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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	Lost and Found Shellfish
10. Specific NSSP Guide Reference	Section II Model Ordinance, Chapter VI. Shellfish Aquaculture, .02 General
11. Text of Proposal/ Requested Action	Chapter VI. Shellfish Aquaculture, .02 General A. Any person who performs aquaculture as defined in the Model Ordinance or operates an aquaculture facility to raise shellfish for human consumption shall obtain: (1) A permit from the Authority for the activity and functioning of his facility; (2) A harvester's license; and (3) Certification as a dealer, where necessary. B. Shellfish aquaculture as defined in the Model Ordinance shall be practiced only in strict compliance with the provisions of the permit issued by the Authority for the aquaculture activity. Authorization shall be based on the operator's written operational plan. C. Prior to beginning his activity, an operator shall obtain the permission of the Authority for use of his facility. D. Any shellfish seed raised in aquaculture that exceeds the maximum seed size established by the Authority shall be subjected to relaying or depuration prior to direct marketing if the culture area or facility is located in or using water which is in: (1) The closed status of the conditionally approved classification; (2) The restricted classification; or (3) The open status of the conditionally restricted classification. E. Any shellfish lost from the aquaculture site and later recovered from Prohibited or unclassified waters shall be discarded. Other shellfish lost from the aquaculture site and later recovered from a different growing area shall be held on the aquaculture site for time periods established by the Authority based on the classification of the water where shellfish were recovered. (1) If required by the Authority, the grower shall maintain a record log to document compliance with this requirement. ~~E~~F. Only drugs sanctioned by the FDA shall be used for shellfish treatment. ~~F~~G. Harvesting, processing, storage, and shipping requirements for shellfish raised in a land-based aquaculture facility or a seed rearing facility or system that exceeds the maximum seed size established by the Authority shall be the same as the requirements for shellfish specified in Chapters V., VII., VIII., IX., X., XI., XII., XIII. and XIV. ~~G~~H. Complete and accurate records shall be maintained for at least two (2) years by the operator of the aquaculture facility and shall include the: (1) Source of shellfish, including seed if the seed is from growing areas which are not in the approved or conditionally approved classification; and

	(2) Water source, its treatment method, if necessary, and its quality in land based systems.
12. Public Health Significance	Shellfish aquaculture containers, especially floating gear, are sometimes lost from the aquaculture lease, such as during storms, and later recovered. If shellfish are recovered in Prohibited or unclassified waters, it is already required that they be discarded, as the Model Ordinance does not allow non-seed shellstock to be transferred from Prohibited or unclassified waters – this proposal simply specifies that existing requirement to ensure ready understanding. For shellfish found in waters of other classification, the Authority should establish time periods for holding on the aquaculture site before harvest. These time periods would depend on the classification of the waters where shellfish were recovered; for example, if shellfish were recovered from restricted waters, it would be necessary for shellfish to spend the same time on the lease as relayed shellfish. The Authority may want to consider the need for recordkeeping, but this proposal does not require Authorities to mandate recordkeeping.
13. Cost Information	None (simply specifies that shellfish lost from the aquaculture lease then recovered in a different growing area is subject to the same requirements as any shellfish from that growing area classification)
14. Changes Needed to Guidance (if proposed change is adopted)	None