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## Shellfish safety pioneer signs off

Long serving Marlborough Shellfish Quality Programme CEO Helen Smale has farewelled the aquaculture industry to work alongside her husband Tony at their management and marketing consultancy, Forte Management.

During her 18 years in the industry, Helen worked for the MFA and the NZMIC before joining the MSQP where she was integral in establishing the programme to manage the food safety compliance of shellfish growing waters across the Top of the South. The MSQP is widely regarded as a world-leader in its field – thanks in no small part to Helen's efforts. ■