

**ISSC 2019  
Committee Report**

**Committee Name :** Traceability  
**Chairperson:** Bill Dewey  
**Date of Meeting:** 10-6-2019  
**Recorder:** Bob Rheault

**Approved**  
**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name:**

**Committee Members Present:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Dewey<br>(Chairperson) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Hein  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Miranda Ries     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Kramer<br>(EPA Delegate)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Erik Broussard                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Eric Hickey             | <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Shillaci              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Anbarchain<br>(FDA Delegate)  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alissa Dragan               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lori Howell  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Danielle Schools | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Lassitter<br>(NOAA Delegate) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John Fendl                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Ian Jeffords            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wec Terry        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alex hay                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruth Posadas | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carter Witten    |   |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Rheault  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Yarmosh    |   |

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**Charges**

**Charge 1: Identify strategies for enhancing traceback capabilities of the NSSP. The discussion should include a review of new technologies.**

**Findings/Conclusions:**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by Committee Chair, Bill Dewey and it was established that a quorum was present. In addition to committee members an estimated 30 people were in attendance.

The Chair informed the committee of two traceability related presentations that will be delivered at the October 9<sup>th</sup> symposium by Matt Schoneman from Vista Trac (a company that has recently installed a new traceability program for Taylor Shellfish) and Neil Aescheliman from the World Wildlife Fund who is working on the Global Dialogue for Seafood Traceability.

As in prior meetings of the Traceability Committee much of the discussion focused on the retail sector where by all accounts, the majority of tracebacks fail. Several state inspectors noted that there is a lack of state resources for training for technical expertise and on the importance of tag retention at retail, especially in the inland states.

The Chair reported that the issue ISSC submitted to the Conference for Food Protection (CFP) in 2016 to elevate the criticality code for tagging violations at retail was passed, but ultimately rejected by FDA because it would have been inconsistent with the definition of priority violations.

At the 2017 ISSC meeting the Traceability Committee recommended to the Executive Board that “a workshop be organized by ISSC to include representatives from FDA, ISSC, CFP, shellfish dealers, the wholesale, restaurant and retail sectors and point of sale software companies to identify steps that can be taken to enhance implementation and enforcement of shellfish record keeping at retail establishments”. Instead of a workshop, the Executive Board opted to work with CFP to establish a joint CFP/ISSC committee. The committee is charged with identifying steps that can be taken to enhance implementation and enforcement of shellfish record keeping at retail

establishments. This committee is co-chaired by Bill Dewey and Julie Henderson (Virginia Department of Health) and has met via webex or conference call multiple times in 2019.

To facilitate the work of the joint CFP/ISSC committee Kim Stryker, Manager of Alaska's Food Safety and Sanitation Program who is one of the ISSC representatives on the committee established a FoodSHIELD websharing site for the committee to post meeting notes, share documents and upload examples of education and training materials.

Members of the ISSC Traceability Committee recommended that the CFP/ISSC committee work with the National Restaurant Association and the Food Marketing Institute (Food Safety and Marketing Subcommittee) and the American Culinary Federation to improve education and compliance at the retail.

Julie Henderson and Glenda Lewis FDA's Advisor for the joint committee provided a progress report to the CFP Executive Board in August a copy of which was provided to the Traceability Committee. The CFP Executive Board agreed with the committee's recommendation to submit an issue for consideration at the April 2020 Conference for Food Protection to amend the Food Code to mirror the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference Model Ordinance language for shellstock and in shell or post-harvest processed in-shell tag labeling. The CFP Executive Board also recommended a second issue be submitted to create an education committee to be charged with completing the education materials for retail operators and inspectors. Accordingly the CFP/ISSC committee will develop proposals (due by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019) for the April 2020 meeting of the CFP.

**Recommendations:**

Continue to participate in the collaborative effort between the CFP and the ISSC to improve compliance with food code requirements for shellfish traceability at the retail level.