

Proposal for Task Force Consideration at the 2009 Biennial Meeting Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference		<input type="checkbox"/> Growing Area <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harvesting/Handling/Distribution <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative
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Proposal Subject:	Validation and Verification for Process Studies for Time and Temperature Requirements Related to <i>Vibrio</i> Management Plan Controls	
Specific NSSP Guide Reference:	NSSP Guide Section IV. Guidance Documents Chapter IV. Naturally Occurring Pathogens .04 Post Harvest Processing (PHP) Validation/Verification Guidance for <i>Vibrio vulnificus</i> and <i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i>	
Text of Proposal/ Requested Action	A. Process Validation B. Equipment Validation C. Initial Load Testing D. Verification <u>9. Time to temperature controls shall be evaluated using standard protocols for measuring temperatures in shellfish. A protocol shall include the number of samples, when and where samples will be collected and temperatures measured. The protocols will include procedures that can be included in harvester and dealer record keeping to document compliance with time to temperature requirements.</u>	
Public Health Significance:	Implementation of the <i>Vibrio vulnificus</i> Management Plans will require establishing times to refrigeration and times to cool down to 55 degrees. It is important that standardized measuring methods be agreed upon in order to be sure that time to temperature requirements are being accomplished by harvesters and dealers. Additionally, agreed upon validation and verification activities will lead to greater uniformity in implementing <i>Vibrio</i> controls.	
Cost Information (if available):	None available	