



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference (ISSC)  
Members and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Ken B. Moore, Executive Director *Ken B. Moore*

DATE: May 14, 2015

RE: US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) Draft Proposal  
for Reduced Oxygen Packaging (ROP) of Shucked Shellfish Meats

Concerns regarding the potential public health risk of *C. botulinum* associated with reduced oxygen packaging (ROP) of shucked molluscan shellfish has recently come to the attention of the USFDA. The USFDA has discussed inclusion of controls for ROP shellfish in the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP) Model Ordinance with the ISSC Executive Board and has presented Agency policy regarding ROP at several regional shellfish conferences in the past year. The USFDA has developed a draft proposal for submission to the ISSC for discussion at the 2015 Biennial Meeting. To assist the ISSC membership in better understanding the USFDA's rational and supporting science behind the proposal, the ISSC will conduct a teleconference on ROP. The teleconference is scheduled for 2:30 PM (EDST) on Friday, May 22, 2015. The agenda is provided below and all interested parties are encouraged to participate. The draft proposal and a presentation for agenda item IV. A. can be accessed by clicking on the link provided in the agenda below. The dial-in information will be available on the ISSC website at 3:00 PM (EDST) on Wednesday, May 20, 2015.

### AGENDA

- I. Introduction and Logistics**  
Ken Moore, ISSC Executive Director
- II. Purpose of Call**  
Maryanne Guichard, ISSC Executive Board Chair
- III. Roll Call**  
Ken Moore, ISSC Executive Director
- III. Background**  
Raymond Burditt, FDA CFSAN  
[Draft ROP Proposal](#)
- IV. Public Health Significance & Supporting Science**
  - A. Microbiology - Mary Losikoff, FDA CFSAN  
[\(Presentation\)](#)
  - B. Packaging - Yoon S Song, PhD, FDA CFSAN  
[\(Presentation\)](#)
- V. Questions**
- VI. Adjourn**