

Questions and Answers from September 10, 2020 FDA/ISSC Informational Meeting.

The Q&A and Chat were downloaded and organized from the meeting. The Q&A was a little jumbled, so I tried to organize based on topic in the event someone who didn't attend would like to follow along, however, there may be some questions in the wrong order under the topic.

ISSC Updates

1. Paul Cohen: Hi Kris Paul Cohen from NV. where do I find the current / new requirements for standardizing new inspectors for routine inspections?
Kris Phelps: are you talking about the language for training for all inspectors?
Paul Cohen: Yes please trying to train an inspector in a Pandemic
Kris Phelps: there will be some communication next about dates for FD245...virtual!
Paul Cohen: is FD245 required for State shellfish inspectors or just for the State Standard
Kris Phelps: it is now required for all!
Paul Cohen: Can a trainee start independent inspections prior to attending FD245?
Kris Phelps: The structure for SSO and SSI will remain the same, but there is a requirement for all inspectors to take the training...I would say, it would be up to the state to make that decision based on the training you have in place
Paul Cohen: thanks
2. Christina Grant: If you previous submitted a committee request form and have not heard anything, does that mean we were not accepted to be on the committee?
Kris Phelps: Christina- checking to see if your question was answered and if this function works :)
Christina Grant: yes it was - thank you.
3. Alex Manderson: When will the new NSSP be published?
4. bob: seem to recall there was supposed to be a committee formed to develop guidance relating to the changes in the aquaculture chapter?
5. Erin Stokes: What are the differences between the research management and the research guidance committees?
6. Heather Merritt: Can committees be open so that any ISSC member can listen in?
7. David Fyfe: NWIFC: Any idea which state is projected for the Fall 2021 meeting?
8. Miranda Ries: have the committee participant lists been updated? We have had many people not involved taking up space...
9. Barney Hollinger 2: If we have filled out a committee forms before covid do we need to send in again
10. Debra Barnes, NYSDEC: When will Executive Board meeting minutes be available on ISSC website?

SAPB UPDATES

11. Bill Dewey: The org chart showed Pete over plant derived foods. Everything under him was animals. Is that an error in the org chart?

Kris Phelps: Hi Bill- it must be a mistake- he is over animal derived foods

12. Miranda Ries: why does Calci have an *

Kris Phelps: Hi Miranda- Kind of answers your question [Kevin C. supports more than the shellfish program]

Miranda Ries: yes, Thank you Kris!

13. bob: ask lizzie to share her screen and show that last e-mail address

bob: what was the address for the international team?

Steve Bloodgood: ShellfishInternational@fda.hhs.gov

14. Requested Emails (please remember to reach out to your shellfish specialist before emailing):

EU Equivalence: ShellfishEquivalence@fda.hhs.gov

Laboratory Questions: cfsandssleos@fda.hhs.gov

For Federal Waters Questions: - James.Forrest@fda.hhs.gov

International agreements other than EU: ShellfishInternational@fda.hhs.gov

Shellfish Illnesses that have been reported to CDC: - Shellfishishepi@fda.hhs.gov

15. Michael osinski: is there a tentative date for EU trade? also, what about testing for herpes resistance all v crasostrea Virginia? lastly, have more states been cleared to export?

OSCP UPDATES:

16. bob: It would be helpful to get the contact info for all the new specialists.

17. Kathy Brohawn: For growing areas, the field work to visit every growing area evaluated takes a massive amount of time. Is there any way to only visit in the field for a few and not all? There is nothing really substantive gained by driving around the growing area.

Kathy Brohawn: Did not [answer the question]

18. Kathy Brohawn: What ever happened to the meetings between FDA ISSC and State Regulators regarding relationship with FDA that kicked off in Charlotte

19. Adam Wood: I think I missed the answer to this question...but are plant standardization officer standardizations being extended?

Adam Wood: thanks

OP UPDATES:

20. Bryant Lewis: Are boat components eligible such as a replacement motor, etc?

OTED UPDATES:

21. Kathy Brohawn: We would need to know specifics while the AFDO portal is open

Kris Phelps: Kathy- did that answer your question

Kathy Brohawn: As long as we know what to expect for cost while the portal is open I am good thank you

Kris Phelps: great! you are welcome!

22. Devon Winkler: How are these limited number of spots to be equitably distributed between all of the states?

Kris Phelps: Hi Devon! Did that answer your question?

Devon Winkler: Yes. Thank you. However, I find it hard to believe that there isn't a large need. If I understand correctly, fd342 has not been offered for a loooooonnnnggg time. I would imagine there would be at least about 15 of us from MA that would benefit from this course. I'm glad that there is a concern about the instructor to student ratio. Hope that there is a way to increase this year's fd342 opportunity to more than ~30 individuals.
Kris Phelps: yes- it is a dance for availability and offerings! We work to try and move the course around based on the highest need

23. Kathy Brohawn: For the next meeting with training can we get CEU credit
Kris Phelps: I don't think we have set any of that up, Kathy. Sorry. I believe Brent has looked into CEUs for the other courses...I will reach out to him to see just to be sure
24. Mike Marshall: Will there be a registration fee for these or no because they are virtual, and no travel required?
25. Justin McMath: How do we register for these courses?
26. Jill Fleiger: will these have limited seats or since it's virtual you can allow for more participants?
Jill Fleiger: he just answered my question. Thanks!
27. Andrew Bell: About when will registration open for the virtual courses, and how we will be notified?
28. Kathy Brohawn: Is there any cost associated with the Virtual courses?
Kathy Brohawn: specifics of cost so we can apply to AFDO
Kathy Brohawn: got it thanks!
29. Yan Sun: Hi Brent, how does the virtual course accommodate participants in different time zones? Such like what time it begins in the morning and when it ends in the evening? Thank you!
30. NM: If we submitted the pre-registration workbook and received slots for specific courses, what further do we need to do to register someone for a course?
31. K Stryker: Can training funds be used for attendance at shellfish conferences, such as PCSGA?
K Stryker: The agenda seems to have a lot of meat in terms of biotoxins and vibriol
K Stryker: Thank you! We'll be reaching out to you
K Stryker: [Scott Berbells said funds have been used for PCSGA in the past] Thanks, Scott!