Proposal Subject: Bulk Tagging for Transport to Original Dealer (Harvest Control)

Specific NSSP Guide Reference: NSSP Guide Section II Model Ordinance

Chapter VIII. Control of Shellfish Harvesting F. (7)

Text of Proposal/ Requested Action

F. Shellstock Identification.

- (7) Bulk tagging of a lot of shellstock during transport from harvest area to the dealer facilities.
 - (a) When shellstock are harvested from one harvest area on a single day <u>by a single harvester or aquaculture leaseholder</u>, multiple containers may be utilized on a wrapped pallet, in a tote, in a net brailer, <u>in a single boat</u>, <u>vehicle</u>, <u>conveyance</u> or other container and the unit tagged with a single tag in accordance with the requirements of Section= .02 F.
 - (b) In addition to the information required in Section .02 F. the unit tag shall also include:
 - (i) A statement that "All shellstock containers in this lot have the same harvest data and area of harvest"; and
 - (ii) Number of individual containers in the unit<u>or an estimate of the total</u> weight, volume or count.

Public Health Significance:

When a harvester is transporting shellstock from a single harvest area or lease to a dealer, and all of the shellstock is from the same harvest area and harvested on the same date, a single tag describing the entire lot should suffice.

This practice should only be allowed as long as there is no opportunity for comingling, and no question about the origin or harvest date of individual containers within the boat's, vehicle's or conveyance's cargo area.

This practice will eliminate repetitive, time consuming, wasteful and unnecessary paperwork, thereby improving compliance.

Cost Information (if available):

Will save approximately 25 cents in labor and tag costs for every duplicate tag eliminated, potentially saving hundreds of dollars per year.

Action by 2013 Task Force II Recommended adoption of Proposal 13-211 as submitted.

Action by 2013 General Assembly Adopted recommendation of 2013 Task Force II on Proposal 13-211.

Action by FDA May 5, 2014 Concurred with Conference action on Proposal 13-211.