

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Public Health

Sanitary Code.Molluscan Shell Stock (Chapter IX)

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health intends to amend Chapter IX of the State Sanitary Code, Section 9:052. The proposed rule change is necessary in order to provide an increased level of assurance that shell-stock oysters, clams and mussels are refrigerated (after harvest) in a timely manner. Adoption of this rule is necessary for this program to be in compliance with the latest recommendations of the National Shellfish Sanitation Program.

The text of this proposed rule may be viewed in its entirety in the emergency rule section of this issue of the *Louisiana Register*.

Interested persons may submit questions or written comments to the following address: Charles C. Conrad, Administrator, Commercial Seafood Inspection Program, Box 60630, New Orleans, LA 70160. He is responding to inquires regarding these proposed rule changes. All questions or comments must be received by June 30, 1996. A public hearing on the proposed changes will be held on June 24, 1996 at 10 a.m. in the Fourth Floor Conference Room, the Department of Transportation and Development Annex Building, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA.

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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Sanitary Code.Molluscan Shell Stock

- I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)
There should be no implementation costs or savings.
- II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)
There will be no effect or revenue collections.
- III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)
There is a potential for reduced earnings by the state's shellfish industry. It is not presently possible to come up with a reasonably accurate estimate.
- IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)
There should be no significant impact on competition or employment.

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