states was good and East Coast was improving however it is not so good from inland states. There is a need for better traceback for clams and in non-producing states. The V.v. Illness Review Committee recommends a database be developed to input the Vv illness review committee information. More work needs to be done to identify why a large number of cases are due to buffets.

Collaboration on Education Committee on Vibrio issues

Andy DePaola suggested that there needs to be more information transfer about BMPs, harvest techniques, etc.. Paul DiStefano suggested harvester/dealer training to include the importance of

safe handling practices related to vibrio illnesses. There was a discussion about the Florida program template developed by Steve Otwell. Virginia has modified that template for use in their state and it is available to other states. Johnathan Gearhardt reported that the Education Committee is working on a tool for training that may be helpful. Laurie Howell stressed the need for states to start implementing training prior to January 1, 2015.

Develop criteria for verifying reduction in harvest for raw consumption and the percentage of post harvest processed product. The charge was discussed by the VMC. It was noted that the Executive Office has had very little success in identifying approaches for obtaining this kind of information and the VMC had no suggestions on how to achieve this either. It was further noted that proposal 13-203 if adopted by the Conference would generate harvest data that could serve as a baseline and used to answer these questions in the future.