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|  Proposal for Task Force Consideration at the ISSC 2019 Biennial Meeting | | 1. a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Growing Area b. <input type="checkbox"/> Harvesting/Handling/Distribution c. <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative |
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| 10. Proposal Subject | Classification of Federal Waters | |
| 11. Specific NSSP Guide Reference | Section II. Model Ordinance Chapter IV. Shellstock Growing Areas @.03 Growing Area Classification F. | |
| 12. Text of Proposal/ Requested Action | <p>F. FDA is responsible for the classification of growing areas in Federal waters. Federal waters are classified as Approved for shellfish harvesting unless such areas are known to be polluted (i.e., microbiological, chemical, or marine biotoxin hazards) and involve commercial shellfish resources. <u>Should FDA allow harvesting in Federal waters with known marine biotoxin hazards, the FDA will classify the harvest area in a manner equivalent to the requirements of Model Ordinance Chapter IV.</u></p> | |
| 13. Public Health Significance | <p>The FDA has taken the position that all Federal waters are approved unless closed. Currently shellfish harvesting is being allowed in areas with known marine biotoxin hazards. To address these hazards, harvesting restrictions are being required without the designation of appropriate harvesting classification. Currently the Model Ordinance does not include any restrictions for approved areas. Shellfish harvesting areas that have been closed are considered prohibited and harvesting for human consumption purposes is not allowed. If the FDA wants to continue to allow harvesting in Federal waters with restrictions, appropriate classification should be designated.</p> | |
| 14. Cost Information | | |