

Text of Resolution

Whereas, the Gulf and South Atlantic States Shellfish Conference (GSASSC) is made up of state and federal public health officials, state and federal resource officials, state and federal environmental officials, participants from the shellfish industry, participants from the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference, and members of academia with an interest in shellfish public health economic, social, and resource issues of the Gulf and South Atlantic state.

Whereas, the GSASSC is concerned with maintaining existing shellfish harvesting areas, **And Furthermore**, are concerned that coastal development jeopardizes shellfish harvesting areas;

Be It Therefore Resolved, that the GSASSC recommends that the following are not consistent with responsible development for the protection of shellfish harvesting areas:

- Chemical industrial waste discharges.
- In-water marina or docking facilities.
- Domestic wastewater treatment facility surface water discharges to coastal waters or tributaries of coastal waters.
- Seawalls.
- Dredging below mean high water.
- Dredging of canals.
- Single family or multi-family docking facilities (pedestrian docks are permissible).
- Disturbance of natural vegetation within 30 feet of mean high water.

Be It Therefore Resolved, that the GSASSC recommends that the following are consistent with responsible development for the protection of shellfish harvesting areas:

- Residential density not to exceed the total number of units permissible for on-site sewage disposal systems, with 1,000 feet of mean high water.
- On-site sewage disposal systems to be performance based for fecal coliform bacteria, and at level five within 1,000 feet of mean high water.
- On-site sewage disposal systems to have greater vertical separation than minimum requirements with 1,000 feet of mean high water.
- On-site sewage disposal systems to have a greater horizontal set back than minimum requirements within 1,000 feet of mean high water.
- Sewage treatment facilities to be tertiary facilities if on-site sewage disposal systems are not used.
- Stormwater to be retained or storm water discharges must be performance based for fecal coliform bacteria within 1,000 feet of mean high water.
- Natural vegetation to be retained within 1,000 feet of mean high water.
- Impervious surfaces, including roads and parking lots, to be minimized within 1,000 feet of mean high water.
- Golf courses must retain all stormwater and may be used for reclaimed water use.
- Household garbage to be collected and stored in sealed containers.
- Waste from domestic/farm animals to be controlled.
- Best Management Practices to be performance based, monitored, and corrective actions taken when needed.

Adopted by the GSASSC Annual Meeting, June 19, 2003

**Action by
Task Force I**

Recommended referral of Resolution 03-002 to the appropriate committee as determined by the Conference Chairman.

**Action by 2003
General Assembly**

Adopted recommendations of 2003 Task Force I.

Action by USFDA

Concurred with Conference action.

**Action by 2005
Growing Area
Classification
Committee**

Recommended no action on Resolution 03-002. The Committee requested that states, federal agencies and other entities as appropriate collaborate with the ISSC to establish links on the ISSC website to shellfish water quality maintenance and restoration activities and information available via the web.

**Action by 2005
Task Force I**

Recommended no action on Resolution 03-002.

Rationale – Resolution 03-002 is adequately addressed in other State and Federal programs.

**Action by 2005
General Assembly**

Adopted recommendation of 2005 Task Force I.

Action by USFDA

Concurred with Conference action.