

Conference for Food Protection – Committee Periodic Status Report

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COMMITTEE NAME: Oyster Committee

COUNCIL or EXECUTIVE BOARD ASSIGNMENT: Council I (established by extracted issue 2014-I-025)

DATE OF REPORT: July 9, 2015

SUBMITTED BY: Lisa Staley and Thomas McMahan, Committee Co-Chairs

COMMITTEE MEMBER ROSTER:

Roster remains same as last submitted, no changes.

COMMITTEE CHARGE(s):

1. Develop recommendations to update section 3-603.11 *Consumer Advisory* regarding raw mulluscan shellfish that have not been treated by a process sufficient to reduce *Vibrio* spp. to an undetectable level, as detected by the *Vibrio vulnificus* testing method in the most current edition of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Bacteriological Analytical Manual.
2. Report back to the 2016 Conference for Food Protection Biennial meeting on the committee's work and submit an issue amending the FDA Food Code as recommended by the committee.

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

PROGRESS REPORT / COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES WITH ACTIVITY DATES:

1. ***Progress on Overall Committee Activities***

The Oyster Advisory Committee has not met since the March Report. There are no substantive changes to report. However it is important to note that the previous Co-Chair, Ms. Sandra Eskin, was replaced with Mr. Thomas McMahan with the approval of the Executive Board on Monday, March 16, 2015. This approval occurred after the submission of the Spring Executive Meeting deadline which was Friday, March 13, 2015. This report acknowledges the transition and an updated roster is attached recognizing this transition.

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

Charge #1: The committee feels that the current language in the 2013 FDA Food Code was sufficient to meet their charge and that no further discussions were needed. However, we do feel that the consumer should be aware of the health concerns when consuming raw oysters, and would like to make a recommendation to the Conference to explore different educational routes such as brochures, to be available to regulators, industry, and consumers to discuss the health concerns of consuming raw oysters especially if the consumer has other health concerns such as, cancer, diabetes, liver disease, etc. In conclusion the committee feels that the charge assigned has been accomplished. **CHARGE #1 COMPLETED.**