

## MINUTES

A meeting of the ISSC Executive Board was held by video conference.

### I. Attendance

#### Board Members Present

Kohl Kanwit	Chair
Bob Schuster	Vice Chair/ Region 2 Regulatory ISSC
Keith Skiles	Executive Director
Eric Hickey	Region 1 Regulatory
Lori Howell	Region 1 Industry
Steve Fleetwood	Region 2 Industry
Danielle Schools	Region 3 Regulatory Alternate Region 3
Gary Hill	Industry
Shannon Jenkins	Region 4 Regulatory / Patrol
Barry Hurt	Region 4 Industry
Rick Burris	Region 5 Regulatory Alternate
Alex Manderson	Region 6 Regulatory Alternate
Miranda Reis	Region 6 Industry Alternate
Bruce Flippens	Non-Producing
John Strauss	Non-Producing
Melissa Abbott	FDA
Laurie Farmer	FDA/ORA
Steven Wilson	NOAA
Bill Kramer	EPA
Mike Hughes	CDC Alternate
David Fyfe	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
AJ Erskine	Region 3 Industry
Keith Jackson	Retail Advisory

#### Board Members Absent

Michael Bott	Region 3 Regulatory
Eric Broussard	Region 5 Regulatory
Bruce Gutelius	Region 5 Industry
Jon Tesvich	Non-Producing
Johathan Gerhardt	Region 5 Regulatory

### II. OPENING REMARKS

#### Kohl Kanwit

A motion was called to approve board meeting minutes from November 16th. Motion was seconded and carried by a voice vote.

Welcomed board to Spring 2022 virtual meeting. Thanked board for flexibility with scheduling this meeting.

### III. UPDATES

#### Melissa Abbott

Staffing updates include Melissa FArell being on extended leave, and the hiring of two new LEO's.

The final review on the new rule by the FDA will be completed this summer

All training courses for 2022/2023 will be virtual

#### Steve Wilson

Moving forward with NOAAs initiative for seafood competiveness to gain access to more markets.

#### Bill Kramer

Reviewed EPA attachment

#### Mike Hughes

Currently working on national surveillance focused on vibrio monitoring.

### IV. REGIONAL UPDATES

#### Region One Regulatory

Massachusetts is now in conformance

There is training for the two new SSI's, as well as training for field staff

NH recently received fiscal year draft, and was found to be in provisional conformance.

Region 1 participated in east coast regulations meetings. Items discussed included section 4 of guidance and how it used by the FDA, growing concern about the lack of knowledge of state operations by the FDA, and a proposal to add language to the ISSC constitution and bylaws that violations can only be based on the MO, as opposed to guidance. The latter proposal will likely be sponsored at the 2023 annual meeting.

#### Region One Industry

Industry in this region is focused on export to the EU and when that will come along.

#### Region Two Regulatory

Region two also participated in east coast regulations meetings. **They will be adopting the FDA rule without change.**

### Region Two Industry

Sales are strong within the region, as wholesalers have noted a lack of aquaculture products hitting the market.

### Region Three Regulatory

Michael Bott has been promoted. They are currently preparing for audits, and are also experiencing some staff turnover.

There have been emergency closures due to sewage spills, but no recalls were issued. There was also a plane crash that affected the VA/MD area, and the VA Department of Health has been involved in monitoring any potential shellfish repercussions.

### Region Three Industry

There has been significant changes in the market as compared to previous years when COVID affected the market. Currently, they are enjoying high demand and a good harvest.

### Region Four Regulatory

This region is readopting sanitation rules, and currently working on opening a new lab.

There is high market demand, and harvesters are having trouble keeping up.

### Region Four Industry

The market in this region is currently strong, and demand is high.

The red tide is still an issue, and there is currently large scale restoration planning for oysters and clams. They are also considering carbon offsets to help farmers.

This region is also concerned with the traceability rule being voted on by the FDA this summer, and its potential conflict with the NSSP.

### Region Five Regulatory

Legislation has been passed to open areas for private leases

#### **IV. REGIONAL UPDATES cont.**

##### Region Six Industry

They will be holding a virtual conference this year.

They have been continuing with region meetings.

Raised concern for the need for enhanced communications, and suggested a weekly updated, confidentiality agreements permitting.

