

Guide to scoring in shellfish proficiency testing for *E. coli* and *Salmonella*

E. coli MPN scoring

Result	Score allocated
Return of results	2
All replicate MPN results within the expected range	10
Or	
One replicate MPN result reported is outside the expected range and falls between the median $\pm 3SD$ and median $\pm 5SD$ value	7
Or	
Both replicate MPN results are outside the expected range and fall between the median $\pm 3SD$ and median $\pm 5SD$ value	4
Or	
One replicate MPN result reported is outside the median $\pm 5SD$ value	5
Or	
Both replicate MPN results reported is outside the median $\pm 5SD$ value	0
Or	
Single MPN result reported only	5
Or	
Tube combination inconsistent with MPN reported (one replicate)	7
Or	
Tube combination inconsistent with MPN reported (both replicates)	5
Or	
Sample not examined or results returned late - no explanation received	0
Or	
High censored result (e.g. MPN = >18000 per 100g)	Score not allocated

Salmonella spp. scoring

Result	Score allocated
Fully correct results	2
Misleading result, e.g. failure to isolate <i>Salmonella</i>	0