Proposal No. 2 7 - 3 0 8

Proposal for Task Force Consideration at the ISSC 2027 Biennial Meeting *(Tab to go to next field)*	1. a. ☐ Growing Area b. ☐ Harvesting/Handling/Distribution c. ☒ Administrative
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9. Proposal Subject	Add new Section X, Notes, to the Guide as well as endnote reference numbers within the Guide, referring Guide readers to specific proposal number(s) that created/altered Guide language
10. Specific NSSP Guide Reference	Create new Section X.
11. Text of Proposal/ Requested Action	Currently, there is no reference mechanism within the Guide to allow readers to easily reference the proposal(s) that created/altered specific Guide language. Creating a reference mechanism linking Guide language to the proposals that created/altered that language would aid the reader in researching specific proposal(s) and the 'intent' of those changes. Currently the only way to research why Guide language was created or altered is to compare current Guide language to previous Guide versions to find the specific Guide version where that language changed, and then research that conference year's Task Force reports to find the specific proposal, a cumbersome process. This proposal would add a new Section X, *Notes*, to the Guide, as well as require that a superscript reference number be added to any new adopted language (or at a minimum any new adopted language of significance). The superscript reference number would refer the reader to the appropriate endnote in the *Notes* section, and that would include a brief description of that language/change, the related proposal number(s), and the conference year(s) adopted. Additionally, as sometimes Guide language is altered outside of the traditional Conference process by ISSC Executive Board action, this proposed referencing system would also capture those Board actions. As an example, in Section II Chapter VI. @.02 Seed Shellstock, subsection A., there is a relatively new 120 day minimum grow-out requirement for shellfish seed grown in Prohibited waters. This proposal would insert a superscript endnote reference number in that subsection as follows, '…a minimum of 120 days[1] of growing… The new Section X, *Notes* (organized in the same manner as the Guide), would read, Section II. Chp. VI. @.02 Seed Shellstock 1. 120 day grow-out requirement – Previously 6 months, See Proposal 13-107, adopted 2017.

12. Public Health Significance	A reference mechanism linking Guide language to the proposal(s) that created that language would increase the understanding of the reader as to why particular Guide language was adopted.
13. Cost Information	No cost to States/Industry. If adopted, this proposal would increase the administrative burden of the ISSC office when publishing a new Guide, going forward.
14. Changes Needed to Guidance (if proposed change is adopted)	TBD