ISSC 2018
Committee Report

Committee Name : NSSP Evaluation Criteria
Chairperson: Mike Hickey
Date of Meeting: **Approved By:**_____
Recorder: **Printed Name:** **Mike Hickey**

Committee Members Present:

X Mike Hickey (Chairperson)
X Kathy Brohawn
X Scott Berbells
X Robert Hein
X David Carey
X Judy Dowell
X Eric Hickey
X Shannon Jenkins
X Danielle Schools
X Debra Scoville
X Tracy Fay
X Mike Pearson
X Joe Jewell
X Kirk Wiles
X Joel Hansel (EPA Delegate)
X Quentin Forrest (FDA Delegate)
X Raymond Burditt (FDA Advisor)
X Michael Antee (FDA Advisor)
X Dawn Smith (FDA Advisor)
X John Jacobs (NOAA Advisor)

Charges

Charge 1: Proposal 11-310 Internal Authority Self-Assessment Using a National Program Standards Manual.

Findings/Conclusions: Eric Hickey, Chairman of the Program Standards sub- committee presented an overview of the work accomplished by that committee over the past year that produced 10 national standards for voluntary self assessment of plants by the states. The sub-committee recommended a pilot with volunteer states. The full committee decided that it needed more time review the sub committee's work and not to recommend a pilot prior to accomplishing that task. Five states have agreed to pilot the program.

Recommendations:

1. The full committee be allowed to review the Voluntary National Shellfish Regulatory Program Standards Plant Sanitation draft report.

2. This review should take place as soon as possible so that a decision can be made in January by the NSSP Evaluation Committee via a conference call.

3. If the full committee concurs, 2-4 state can move forward with a pilot study for the program standards as determined by the sub-committee chair.

February 6, 2018 Recommendations

1. **The Standards Subcommittee should be established as a full committee given the scope of future activities.**
2. **The NSSP Evaluation Criteria Committee reviewed the draft standards for the plant sanitation element. Several FDA modifications were incorporated. The committee is recommending piloting of these standards by two-four states prior to the 2017 Biennial Meeting.**

Charge 2: Proposal 13-301 Growing Area Classification Criteria

Findings/Conclusions: Raymond Burdett presented an overview of FDA's draft of criteria for program element review of Growing Area Classification. He also discussed a pilot of these criteria done by FDA on four states in four different regions. The results showed that use of these proposed criteria produced an increase in program non-compliance in at least two states the in the previous year were found to be in compliance. The committee decided it needed time to review and comment on the new proposed criteria and that this process would take up a lot of time. FDA would like to pilot the program with all states but not until the full committee could come to some agreement on the criteria after a review.

Recommendations:
1.Allow the full committee to initiate a review of the FDA proposed growing area evaluation criteria immediately,

2. Concur with FDA not to initiate a full pilot until the committee completes a review of the FDA proposed criteria.

March 14, 2018 and April 4, 2018 Recommendation

1. **The Committee discussed the FDA proposed growing area evaluation criteria. There was considerable concern regarding the overall number and detail of the criteria. A subcommittee will be established to develop condensed evaluation criteria that should be helpful in establishing criticality codes and rating system for determining compliance.**