

<b>Proposal for Consideration at the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference 2011 Biennial Meeting</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Growing Area <input type="checkbox"/> Harvesting/Handling/Distribution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative
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<b>Proposal Subject:</b>	Changes to ISSC State Regions	
<b>Specific NSSP Guide Reference:</b>	ISSC Constitution, Bylaws, and Procedures, Definitions, (3) ISSC REGION, Page 3	
<b>Key Words:</b>	ISSC Region, Definitions	
<b>Text of Proposal/ Requested Action:</b>	<p>Change Region 4 to include only the States of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia and move Florida to Region 5.</p> <p>(3) ISSC REGION - geographical grouping of shellfish producing states with similar characteristics and interests, established to provide for fairly distributed representation. The ISSC Regions shall be:</p> <p>Region 1 - Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island          Region 2 - Connecticut, New York, New Jersey          Region 3 - Maryland, Delaware, Virginia          Region 4 - North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, <del>Florida</del>          Region 5 - <u>Florida</u>, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas          Region 6 - Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Hawaii</p>	
<b>Public Health Significance:</b>	<p>The geographical grouping of shellfish producing states into ISSC Regions should be changed to reflect the environment and geographical area of those states. The current grouping includes Florida with the South Atlantic States of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. Florida issues and interests are and have been Gulf Coast related. Changing this geographical grouping of these shellfish producing states would better align the states with similar characteristics and interests. The South Atlantic States of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia should be a separate region from Florida simply due to the geographical differences with the southeast coast.</p>	
<b>Cost Information (if available):</b>		