Proposal Subject: Addition to the Requirements for the Authority During a Suspected Shellfish Related

Outbreak

Specific NSSP Guide Reference: 2009 NSSP Section II Model Ordinance Chapter II @.01 Outbreaks of Shellfish-Related Illness Paragraph E, Section (1).

Text of Proposal/ Requested Action

E. When the investigation outlined in §.02B. cannot be completed within 24 hours, the Authority shall:

(1) Follow the closure procedures outlined in § .01C; and if the investigation does not indicate a growing area problem, the area shall be immediately reopened and product recall terminated

Public Health Significance:

N/A

Cost Information (if available):

Not available.

Research Needs:

There is a need of one type of post harvest processing technology that could be used as a determining factor that when applied as a process to recondition a batch of recalled oysters whether shucked, shellstock and post harvest processed oysters, all the rest of the oyster related pathogens causing foodborne illnesses are deemed clean. It is patterned after the analysis of water using fecal coliform as an identifier of the presence of pathogens in the water.

In any oyster recall, dealers and processors often experience financially devastating product recalls and experience the loss of their investments on the product. The number of oyster dealers had decreased over the years for various reasons. Those remaining are finding it difficult to cope without alternatives to destruction of product.

Estimated Cost: Not available at this time.

Proposed Source of Funding/Support:

Not available at this time.

Time Frame Anticipated:

Not available at this time.

Action by 2011 Task Force I Recommended no action on Proposal 11-112.

Rationale: Adequately addressed in Proposal 11-114.

Action by 2011 General Assembly Adopted recommendation of 2011 Task Force I on Proposal 11-112.

Action by FDA February 26, 2012 Concurred with Conference action on Proposal 11-112.