

POSSIBLE CHANGES TO REGULATIONS FOR SHELLFISH — Seafood Dealers

The department would like to put the seafood dealer requirements for following the National Shellfish Sanitation Program Model Ordinance into regulation.

The model ordinance requires that dealers must only accept product from a licensed harvester on the day of harvest. It is not legal for seafood dealers to purchase oysters from unlicensed individuals. This action would add the requirement that buyers only buy from commercially licensed harvesters to department regulations. Adding this requirement will make it clear to individuals who are licensed by the department and will also simplify enforcement.

This is a National Shellfish Sanitation Program requirement and the Department of Health has similar regulations.