

<b>Proposal Subject</b>	Disposal of Human Sewage from Vessels
<b>Specific NSSP Guide Reference</b>	NSSP Model Ordinance Chapter VIII. Control of Shellfish Harvesting Requirements for Harvesters .02 Shellstock Harvesting and Handling
<b>Text of Proposal/ Requested Action</b>	<p>C. Disposal of Human Sewage from Vessels</p> <p>(1) Harvesters...</p> <p>(2) Vessels...</p> <p>(3) An approved marine sanitation device (MSD), portable toilet or other sewage disposal receptacle shall be provided on the <b>harvest</b> vessel to contain human sewage.</p> <p>Also, the need to differentiate between a “Harvest Vessel” and that of a “Transport Vessel” inclusive of the need to define how the vessel is utilized and how it pertains to the need to have a requirement for the disposal of human waste.</p>
<b>Public Health Significance</b>	Not all vessels are suitable for marine sanitation devices (MSD) such as the canoes, punts, and skiffs used to transport the harvester and harvest of Soft-Shell Clams in the Northeast. These small vessels are only used during a tide cycle usually under 6 hours. There is a public health concern with the size of these smaller vessels such as a canoe capsizing and the sewage being dumped into the growing areas inadvertently. A more important public health concern with these small vessels is that currently the approved bucket serves no applicable use other than the potential for an additional harvest container when a harvester runs out of bags or other containers to transport product.
<b>Cost Information (if available)</b>	None
<b>Note: 2007 Biennial Meeting</b>	This proposal was not discussed by Task Force II. The Task Force did discuss Proposal 05-223 that addressed the intent of Proposal 07-203 which was to require harvest vessels to be provided with an approved marine sanitation device. The submitter was consulted and agreed that Proposal 07-203 was addressed by Task Force II consideration of Proposal 05-223 and no further action was required.
<b>Action by 2007 General Assembly</b>	Adopted recommendation that no further action is needed on Proposal 07-203. Rationale – This proposal was addressed in Task Force II action on Proposal 05-223.
<b>Action by USFDA</b>	December 20, 2007 Concurred with Conference action.