

**ISSC 2017  
Committee Report**

**Committee Name :** Shellfish Restoration  
**Chairperson:** Jeff Kennedy  
**Date of Meeting:** 10/15/2017 11:00AM  
**Recorder:** Katherine Busch  
**Approved By:**  
**Printed Name:** Jeff Kennedy

**Committee Members Present:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Kennedy (Chairperson)	<input type="checkbox"/> William Evans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Rheault	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Kramer (EPA Delegate)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debra Barnes	<input type="checkbox"/> Alex Hay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maria Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Goblick (FDA Delegate)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Berbellis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barney Hollinger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Stagg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Jacobs (NOAA Delegate)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Bott	<input type="checkbox"/> Eric Lovestrand	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Taylor	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katherine Busch	<input type="checkbox"/> David Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wec Terry	
<input type="checkbox"/> Alissa Dragan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Pearson	<input type="checkbox"/> Carter Witten	

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**Charges**

**Charge 1: Review restoration information that could impact shellfish sanitation and the NSSP.**

**Findings/Conclusions:**

In response to request by Robert Rheault ECSGA, for conference to reopen issue of shellfish restoration BMP's to acknowledge and guide existing practices.

Committee deliberations focused on restoration in non-approved waters; how often it occurs and in what states.

**Topics discussed included:**

- Definition of restoration: is it aquaculture according to definitions or shellfish gardening? In either case would be currently addressed in Guide.
- Conference authority or purview: is restoration outside or contrary to responsibility to public health mandate of ISSC and NSSP?
- Use of restoration: Habitat restoration; Shoreline protection; Ecosystem services; as well as resource restoration and consumption.
- Designated use: Sanctuary v. Recreational v. Commercial (aquaculture and/or wild harvest)
- Diversity of projects: highly varied amongst states; use of restoration; location; regulatory directive; and permitting mechanism.
- User conflicts in open areas.
- Site selection: Open areas preferable; in suitable habitat; with prioritization of areas with improving or most likely to experience water quality improvement.
- Funding vehicle/mechanisms.
- Need for public health protection: avoidance of contaminated areas preferred; additional enforcement patrols; and public education of risk.

Recommendations:

Motion carried to:

Request Shellfish Restoration BMP's be reviewed and revised with goal of producing guidance document.

**Charge 2: Identify proactive efforts in which Conference involvement would encourage restoration of shellfish growing areas.**

Findings/Conclusions:

No request for involvement or funding for 19<sup>th</sup> International Shellfish Restoration Conference in Adelaide.

Recommendations: No recommendations or actions.