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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	Harvester Training
10. Specific NSSP Guide Reference	Section II Model Ordinance; Chapter VIII. Control of Shellfish Harvesting
11. Text of Proposal/ Requested Action	.01 General A. Each harvester shall have a valid license, and a special license if necessary, in his possession while engaged in shellstock harvesting activities. B. Each harvester shall obtain Authority approved training before initial licensing and thereafter at an interval to be determined by the Authority not to exceed five (5) years. The training shall include required harvest, handling, and transportation practices as determined by the Authority. ~~A harvester shall be allowed ninety (90) days following initial licensing to obtain the required education.~~ (1) A harvester shall obtain proof of completion of the required training. Proof of training obtained by the harvester shall be presented to the Authority prior to certification, recertification, or licensing. (2) When training is not available before certification, recertification, or licensing, the harvester shall be allowed ninety (90) days following initial licensing to obtain the required training. (3) The Authority may accept equivalent training obtained by the harvester in another state within the interval determined by the Authority not to exceed five (5) years. (~~2~~4) At a minimum, one (1) individual involved in the shellfish operations shall obtain the required training. C. Persons who are working in a boat crew under the supervision of a licensed harvester need not have a valid harvester's license. D. In the case of riparian or leased land, unless the riparian owner or lessee employs a licensed harvester, the riparian owner or lessee shall be licensed as a harvester prior to harvesting his shellstock. A licensed riparian owner or lessee may employ unlicensed harvesters to work his property or lease. E. Each harvester shall report harvest quantities by species to the Authority. The reporting shall be at a frequency not to exceed monthly. Should the State choose to collect production data from certified dealers, harvesters may be exempt from this requirement to avoid double counting.
12. Public Health Significance	This proposal is a minor change to provide specification to existing requirements. It presents a risk of illegal harvesting or mishandling if a harvester is actively harvesting for up to 90 days before receiving training on fundamental concepts such as harvest, handling, and transportation practices necessary to prevent illnesses, so this proposal states that harvester training should be obtained prior to licensure. This proposal retains the grace period of 90 days to obtain harvester training only for situations where it is not available before licensure. It also specifies that states may, at their discretion, choose to accept training obtained by the harvester in another state.

13. Cost Information	None
14. Changes Needed to Guidance (if proposed change is adopted)	None