

**ISSC 2017
Committee Report**

Committee Name : Research Guidance
Chairperson: Bob Rheault
Date of Meeting: 10/15/2017
Recorder: K. DeRosia-Banick

Approved By: _____
Printed Name: Robert Rheault

Committee Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Rheault (Chairperson)	<input type="checkbox"/> Heather Merrit	<input type="checkbox"/> Erik Broussard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Lassiter (NOAA Delegate) Jon Bell for Cheryl
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristin DeRosia-Banick	<input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Redfern	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joel Hansel Bill Kramer for Joel (EPA Delegate)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angela Ruple (NOAA Advisor) John Jacobs for Angela
<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew Forester	<input type="checkbox"/> Chris Schillaci	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Burkhardt (FDA Delegate)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Amanda Lowrey	<input type="checkbox"/> Christopher Sherman		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Alison Sirois		

Charges

Charge 1: Providing guidance to the ISSC Executive Board and Executive Office concerning research issues related to molluscan shellfish safety.

General Discussion:

ISSC should annually present research needs to funding agencies.

Bob read off the list of research priorities identified during 2015 ISSC committee.

Discussion on whether to combine Vibrio research committee with Research Guidance Committee? Should other committees be tasked with feeding new or additional priorities to Research Guidance committee?

Bob R. Suggested creating a survey to query ISSC membership and prioritize research needs. Request Office to distribute survey link to ISSC members. Transmit results to funding agencies.

- Bob Rheault, John Jacobs and Kristin will work to organize major program areas for research (and subtopics) into a survey to rank priorities. List will include science needs identified in Vp Workshop in Baltimore, the existing 2016 list (eg. Vibrios, Norovirus, biotoxin etc.), and other priority areas brought forward from membership.

Findings/Conclusions:

Committee was asked if there were new emerging issues that needed to be added to the list.

- Evaluate Public health impact of contamination by birds and wildlife (birds, seals, etc.). Why are there so few (none?) reported illnesses associated with avian feces?
- Emerging Contaminants? Microplastics, pharmaceuticals: possible impacts (or benefits?) to human health? Argument that unless there is compelling human health impact, probably not a priority research need. Eg. Ocean acidification: not human health impact.
- Examine the appropriate period to purge various contaminants of concern from seed taken from prohibited waters..

Recommendations:

Motion: Request the support of the executive board to facilitate the distribution of a survey to ISSC membership to prioritize research needs, and to transmit the results of that survey to appropriate funding agencies.

Motion: C Schallaci, second: K. DeRosi-Banick