

**ISSC 2005 Biennial Meeting
August 13-19, 2005 – Point Clear, Alabama
Committee Report**

Name of Committee:	Patrol Committee			
Chairperson:	John Jenkins			
Date of Meeting:	Sunday, August 14, 2005			
Attendees:	Brinson, Dan	WA	Nelson, Ben	
	Buckson, Bruce	FL	Newell, Charles	SC
	Chataginer, Walter	MS	Overturf, Kyle	CT
	Clark, Brian	LA	Scott, Geoff	NOAA
	Farquar, Mal	Canada	Soares, Manny	AK
	Fetterman, John	Me	StagG, Ben	VA
	Hatch, Randy		Stuckey, Miriam	FDA
	Knudsen, Harold	NC	Toms, Matthew	SC
Charge 1:	Proposal 01-114 Defining Patrol Officer			
Findings:	The Patrol Committee has reviewed this proposal on several occasions and has determined that non-law enforcement staff conducting patrols is not equivalent to patrols conducted by law enforcement personnel. The law enforcement capabilities of law enforcement personnel create a deterrent that cannot be accomplished by non-law enforcement staff.			
Conclusions:	The Committee recognizes the resource commitments necessary to comply with the patrol requirements of the National Shellfish Sanitation Program and understands the reasoning associated with the submission of this proposal. However, to create a deterrent necessary to provide an adequate level of public health protection law enforcement personnel must be trained and equipped to effectively accomplish patrols. Non-law enforcement personnel are not trained and equipped in a similar manner and could not provide an equivalent level of public health protection. Therefore, it would be inappropriate to make NSSP Model Ordinance changes that would allow non-law enforcement staff to conduct patrols.			
Recommendations:	No action on Proposal 01-114.			
Charge 2:	Identify and advise the Executive Board regarding molluscan shellfish patrol issues that have the potential to impact the NSSP.			
Findings:	The Patrol Committee reviewed the consistency of the evaluations of the state Patrol element within the parameters of NSSP model ordinance.			
Conclusions:	It is not evident to the Patrol Committee that the evaluations performed by FDA are being conducted consistently within the parameters of the NSSP model ordinance.			
Recommendations:	1. To facilitate consistency in PEER reports the Patrol Committee proposes that the Executive Board form and sponsor a Working Group of the Patrol Committee consisting of members recommended by the Chair of the Patrol			

	<p>Committee. The Working Group will work cooperatively with the FDA to review the appropriate PEER reports that the Working Group and the FDA may feel necessary.</p> <p>This Working Group will assess the PEER reports to ensure consistent application of the evaluation criteria set out in the Model Ordinance and to ensure the PEER reports adequately document compliance with the required evaluation criteria.</p> <p>The Working Group will make recommendations on measures that the Working Group feels necessary to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Improve or better ensure the consistency of the patrol element evaluations. 3. Ensure that PEER reports contain adequate supporting documentation. <p>Ensure the focus of PEER evaluations is on measuring conformity with the NSSP Model Ordinance.</p>
<p>Findings:</p> <p>Conclusions:</p> <p>Recommendations:</p>	<p>The Patrol Committee recognizes the increase in oyster restoration activities in coastal regions, such as oyster gardening, as being discussed in Proposal 05-221, which are targeted in waters prohibited for shellfish harvesting.</p> <p>This may result in increased requirements for patrol activities to prevent the illegal harvest of molluscan shellfish in these restoration project locations to adequately protect human health and for state programs to be in NSSP compliance. This need for increased patrol requirements should be addressed in future oyster restoration activities.</p> <p>The Patrol Committee requests that the Executive Board charge the Shellfish Restoration Committee to develop appropriate restoration criteria guidance, including patrol element concerns, in the development of future shellfish restoration projects with participation of the Patrol Committee.</p>
<p>Findings:</p> <p>Conclusions:</p> <p>Recommendations:</p>	<p>The Patrol Committee developed a Shellfish Patrol Officer Course which was distributed during the Patrol Committee meeting and is available to ISSC members.</p> <p>The course was developed over a three year period with participation of several of the Patrol Committee members. The development of the course was coordinated and facilitated by Miriam Stuckey of the FDA.</p> <p>The Patrol Committee requests the Executive Director write a letter of recognition for Miriam Stuckey’s efforts in completing this project with copies sent to the appropriate FDA administrators.</p>
<p>Charge 3:</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>Conclusions:</p> <p>Recommendations:</p>	<p>Continue to provide the Food and Drug Administration with recommendaitons for evaluation of state program patrol elements.</p> <p>The FDA Patrol Evaluation Course for Shellfish Specialists needs to be updated and revised.</p> <p>The Patrol Committee recommends that this task be accomplished by using Patrol Committee members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o To assist FDA in the revision of the FDA Patrol Evaluation Course. The Working Group will consist of the following enforcement personnel. (The Patrol Committee will keep the

Executive Board informed of the Working Group activities.)

- John Jenkins
- John Fetterman
- Dan Brinson
- Joe Lynch
- Walter Chatagner
- Bruce Buckson
- Mal Farquar

Additional Information:

The Patrol Committee participation is critical to accomplishing the goals of the NSSP. The increased cost of the ISSC is believed to be a factor in the lack of participation by some member states. In a continuing effort to increase member state's participation, the Patrol Committee recommends that the ISSC consider a method to economize fees.

Recorder:

Bruce Buckson

Approved by:

John Jenkins