**Proposal Subject:** Voting by the State Delegates

Specific NSSP Guide Reference: Constitution, Bylaws & Procedures of the ISSC (Updated March 28, 2013) Constitution of the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference Article XI. Rules of

**Biennial Conference Meetings** 

Text of Proposal/ Requested Action Article XI. Rules of Biennial Conference Meetings

Section 3. Business Rules of Conference Meetings

Subdivision a. Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail, unless specific

rules are established by the Conference.

Subdivision b. Each shellfish producing State shall be entitled to one

(1) full vote in the Conference meeting general assembly and each nonproducing State shall be entitled to one (1) vote in the Conference meeting General Assembly with the exception of issues proposals involving Task Force I recommendations and Task Force II proposals involving harvesters or their activities. Non-producing States shall be entitled to one-half (1/2) vote on proposals involving Task Force I recommendations or Task Force II proposals involving

harvesters or their activities.

Public Health Significance:

Non-producing States may not have the necessary insight and experience related to factors that impact harvesters and those responsible for regulating/enforcing them. For proposals that require State Regulatory changes impacting harvesters, more weight of the vote should be given to growing area States.

**Cost Information (if available):** 

This change could possibly be a cost savings since State agencies must consider economic impact to businesses when promulgating new regulations.

Action by 2013 Task Force III Recommended no action on Proposal 13-307.

Rationale: The Constitution, Bylaws and Procedures adequately address Delegate voting.

Action by 2013 General Assembly Adopted recommendation of 2013 Task Force III on Proposal 13-307.

Action by FDA May 5, 2014 Concurred with Conference action on Proposal 13-307.