

# Conference for Food Protection – Committee Periodic Status Report

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**COMMITTEE NAME:** Food Recovery

**COUNCIL or EXECUTIVE BOARD ASSIGNMENT:** Council I (established by 2014-I-035)

**DATE OF REPORT:** June 22, 2015

**SUBMITTED BY:** John Marcy and Susie McKinley, Committee Co-Chairs

**COMMITTEE MEMBER ROSTER:**

- Roster remains same as last submitted, no changes.

**COMMITTEE CHARGE(s):**

That the retired Food Recovery Committee be re-created and charged to review and revise the *Comprehensive Guidelines for Food Recovery Programs* document (currently posted on the CFP web site) and report back its recommendations to the 2016 CFP Biennial Meeting.

**COMMITTEE'S REQUESTED ACTION FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD (If Applicable):**

None at this time.

**PROGRESS REPORT / COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES WITH ACTIVITY DATES:**

**1. Progress on Overall Committee Activities**

- a. Co-chair Lohotka had to resign from the Committee as her agency was going through severe budget cuts, and she could not spend the time on the work of the Committee. John Marcy, PhD has replaced Lohotka and has moved easily into the position. The committee has met nine times on a recurring monthly schedule (10/13, 11/10, 12/8, 1/12, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13, 5/20, and 6/22). There is good attendance and participation at the teleconference meetings. The committee is well represented by agencies that are applicable to the charge. The one consumer representative is no longer able to participate on the committee. There is one returning member from the previous committee.
- b. There are currently six subcommittees: Date Coding, Wild Game, Food Safety, Small Scale Food Recovery, Food Defense, and Document Outline.
- c. The full Committee has adopted the language to be added to the revised guidelines: Date Coding, Wild Game and Food Defense.
- d. There are still three outstanding areas of language to be discussed and then adopted by the full Committee: Food Safety, Small Scale Food Recovery and the final Document Outline.

**2. Progress Addressing each Assigned Committee Charge**

- a. Charge #1: The committee has thoroughly reviewed the current Food Recovery Comprehensive Guidelines and recognizes that there is significant work to be completed as it is difficult with the current document for agencies and readers accessing it as a resource to find the information that is relevant to food recovery activities. The document is very long and includes information that could be included in references such as flow charts on potentially hazardous foods, decision trees for employee health, and in depth discussion on food defense. While the committee agrees that it is important to make this information accessible to users of the document, the information that is specific to food recovery operations is not readily accessed in the document. Committee members agree that the document should be shortened and increase focus on food recovery food safety issues.
- b. Subcommittees were formed to break up the work and to specifically address the outstanding issues with regards to the rewrite of the Food Recovery Comprehensive Guidelines.
- c. The Committee is working towards completion of the document at the end of August 2015.

**CHARGE #1 IN PROGRESS.**