

**Proposed Specific Research Need/ Problem to be Addressed:**

New economic impacts study of requiring post-harvest processing of oysters.

**How will addressing this research support/improve the mission/role of the ISSC/NSSP/Industry?**

In 1999 and 2000, the ISSC contracted with Research Triangle Institute, (RTI), to develop an economic impacts study of requiring post-harvest processing, (PHP), of oysters intended for the raw half-shell and shucked markets. Since that time there is more information available that will give a better economic picture of the impact of such a requirement since California banned the sale of raw half-shell and shucked oysters harvested in the Gulf States April through October and new PHP facilities have opened and closed.

**Support need with literature citations as appropriate.**

Bauman Amendment, Letter from Congress to FDA July 11, 2000, RTI Economic Impacts of Requiring post-harvest treatment of oysters.

Bauman Amendment:

- Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to assist the States in enhancing and restoring the shellfish resources of the coastal zone, to establish the National Advisory Shellfish Committee.
- Shellfish Area Management Act - Directs the Secretary of Commerce, to establish a National Shellfish Advisory Committee.
- Directs the Committee to review all aspects of the shellfish industry, including the impact of Federal legislation affecting water quality on the industry and existing standards with respect to bacteria, pesticides, and toxic metals by which the wholesomeness of shellfish is determined. Directs the Committee to report the findings of such review to the Secretary and to Congress by June 30, 1977.
- Authorizes the Secretary to make grants to coastal States for the improvement of shell- fish resources. Requires Congressional review of all proposed Federal regulations affecting the shellfish industry with respect to interstate commerce.

**Relative Priority Rank in Terms of Resolving Research Need:**

Immediate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Valuable	<input type="checkbox"/>
Required	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Important	<input type="checkbox"/>		

**Estimated Cost:**

Unknown

**Proposed Sources of Funding/Support:**

FDA or GMP or GSAFF or GOIP or ISSC

**Time Frame Anticipated:**

August 2006 ISSC Board meeting

**Action by 2005 Task Force II**

Recommended referral of Research Needs Proposal 05-RN-202 to the Executive Board.

**Action by ISSC Executive Board August 2005**

Referred Research Needs Proposal 05-RN-202 to the Vibrio Management Committee for referral to the *Vibrio vulnificus* Subcommittee assisted by the Research Guidance Committee.

**Action by USFDA**

Concurred with Conference action.

**Action by 2006 Vibrio Management Committee**

Recommended referral of Research Needs Proposal 05-RN-202 to the 2007 Research Guidance Committee for review and prioritization.

**Action by 2007  
Vibrio Management  
Committee**

Recommended adoption of Research Needs Proposal 05-RN-202.

**Action by 2007  
Research Guidance  
Committee**

Recommended that Research Needs Proposal 05-RN-202 be placed into consideration for funding when available and further recommended that this research need be given a high priority due to the issues with imports and human health impacts.

**Action by 2007  
Task Force II**

Recommended adoption of Research Guidance Committee recommendation on Research Needs Proposal 05-RN-202.

**Action by 2007  
General Assembly**

Adopted recommendation of 2007 Task Force II.

**Action by  
USFDA**

December 20, 2007  
Concurred with Conference action.