

Proposal for Consideration at the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference 2011 Biennial Meeting		<input type="checkbox"/> Growing Area <input type="checkbox"/> Harvesting/Handling/Distribution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative
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Proposal Subject:	Internal Authority Self-Assessment Using a National Program Standards Manual	
Specific NSSP Guide Reference:	Section II Model Ordinance Chapter I Shellfish Sanitation Program Requirements for the Authority @.01 Administration	
Key Words:	NSSP Program Evaluation; Comparability	
Text of Proposal/ Requested Action	@.01 Administration A. Scope... B. State Law and Regulations... C. Records... D. Shared Responsibilities... E. Administrative Procedures... F. Epidemiologically Implicated Outbreaks of Shellfish-Related Illness... G. Commingling... <u>H. Program Evaluation. The Authority shall conduct a self-assessment using the National Program Standards Manual and report annually to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration the results of the assessment.</u>	
Public Health Significance:	The purpose of this proposal is to begin discussions on how a self-assessment can be used by Authorities to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of their ability to promote the protection of public health. An assessment conducted by an Authority may encourage continuous improvement and innovation and can assure that individual program activities provide comparability among other domestic and international shellfish programs. The evaluation can be used to assist both the FDA and shellfish Authorities in fulfilling regulatory obligations and ensuring the implementation of the requirements set forth in the NSSP Model Ordinance.	
Cost Information (if available)		