Ensuring the safety of shellfish for human consumption

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Oyster production and pathogens

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Human sewage pollution

Norovirus: resistance and persistence





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Norovirus: detection and infectivity



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Safety with regards to Norovirus



News: Cells, Immune Science, Microbiology

Nasty stomach viruses can travel in packs

In mice, rotavirus and norovirus clumps caused more severe infections than viruses working solo

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Human-pathogenic Vibrios

Vibrio vulnificus Low number of cases Fatal in ~50% of the cases

Change in North Atlantic SST (degrees Celsius) over the study period calculated as delta between SST averaged over the years 2000–2011 and 1890–1958.



Vibrio parahaemolyticus High number of cases Spread worldwide

Cases of Vibrio infections reported for Northern European countries (including the Baltic Sea) and Atlantic coast of the United States, 1958–2011.



Human-pathogenic Vibrios: detection



Human-pathogenic Vibrios: virulent strain detection

Vibrio vulnificus



Genotype C & E (Rosche et al. 2005) Ecotype A & B (Kim et al. 2005, Raz et al. 2014)

Marker for virulent strain:



Vibrio parahaemolyticus



Thermostable direct hemolysin gene (*tdh*) Thermostable direct-related hemolysin gene (*trh*)

Marker for pandemic strain:



Safety with regards to human-pathogenic Vibrios



Risk management Predictive models

OYSTER PROCESSING METHODS

Last month, the Food and Drug Administration announced that by 2011, raw Gulf Coast oysters eaten from April through October would have to go through a bacterial treatment process to largely eliminate the risk of a rare but potentially deadly disease. The FDA has now backed off that proposal, but the debate has spurred a new interest in two methods used to treat the ovsters.

BANDING: In both methods, all oysters have bands placed around them to prevent the shells from opening.



HEAT-COOL PASTEURIZATION







Sources: Motivatit Seafoods; AmeriPure Oysters;



Irradiation does not make

foods radioactive, compromise

nutritional quality, or noticeably

appearance of food. In fact, any

changes made by irradiation are

so minimal that it is not easy to

tell if a food has been irradiated.

change the taste, texture, or



Why Irradiate Food?

Irradiation can serve many purposes. Prevention of Foodborne Illness - to effectively eliminate organisms that cause foodborne illness, such as Salmonella and Escherichia coli (E. coli)

Preservation - to destroy or inactivate organisms that cause spoilage and decomposition and extend the shelf life of foods.

Control of Insects - to destroy insects in or on tropical fruits imported into the United States. Irradiation also decreases the need for other pest-control practices that may harm the fruit.

Delay of Sprouting and Ripening - to inhibit sprouting (e.g., potatoes) and delay ripening of fruit to increase longevity

 Sterilization – irradiation can be used to sterilize foods. which can then be stored for years without refrigeration Sterilized foods are useful in hospitals for patients with severely impaired immune systems, such as patients with AIDS or undergoing chemotherapy. Foods that are sterilized by irradiation are exposed to substantially higher levels of treatment than those approved for general use



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Shellfish pathogens & human pathogens: similar approach?



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