

**ISSC 2013 Biennial Meeting**  
**January 25 – January 31, 2014 – San Antonio, Texas**  
**Committee Report**

**Committee Name :** Foreign Relations  
**Chairperson:** David Fyfe  
**Date of Meeting:** January 26, 2014      **Approved By:** David Fyfe  
**Recorder:** Chris Roberts

**Committee Members Present:**

David Fyfe	Chris Roberts	Bill Watkins
Darcie Couture	Bill Taylor	Cheryl Lassitter
Robyn Edwards	John White	

**Committee Members Absent:**

Jeff Kennedy	Jong Mi Kim	Steve Murphey
Joesph Niece	Peter Pirillo	Hongsik Yu
Calvin Walker		

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**Charges**

**Charge 1: Review information concerning foreign developments that may impact shellfish sanitation in the United States. This information may be presented through the proposal process or to the Executive Board for consideration and dissemination to Conference members.**

**Findings:**

- FDA presented a thorough verbal review of Agency activities pertaining to its International Shellfish Program
- written copies of FDA's report were made available to the membership
- the Committee Chairman outlined activities regarding China's recent ban of west coast bivalve shellfish and Washington state's response as well as NOAA's efforts to help resolve the situation

**Conclusions:** - these regular reports by FDA are very informative and serve to generate a number of subsequent discussion items

**Recommendations:** None

**Additional Information:**

- Chile may conduct a dye study in conjunction with ICMSS2015
- VA & MD oyster producers are exploring the possibility of exporting to Japan

- due to the passing of long time New Zealand representative and Foreign Relations Committee member, Phil Busby, other New Zealand representatives in attendance were encouraged to sign up for the next Foreign Relations Committee
- at least 2 representatives from Mexico were in attendance and they were also encouraged become Committee members