Proposal No. 19-118

Proposal for Task Force Consideration at the ISSC 2019 Biennial Meeting	1. a. ☒ Growing Area b. ☐ Harvesting/Handling/Distribution c. ☐ Administrative
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10. Proposal Subject	Conditional areas not based on predicting microbiological indicator levels.
11. Specific NSSP Guide Reference	Section II. Model Ordinance Chapter IV. Shellstock Growing Areas Section @.03 Growing Area Classification C.(1).
12. Text of Proposal/ Requested Action	(1) Survey Required. The sanitary survey meets the following criteria: (a) ~~The area will be in the open status of the conditional classification for a reasonable period of time.~~ The factors determining the~~is~~ period the growing area is in open status are known and ~~, are~~ predictable~~, and are not so complex as to preclude a reasonable management approach~~; (b) Each potential source of pollution that may adversely affect the growing area is evaluated; (c) When conditional management is based at least in part on predicted changes in microbiological water quality,~~M~~microbiological water quality correlates with environmental conditions or other factors affecting the distribution of pollutants into the growing area; and (d) For Authorities utilizing MSC meat sample data, when conditional management is based at least in part on predicted changes in MSC levels, those~~is~~ data correlate~~s~~ with environmental conditions or other factors affecting the distribution and persistence of viral contaminants into the growing area.
13. Public Health Significance	Not all conditional management is based on predicted changes in microbiological water quality. Conditional management can be based, for example, on the operation of a wastewater treatment system that has never failed. In such a circumstance, demonstrating correlation with environmental conditions or other factors may play no role. The plan can be based completely on other means of predicting the impact of plant failure. Conditional management can also be based on changes in marina occupancy. Similarly, the Authority may use MSC data in some way to support conditional management without demonstrating correlation between MSC levels in shellfish tissues and environmental conditions or other factors.
14. Cost Information	No cost.