**Proposal No. 2 7 - 2 2 6**

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| **Proposal for Task Force Consideration at the ISSC 2027 Biennial Meeting** | 1. a. ☐ Growing Area<br>b. ☒ Harvesting/Handling/Distribution<br>c. ☐ Administrative |
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| 9. Proposal Subject | Management of Relaying Shellstock of the Harvesting for Delivery to a Low Acid Canned Food Processing Facility Activities-Authority Supervision |
| 10. Specific NSSP Guide Reference | National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP) Guide for the Control of Molluscan Shellfish: 2023 Revision, Section II. Model Ordinance (MO), Chapter V. @.04 A. |
| 11. Text of Proposal/ Requested Action | NSSP MO Chapter V. @.04 A.<br><br>**@.04 Management of Relaying Shellstock or the Harvesting for Delivery to a Low Acid Canned Food Processing Facility Activities**<br>A. The Authority shall be authorized and equipped to enforce the State's procedures for relay and low acid canned food processing. The Authority shall develop and maintain an effective program that directly supervises the control of harvest ~~to control the harvest~~, transport, replanting, and security of the shellstock until the end of the complete relay activity to prevent shellstock from being illegally diverted to direct marketing. |
| 12. Public Health Significance | Currently Chapter V. Shellstock Relaying does not have the requirement that the Authority supervise shesllstock relay activities. The direct supervision of relay activities is cited in the following three places:<br><br>1. Supervision of relay activities is cited in the NSSP MO Chapter IV. :<br><br>Shellstock Growing Areas, @.03 Growing Area Classifciation, D. Restricted Classification, (1) General, (b)(ii):<br><br>*"Under the supervision of the Authority."*<br><br>2. ISSC Constitution, Bylaws and Procedures:<br><br>The ISSC Constitution, Bylaws and Procedures, Updated July 22, 2024, Procedure III Responsibilities of the State, Section 6.:<br><br>*"All phases associated with the relaying of shellfish from closed areas to approved areas shall be under the immediate supervision of the appropriate responsible Authority."* |

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| | 3. NSSP Guidnace Documents, Chapter V Shellstock Relaying, .01 Shellstock Relay:<br><br>*The Authority or the shellfish industry may conduct relay operations. The relay operation must be effectively supervised by the Authority to assure that all the shellstock are actually relayed to harvest areas in the approved classification or in the open status of the conditionally approved classification and sufficiently cleansed. Relay control procedures should preclude any opportunity for shellstock to be inadvertently diverted to sale for human consumption before the natural cleansing process is completed. Controls must be applied to all phases of the operation including initial harvesting, transportation, replanting, the cleansing period, and final harvesting for marketing.*<br><br>This proposal updates Chapter V. Shellstock Relaying to reflect what is required during the activity of relaying contaminated shellstock.<br><br>The Chapter IV. requirements cover the classification of the area and what activities can take place. The Chapter V. requirements are specific to the activity. |
| 13. Cost Information | none |
| 14. Changes Needed to Guidance (if proposed change is adopted) | TBD |