Proposal for Task Force Consideration at the 2011 Biennial Meeting Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference		☐ Growing Area ☒ Harvesting/Handling/Distribution ☐ Administrative
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Proposal Subject:	*Vibrio cholera*	
Specific NSSP Guide Reference:	Section II Model Ordinance Chapter II Risk Assessment and Risk Management	
Text of Proposal/ Requested Action		
Public Health Significance:	In April of 2011, the State of Florida reported a shellfish related illness outbreak associated with a toxigenic strain of *Vibrio cholera* O75. Current knowledge of *Vibrio cholera* O75 suggests that this toxigenic strain can be pollution oriented or naturally occurring. The National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP) requirements for addressing outbreaks are different for pollution related hazards and naturally occurring hazards. The determination of whether an outbreak of *Vibrio cholera* O75 is pollution related or naturally occurring is difficult and creates management problems for public health officials and shellfish control authorities. Procedure XIV of the ISSC Constitution, Bylaws, and Procedures outlines steps for addressing pathogens and deleterious substances newly recognized in shellfish. The purpose of this proposal is to provide notice to the membership that FDA and the ISSC will be discussing appropriate steps to address the *Vibrio cholera* situation. If recommendations for NSSP controls are developed for consideration at the 2011 Biennial Meeting, the ISSC membership will be notified.	
Cost Information (if available):		