Proposal for Task Force Consideration at the ISSC 2027 Biennial Meeting *(Tab to go to next field)*	1. a. ☒ Growing Area b. ☐ Harvesting/Handling/Distribution c. ☐ Administrative
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9. Proposal Subject	Conformance status and scope of technical laboratory evaluations
10. Specific NSSP Guide Reference	Section II Model Ordinance, Chapter 1 Shellfish Sanitation Program Requirements for the Authority, @.03 Evaluation of Shellfish Sanitation Program Elements, B. 1. b.
11. Text of Proposal/ Requested Action	Chapter I @.03 B. Criteria for evaluation of shellfish sanitation program elements shall be as follows: 1. Laboratory a. Requirements for evaluation of shellfish laboratories shall include… b. Laboratory status is determined by the number and types of nonconformities found in the evaluation using NSSP standardized criteria contained in the ~~FDA~~ NSSP Shellfish Laboratory Evaluation Checklists found in Section IV Guidance Documents Chapter II. Growing Areas .15 Evaluation of Laboratories by State Shellfish Laboratory Evaluation Officers Including Laboratory Evaluation Checklists. i. Quality System Evaluation... ii. Technical Evaluation: Shellfish Laboratory will be technically evaluated and will be assigned the designation of conforms, provisionally conforms or non-conformance for the specific NSSP Approved methods included in the evaluation scope. The criteria used in determining the evaluation designations are included in the NSSP Shellfish Laboratory Evaluation Checklist designated for the specific type of laboratory evaluation being performed.
12. Public Health Significance	The proposed modifications are to clarify that Laboratory Evaluation Checklists are NSSP documents, not FDA documents, and to clarify that NSSP laboratory conformance status is assigned based on the method(s) being evaluated.
13. Cost Information	None
14. Changes Needed to Guidance (if proposed change is adopted)	N/A