

<b>Proposal Subject</b>	Containers for Waste Disposal
<b>Specific NSSP Guide Reference</b>	NSSP Model Ordinance Chapter VIII Control of Shellfish Harvesting, .02 Shellfish Harvesting and Handling, C. Disposal of Human Sewage from Vessels
<b>Text of Proposal/ Requested Action</b>	<p>C. Disposal of Human Sewage from Vessels.</p> <p>(1) Human sewage shall not be discharged overboard from a vessel used in the harvesting of shellstock, or from vessels which buy shellstock while the vessels are in growing areas.</p> <p>(2) The Authority shall educate all licensed harvesters and shellstock dealers concerning the public health significance of discharging human sewage overboard.</p> <p><del>(3) An approved marine sanitation device (MSD), portable toilet or other sewage disposal receptacle shall be provided on the vessel to contain human sewage.</del></p> <p><b>(43) When provided, Portable portable</b> toilets shall:</p> <p>(a) Be used only for the purpose intended;</p> <p>(b) Be secured while on board and located to prevent contamination of shellstock by spillage or leakage;</p> <p>(c) Be emptied only into a sewage disposal system;</p> <p>(d) Be cleaned before being returned to the boat; and</p> <p>(e) Not be cleaned in equipment used for washing or processing food.</p> <p><del>(54) Use of other Other</del> receptacles for sewage disposal may be <del>approved by the Authority</del> <b>used</b> if the receptacles are:</p> <p>(a) Constructed of impervious, cleanable materials and have tight fitting lids; and</p> <p>(b) Meet the requirements in §C.<del>(43)</del>.</p>
<b>Public Health Significance</b>	<p>Vessel size and design differences can be considerable. What may be appropriate for outfitting vessels often varies substantially between harvest regions. Additionally, travel time and distance from shore facilities varies substantially from growing area to growing area. Mandating the provision of waste receptacles on all vessels is unrealistic (what type of receptacle is appropriate for use on kayaks?). Past legislative mandates were a foundation for public dissatisfaction and dissent and have resulted in guidance document and regulation amendment. Aggressive harvester education and encouragement of the use (where appropriate) of certified marine sanitation devices or other receptacles, combined with enforcement of existing prohibitions on discharge of human waste into harvest areas, will adequately address this perceived problem.</p>
<b>Cost Information (if available)</b>	N/A
<b>Action by 2005 Task Force II</b>	Recommended referral of Proposal 05-223 to appropriate Committee as determined by the Conference Chairman with instruction to obtain input from patrol.
<b>Action by 2005 General Assembly</b>	Adopted recommendation of 2005 Task Force II.
<b>Action by USFDA</b>	Concurred with Conference action.
<b>Action by 2007 Harvester Sanitation and Patrol Committees</b>	<p>Recommended adoption of Proposal 05-223 as amended.</p> <p>C. Disposal of Human Sewage from Vessels.</p> <p>(1) Human sewage shall not be discharged overboard from a vessel used in the harvesting of shellstock, or from vessels which buy shellstock while the vessels are in growing areas.</p> <p>(2) The Authority shall educate all licensed harvesters and shellstock dealers concerning the public health significance of discharging human sewage</p>

- overboard.
- (3) **As required by the Authority,** an approved marine sanitation device (MSD), portable toilet or other sewage disposal receptacle shall be provided on the vessel to contain human sewage.
  - (4) Portable toilets shall:
    - (a) Be used only for the purpose intended;
    - (b) Be secured while on board and located to prevent contamination of shellstock by spillage or leakage;
    - (c) Be emptied only into a sewage disposal system;
    - (d) Be cleaned before being returned to the boat; and
    - (e) Not be cleaned in equipment used for washing or processing food.
  - (5) Use of other receptacles for sewage disposal may be approved by the Authority if the receptacles are:
    - (a) Constructed of impervious, cleanable materials and have tight fitting lids; and
    - (b) Meet the requirements in §C. (3).

**Action by 2007  
Task Force II**

Recommended adoption of Harvester Sanitation Committee recommendation of Proposal 05-223 as amended.

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  - (2) The Authority shall educate all licensed harvesters and shellstock dealers concerning the public health significance of discharging human sewage overboard.
  - (3) As required by the Authority, **in consultation with FDA,** an approved marine sanitation device (MSD), portable toilet or other sewage disposal receptacle shall be provided on the vessel to contain human sewage.
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General Assembly**

Adopted recommendation of 2007 Task Force II

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USFDA**

December 20, 2007  
Concurred with Conference action.