

Commercial Aquaculture Health Program Standards

Why USDA APHIS Veterinary Services,
Why Now?

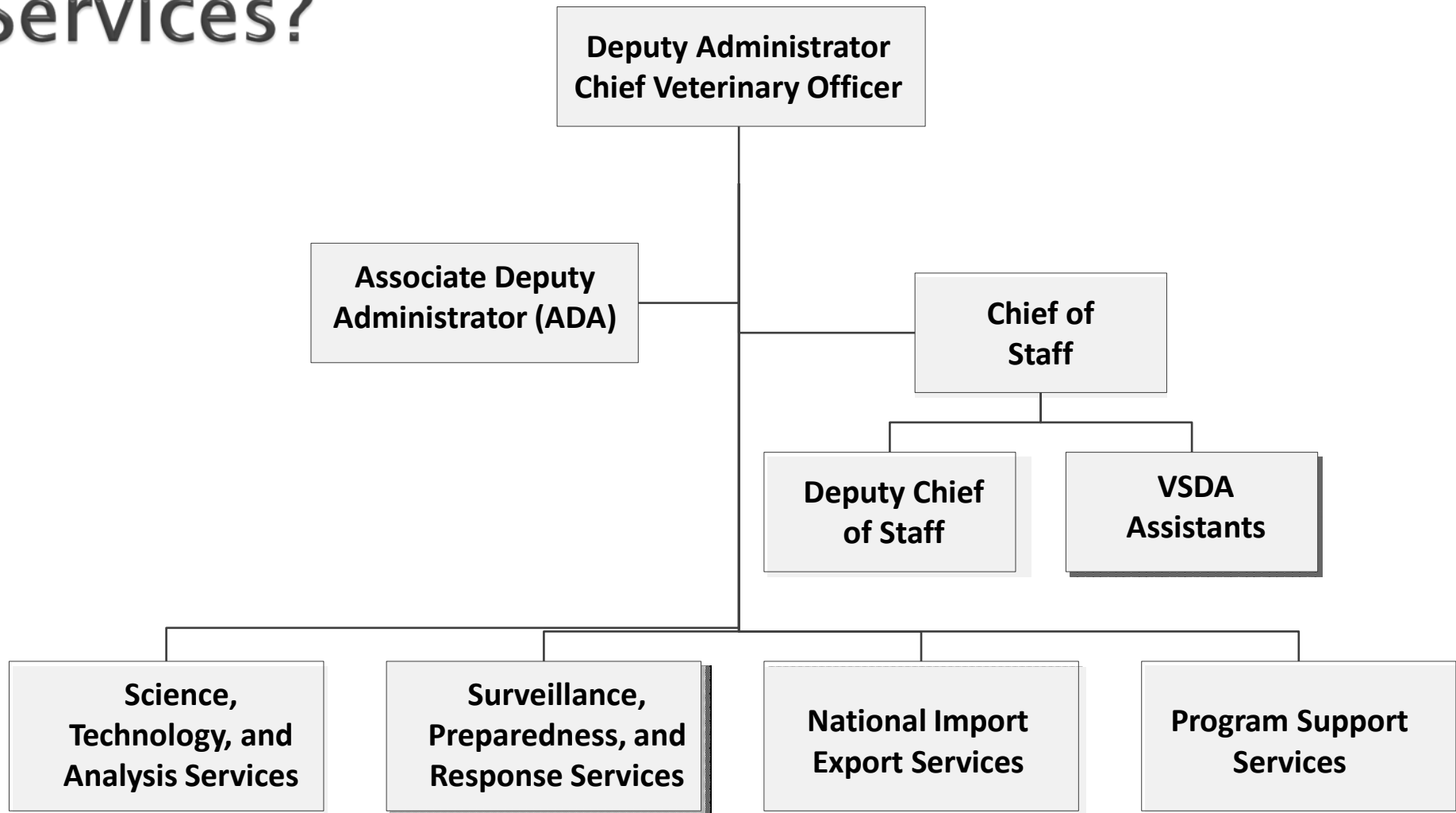


United States Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Why USDA APHIS Veterinary Services?

