



Initial recommendations from Governance Group Meeting February 2020 – *Bonamia ostreae* work programme

Initial Governance Recommendations made in relation to Report of the Technical Advisory Group 2019 on a return to Flat Oyster Farming:

1. Governance recommends that flat oyster farming in Big Glory Bay should not be permitted to recommence.
2. Governance accepts the TAG findings in relation to the potential risk of the current flat oyster farming operations and hatchery continuing in Horseshoe Bay. It acknowledges the future of this activity is subject to a Resource Consent process through Environment Southland. In the meantime, it requests that Biosecurity New Zealand and Environment Southland prioritise working with the Horseshoe Bay farmers to implement biosecurity improvements.
3. Governance acknowledges the recommendations of the 2019 TAG report concerning the potential of flat oyster farming to occur in other parts of New Zealand (including Marlborough Sounds). It is seeking further advice from Biosecurity New Zealand on the conditions and programmes that would need to be put in place to allow this to happen – including time frames and how this work would be funded.