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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	Hand Sanitizer on Harvest Vessels
10. Specific NSSP Guide Reference	Section II Model Ordinance, Chapter VIII. Control of Shellfish Harvesting, D. Disposal of Human Sewage and Vomitus
11. Text of Proposal/ Requested Action	Chapter VIII. Control of Shellfish Harvesting, D. Disposal of Human Sewage and Vomitus. (1) Human sewage and vomitus shall not be discharged overboard from any vehicle or vessel used in the harvesting of shellstock. (2) As required by the Authority, in consultation with FDA, an approved marine sanitation device (MSD), portable toilet or other sewage disposal receptacle shall be provided on the vessel or available for the vehicle operator's use for the purpose of containing human sewage and vomitus. If the vessel or vehicle is provided with a marine sanitation device, portable toilet or other sewage disposal receptacle, a container of commercially available hand sanitizer or other means of hand cleaning shall be provided on the vessel or available for the vehicle operator's use. (3) Portable toilets shall: (a) Be used only for the purpose intended; (b) Be secured while on board and located to prevent contamination of shellstock by spillage or leakage; (c) Be emptied only into a sewage disposal system; (d) Be cleaned before being returned to the vehicle or vessel; and (e) Not be cleaned in equipment used for washing or processing food. (4) Use of other receptacles for sewage disposal may be approved by the Authority if the receptacles are: (a) Constructed of impervious, cleanable materials and have tight fitting lids; (b) Indelibly labeled "Human Waste" in contrasting letters at least three (3) inches in height; and (c) Meet the requirements in Section D. (3).
12. Public Health Significance	For harvest vessels that are equipped with an MSD, portable toilet, or bucket, it follows that they should also be equipped with a simple bottle of hand sanitizer. Harvesters are handling food in an isolated location and so should be equipped with a means to sanitize their hands, especially after they may come into contact with bodily fluids if the required MSD, portable toilet, or bucket is used. This proposal does not require that they sanitize their hands at any particular time; it just seems commonsense that they should have a means to do so available, for use at their discretion. It's a very easy requirement to comply with.
13. Cost Information	Less than $5 for a container of hand sanitizer on each harvest boat
14. Changes Needed to Guidance (if proposed change is adopted)	None