Proposal Subject: Qualifications for Standardization

Specific NSSP Guide Reference: NSSP Guide Section IV. Guidance Documents
Chapter III. Harvest, Handling, Processing, Distribution
.02 Shellfish Plant Inspection Standardization Procedures

Text of Proposal/ Requested Action Chapter 3 – Qualifications for Standardization

- Classroom Training – Prior to field standardization, the *Candidate* must successfully complete the following courses:
  - 3 or 2 day Seafood Alliance HACCP (Basic Seafood HACCP)
  - ~~2 day Seafood Regulators Training~~
  - FD 1040 Basic Shellfish Plant Sanitation; and
  - FD 2041 Shellfish State Standardization Officer Training (not recommended for State Standardized inspectors unless specifically offered)

Public Health Significance: The 2-Day Seafood Regulator Training course has been replaced with FD249 Conducting Seafood Inspections. This is a completely revamped course that now focuses on training FDA and state contracted inspectors on the proper way to conduct a Seafood HACCP inspection. This new course does not mention Molluscan shellfish, nor does it help train a standardization officer candidate on how to conduct a shellfish inspection. Currently all FDA Shellfish Specialists, as well as, State Standardization Officers are required to successfully complete the FD241 Shellfish State Standardization Officer Training course. This course teaches attendees how to conduct a shellfish inspection, as well as, how to properly mark the NSSP Shellfish Inspection Form. Therefore, the Conducting Seafood Inspections course will be costly and ineffective based on the cooperative design and implementation aspects of the Shellfish Program. FDA does however believe the new FD249 Conducting Seafood Inspections course to be a very well laid out and good course and would encourage all FDA Shellfish Specialists and State Standardization Officers to take the training when possible.

Cost Information (if available): No additional cost. This will save states and FDA money by not having to send inspectors to this training.

Action by 2009 Task Force III Recommended adoption of Proposal 09-302 as submitted.

Action by 2009 General Assembly Adopted recommendation of 2009 Task Force III on Proposal 09-302.

Action by USFDA 02/16/2010 Concurred with Conference action on Proposal 09-302.