

Proposal Subject	Containers for Waste Disposal
Specific NSSP Guide Reference	NSSP Model Ordinance Chapter VIII Control of Shellfish Harvesting, .02 Shellfish Harvesting and Handling, C. Disposal of Human Sewage from Vessels
Text of Proposal/ Requested Action	<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>(3) An approved marine sanitation device (MSD), portable toilet or other sewage disposal receptacle shall be provided on the vessel to contain human sewage.</p> <p>(43) When provided, Portable portable 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>(54) Use of other receptacles for sewage disposal may be approved by the Authority used 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.(43).</p>
Public Health Significance	<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 dissention 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>
Cost Information (if available)	N/A
Action by 2005 Task Force II	Recommends referral of Proposal 05-223 to appropriate Committee as determined by the Conference Chairman with instruction to obtain input from patrol.
Action by 2005 General Assembly	Adopted recommendation of 2005 Task Force II.
Action by USFDA	Concurred with Conference action.