

## Committee Report

**Committee Name :** Shellstock Resubmerging Committee

**Chairperson:**

**Jerrod Davis**

**Date of Meeting:** 10/25/2015

**Approved By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Recorder: Jerrod  
Davis**

**Printed Name:**

### Committee Members Present:

XJerrod Davis

(Chairperson)

XMike Hickey

Bruce Friedman

A.J. Erskine

X Bill Dewey

Angela Ruple

(NOAA Delegate)

XJessica Jones

(FDA Delegate)

XLori Howell

Alex Manderson

Heather Merritt

Chris Nelson

XKeith Skiles

XKirk Wiles

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### Charges

#### Charge 1: Proposal 13-209 (Resubmerging of Shellstock)

##### Findings & Conclusions:

The meeting was called to order, roll call was done, and a quorum was provided.

The ISSC Executive Director and Chair provided context about a survey that was conducted to determine what states were doing regarding resubmerging, wet storage, etc. The survey was submitted to the Committee. Following the survey, the Committee had one phone call and determined that the definition provided in the original proposal needed clarification and that it was awkward to include resubmerging text into the relaying section.

The ISSC Executive Director and Chair provided substitute language to the Committee that attempted to clarify the definition of resubmergence as well as separating out a section focusing on resubmergence.

##### Recommendations:

The Committee adopted the substitute language with amendments as shown in the attachment.

Re-submerging means the process of short term submersion of shellstock ~~in an approved growing area following initial harvest following exceedance of the time temperature requirements of a vibrio control plan. The purpose of resubmerging is to allow shellstock harvested under conditions that are not compliant with Vibrio time temperature controls to return for purposes of reducing naturally occurring bacterial pathogens to background levels.~~

Wet Storage means the storage, by a dealer, of shellstock from growing areas in the approved classification or in the open status of the conditionally approved classification in containers or floats in natural bodies of water or in tanks containing natural or synthetic seawater at any permitted land-based activity or facility. Wet Storage can only be used for shellstock that is harvested under conditions that are compliant with the time temperature controls included in Chapter VIII. @.02.

#### Chapter V. Shellstock Relaying and Resubmerging

Add a new section Resubmerging. Renumber existing sections as appropriate.

##### @.02 Resubmerging

###### A. General. The Authority shall assure that:

- (1) The shellstock used in re-submerging activities is harvested from growing areas classified as approved, ~~or~~ conditionally approved, restricted or conditionally restricted;
- (2) The level of contamination in the shellstock can be reduced to levels safe for human consumption;
- (3) The shellstock are held in growing areas classified as approved or conditionally approved for a sufficient time under adequate environmental conditions so as to allow reduction of naturally occurring pathogens such as Vibrio spp. that may be present in shellstock to occur; and

###### B. Natural Pathogen Reduction

- (1) The Authority shall establish species-specific critical values for water temperature, salinity, and other environmental factors which may affect the natural treatment process in the growing area to which shellstock will be relayed. The growing area to be used for the treatment process shall be monitored with sufficient frequency to identify when limiting critical values may be approached.
- (2) The effectiveness of species-specific contaminant reduction shall be determined based on a study. The Authority shall retain the written study report indefinitely. The study report shall demonstrate that, after the completion of the submerging activity. The level of naturally occurring pathogens (Vibrio spp.) in each shellfish species is the same level of naturally occurring pathogens as that of the same species already present in the approved, ~~or~~ conditionally approved, restricted or conditionally restricted area.
- (3) A study will not be required if shellstock remains in the growing area for a time period of at least fourteen (14) consecutive days when environmental conditions are suitable for shellfish feeding and cleansing unless shorter time periods are demonstrated to be adequate.