- ▶ Recognized authority for animal health, including commercial aquaculture, in the United States
 - World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) – Chief Veterinary Officer
 - Reporting of OIE-listed or emerging pathogens
 - Seeking input from stakeholders and providing comments on world recognized health standards and code chapters
 - Voting on proposed changes

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SPRS Mission:

- SPRS applies the competencies of our highly trained workforce to:
 - **engage our stakeholders** and prioritize their needs;
 - **implement scientifically sound epidemiology and surveillance systems;**
 - **prepare and practice animal health and all-hazards response plans;** and
 - **respond to animal health problems with solutions that meet our customers' needs and are appropriate in intensity and scope.**

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NIES Mission:

- ▶ **To safeguard the health of domestic livestock and poultry by inspecting and /or quarantining animals and animal products to mitigate any animal disease risk through risk assessments and sound science.**
- ▶ **To facilitate trade, promote safe movement, negotiate science-based import/export requirements,**
- ▶ **To cooperate and collaborate with international animal health standard setting organizations to develop science-based health measures for safe trade.**

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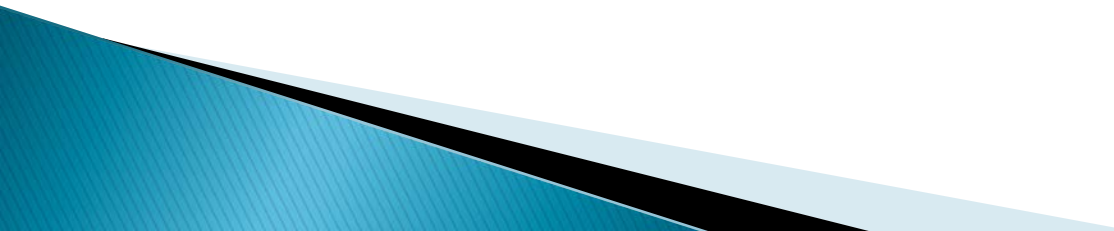
Science, Technology and Analysis Services (STAS)

- Center for Epidemiology and Animal Health (CEAH)
 - **Monitoring and Modeling (M & M).** The vision of the M & M group is to provide comprehensive U.S. animal health information to the world.
 - **Risk Identification and Risk Assessment (RIRA).** RIRA examines all aspects of environmental factors affecting animal health and veterinary public health, including estimates of the likelihood of a damaging event and the resulting consequences.
 - **Surveillance Design and Analysis (SDA).** The SDA mission is to develop and enhance animal health surveillance through collaborative surveillance design, analysis, evaluation, and communication.

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Science, Technology and Analysis Services (STAS)

▶ National Veterinary Services Laboratories

- Providing diagnostic services, reagents, and training in world-class facilities
 - Responding to animal health emergencies
 - Taking an active role in managing the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN)
 - Serving as an international reference laboratory
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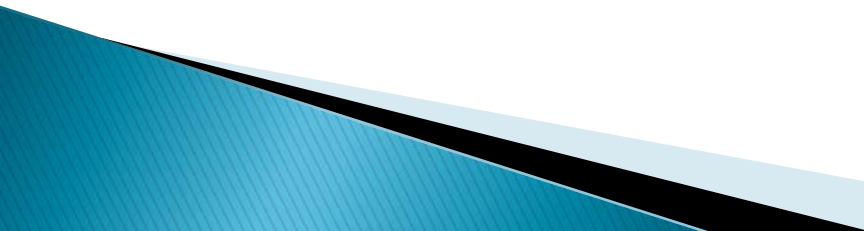
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▶ Center for Veterinary Biologics

- Ensure that the veterinary biologics available for the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of animal diseases are pure, safe, potent, and effective.

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Implementation of the National Aquatic Animal Health Plan (NAAHP)

- Non-regulatory
 - Specific for commercial aquaculture
 - May be utilized as a tool or template to aid other Federal and State authorities when considering public resource protection, management and interstate movement of wild aquatic animals and/or their products
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Why Now?

- ▶ Input from industry/National Aquaculture Association
- ▶ Annual sector meeting with the APHIS Administrator
 - Commitment to hear industry's priorities
 - "Healthy profitable agriculture is good for America"
- ▶ Alternatives to rulemaking
 - Executive Order 13563, "Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review"
 - Regulatory Processes Cannot Keep Pace with Mission Needs
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CHIEF VETERINARY OFFICER

ALTERNATIVES TO
RULEMAKING

SECTOR MEETINGS
WITH APHIS
ADMINISTRATOR

NAA

NATIONAL AQUATIC
ANIMAL HEALTH PLAN

VS INFRASTRUCTURE