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Proposal for Task Force Consideration at the ISSC 2027 Biennial Meeting *(Tab to go to next field)*	1. a. ☐ Growing Area b. X Harvesting/Handling/Distribution c. ☐ Administrative
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9. Proposal Subject	Include reference for human pathogens
10. Specific NSSP Guide Reference	Section II Model Ordinance - Chapter II. Risk Assessment Risk Management @.01 Outbreaks of Shellfish-Related Illness
11. Text of Proposal/ Requested Action	F. Upon closing an implicated portion(s) of the harvest area(s) for naturally occurring pathogens and/or biotoxins, the Authority: (1) Shall follow an existing marine biotoxin contingency/management plan, if appropriate. (2) Shall collect and analyze samples relevant to the investigation, if appropriate. (a) When sample analysis determines that human pathogens are present in shellfish meats, follow procedures outlinesd in Chapter II @.04 D. (3) Shall keep the area closed until it has been determined that levels of naturally occurring pathogens and/or biotoxins are not a public health concern. (4) Shall follow the procedure…
12. Public Health Significance	In the course of outbreak investigations, shellfish samples are sometimes collected under Ch. II @.01 F. When resultant sample analyses determine that a pathogen is present in shellfish, the Authority should follow the procedures in Ch II @.04 D. to determine the growing area status, and classification, if appropriate. This proposal clarifies the link between the two sections of the MO to facilitate response to a pathogen outbreak.
13. Cost Information	None.
14. Changes Needed to Guidance (if proposed change is adopted)	TBD