



SANITARY CONTROL OF SHELLFISH RULES BRIEFING

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Background

 High number of Vibriosis cases in 2021, largely due to exceedingly high temperatures.

- The Department of Health expects the trend of high temperatures to continue.
- Highlighted gaps in the rule and demonstrated the need to explore additional protections.
- The Board delegated emergency rulemaking authority to the Department if heat wave conditions occur before July 1.

Timeline

• February 23, 2022 – CR-101 for permanent rulemaking filed

 October 2022 – April 2023 – Rules Advisory Committee meetings held

- April 2024 First draft of rule sent to Rules Advisory Committee for informal comment
- June 12, 2024 Department rules briefing to the Board

• October 8, 2024 – Last rules briefing to the Board

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Recent Activity

 Rules workshops held in December 2024 and January 2025 for large/medium growers, small growers, and Tribal partners

- Debrief meeting held in February with large/medium, small, and Tribal groups to discuss key themes and resolve differences
- Revision of draft rule language based on feedback from the Rules Advisory Committee

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Next Steps

Second informal comment period

• Further revision of draft rule language

Orafting of CR-102 package

- Significant Analysis
- Small Business Economic Impact Statement

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