

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SAMPLING AND SHIPPING OF SHELLFISH

For Laboratory Testing at BioFoodTech

The following criteria **MUST** be adhered to when collecting and transporting shellfish to BioFoodTech:

- ☞ Shellfish samples shall be kept at a temperature above freezing but lower than 8°C (32-46°F) until they have been received by the lab. Higher temperatures may increase faecal coliform and *Vibrio spp.* counts.
- ☞ A description of the sample containing the following information must accompany the sample to the lab:
 - Date
 - Time
 - Place of Collection
 - Harvest area (lease number)
- ☞ Samples of shellfish shall be collected in clean, waterproof containers durable enough to withstand abrasion of shells during transport.
- ☞ A minimum of 12 shellfish (*Vibrio*) or 250g of meat and liquor (faecal coliforms) shall be collected as a representative sample.
- ☞ Shellfish samples shall be shipped in an insulated container with ice packs or ice. Shellfish should not come in direct contact with the ice.
- ☞ If sending multiple samples, they must be separated from one other.
- ☞ Whenever possible, the sample should be received at the lab on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday.
- ☞ The Lab does not set up samples on Fridays.
- ☞ Additional Sample Submission Forms and Shipping Guidelines can be obtained from the BioFoodTech Website at <http://www.biofoodtech.ca>