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Proposal Subject	Marina Definition
Specific NSSP Guide Reference Text of Proposal/ Requested Action	Section I Purposes and Definitions B. Definition of Terms (71) Marina (71) Marina means any water area with a structure (docks, basin, floating docks, etc.) which is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Used for docking or otherwise mooring vessels to a dock or pier; and (b) Constructed to provide temporary or permanent docking space for more than ten boats.
Public Health Significance	<p>There has been ever increasing pressure to include mooring areas which are not defined in the Model Ordinance into the Marina Proper; Section II- Chapter IV @ .05 Marinas. When the criteria were developed to deal with the classification of Marinas as defined, and the determination of a buffer zone in adjacent waters; mooring areas were purposely not included. It was left to the discretion of the SSCA to determine, classification criteria that could be different from the marina calculations depending on local circumstances and local knowledge. FDA is now interpreting anchors, chains and mooring blocks as “structures “and as such is requiring that mooring areas be treated as Marinas. Structure in the Marina definition means “(docks, basin, floating docks, etc.)” not anchors and chains.</p> <p>There are many different kinds of marinas, some essentially parking lots with no overnight occupancy and others that are destination mooring areas. Some states have outstanding boat pump out programs and large areas, if not the entire state, that are federal No Discharge Areas, in addition to local well enforced no discharge and occupancy regulations or by-laws.</p> <p>SSCAs should be allowed to assess the pollution impact of mooring areas based on actual circumstances and data not just an assumed risk.</p>
Cost Information	NONE, Possible savings to SSCAs
Action By 2017 Task Force I	Recommended referral of Proposal 17-100 to an appropriate committee as determined by the Conference Chair.
Action by 2017 General Assembly	Adopted the recommendation of Task Force I on Proposal 17-100.