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| 10. Proposal Subject  | Membrane Filtration Technique for Seawater using mEndo Agar LES Checklist  |
| 11. Specific NSSP     | Section IV Guidance Documents, Chapter II. Growing Areas, .15 Evaluation of  |
| Guide Reference       | Laboratories by State Shellfish Laboratory Evaluation Officers Including   |
|                       | Laboratory Evaluation Checklists, NSSP Laboratory Evaluation Checklists, NSSP  |
|                       | Laboratory Evaluation Checklist for Microbiology   |
| 12. Text of Proposal/ | The Requested Action is to adopt the attached checklist for the Membrane   |
| Requested Action      | Filtration Technique for Seawater using mEndo Agar LES and to append the NSSP  |
|                       | Laboratory Evaluation Checklist for Microbiology found at the end of section .15   |
|                       | Evaluation of Laboratories by State Shellfish Laboratory Evaluation Officers Including Laboratory Evaluation Checklists to include this checklist. |
| 13. Public Health     | The NSSP does not have a checklist for Total Coliform analysis on UV Seawater  |
| Significance          | using the NSSP approved method of Membrane Filtration with mEndo Agar LES.   |
| Significance          | Checklists provide quality assurance and method support for laboratories and for   |
|                       | Laboratory Evaluation Officers to standardize and evaluate laboratories which use  |
|                       | approved methods in support of the NSSP. The attached checklist for this NSSP  |
|                       | approved method provides such standardization, quality assurance and background  |
|                       | documentation for method procedures. As a laboratory evaluation tool with critical   |
|                       | and key codes identified it will be used for determination of laboratory   |
|                       | conformance and compliance.  |
| 14. Cost Information  | none   |