##### Region Six Regulatory

There have been several staff changes throughout the region. Public seasons are ongoing in Texas and Alabama. Mississippi is working with the FDA to get a lab up and running in the state.

##### Region 6 Regulatory

Continuing with regional regulatory group meetings. A virtual regional shellfish conference in April of next year, and is open to everyone.

Concerns: There has been some concern with the way that FDA is conducting POs.

##### Region 6 Industry

The reopening of the EU has triggered supply chain concerns.

Army Corps permits have been reissued.

The recent norovirus situation has had a great impact on the region.

##### Non-Producing

Northeastern Seafood has been sold to creation gardens

#### **VI. PROGRAM CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

##### 2023 Biennial Meeting

Last meeting it was decided to move meeting to late winter/early spring. The executive office has looked at potential meeting conflicts and proposed March 4-9 and March 18-23. The Motion was scolded and carried by a voice vote.

Location recommendations will be provided to the board by the end of May.

**VI. PROGRAM CHAIRMAIN'S REPORT cont.**

Fall 2022 Executive Board Meeting

A motion was made for the executive office to investigate the possibility of an in person meeting this fall, likely to be at the site of the 2023 biennial meeting. The motion was seconded and carried by a voice vote.

**VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Interest was expressed in having an in person meeting in the Spring of 2022, potentially in a control hub, where there are high vaccinations rates.

Executive office will begin to explore options and report back to the board.

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Executive Board

Board is asked to fill out financial conflict of interest statement and send it in to the executive office.

ISSC 2020 tax return and financial review audit are completed and available for review.

ISSC has received the cooperative agreement grant, the first year in a five year cycle.

The Executive Office recommends invoicing membership for 2022, and getting back to usual biennial meeting schedule in

A motion was made to keep membership rates the same for 2022. The motion was seconded and carried by a voice vote.

## **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS cont.**

### Laboratory Committee

There are currently 19 proposals in front of the lab committee. Ten are new methods, eight are modifications, and one is related to the lab evaluations process. The lab committee has made final recommendations on four proposals

Presented proposal 19136, which seeks to introduce a lab evaluation checklist for liquid chromatography tandem mass spectrometry method for the determination of diarrhetic shellfish poisoning toxins in shellfish. The laboratory committee recommends additional data submission sent out to board be appended to the original proposal so it is captured in original summary of actions at the next biennial meeting. A motion was made to accept the lab committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded and carried by a voice vote.

The lab committee also proposed that the amended checklist that they have recommended be adopted by the board. A motion was made to accept the recommendation. The motion was seconded and carried by a voice vote.

### Federal Waters

Committee voted to recommend to remove the sunset date of November 1st, which was adopted by the board

Established smaller sub committee to recommend guidance, and hope to make their recommendations to the full committee by December

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

### International Trade

Next step is for the language in the export health certificate agreed upon by NOAA and the EU to be reviewed and approved by member states during their committee meetings.

FDA has received a request from the UAE indicating their desire for market access for shellfish exports to the US.

### AFDO/FDA Portal

Budget to be maintained. \$560,000 was awarded to states for equipment and \$202,000 was awarded to states for training.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS cont.**

Research Projects

Research projects were impacted by workforce limitations imposed by COVID, and all have requested extensions.

ISSC has received a final report submitted from the VA Department of Health, and is expecting to receive other two final reports. All final reports will be available on the website.

COVID Strategy

Motion was made to establish a committee to a workgroup be formed to examine COVID strategy and propose any necessary amendments. Motion was seconded and carried by a voice vote.

Suggested that this group be made up of two states, two federal, two industry members and the chair. Original motion was amended to include these details and carried by a voice vote.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

Executive Board Elections

With the change in dates of the biennial meeting, it is not possible for the four year board terms to end at the biennial meeting, as stated in the bylaws.

A motion was made to keep the current board makeup and hold off elections until the biennial meeting in 2023. The motion was seconded and carried by a voice vote.

Reference Repository

Executive office is exploring posting helpful documents in a section of the website that ISSC members can easily access.

Pathogen Review Committee

Motion made to initiate a procedure 14 campylobacter subcommittee. Motion was seconded and carried by a voice vote.

## **XI OTHER**

### Illnesses

CDC has just made call for illness reports from states, and is awaiting data.

A motion was made to go into executive session and excuse non-members of the board. The vote as seconded and carried by a voice vote.

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