

Addendum to AAC Meeting Minutes; July 19, 2019

Further clarification on public question regarding water use for cleaning shellfish (shellstock)

1. National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP); Guide for the Control of Molluscan Shellfish 2017 Revision

Chapter VIII, page 76 of doc, 87 of PDF (Oct. 2017)

Shellstock Washing.

- (1) Shellstock shall be washed reasonably free of bottom sediments as soon after harvesting as practicable.
- (2) The harvester shall be primarily responsible for washing shellstock.
- (3) If shellstock washing is not feasible at the time of harvest, the dealer shall assume this responsibility.
- (4) Water used for shellstock washing shall be obtained from:
 - (a) A potable water source; or
 - (b) A growing area in the:
 - (i) Approved classification; or
 - (ii) In the open status of the conditionally approved classification.

2. N.J.A.C. 7:12-9.15 (e)5; Husbandry and maintenance activities conducted under the Commercial Shellfish Aquaculture Permit (conditions)

Washing of shellfish as part of husbandry and maintenance activities shall use water only from a potable water source or from waters classified as Approved or Conditionally Approved in the open status.

3. Additional information

- a. To ensure well water is “potable”, water must be tested via certified lab. Dealers with well water must have quarterly testing for coliform levels.
- b. All marinas are prohibited water classification, regardless of classification for remainder of waterbody within which the marina is located. This can impact availability of wash water for growers that conduct dockside husbandry or washing of shellstock after harvest.