Appendix 2 – Summary of Hearing procedure

- Hearing opened at 10.49am with Chairpersons welcome.
- Procedure of the Hearing was outlined to those present.
- The Hearings Panel was introduced and included:
 - o Cr Paul Duffy (Chairperson)
 - o Cr Christine Menzies
 - o Mayor Gary Tong
 - o Cr Julie Keast
 - o Cr Margie Ruddenklau
 - o Cr Darren Frazer
- The Council Staff present were introduced and included:
 - o Mrs Fran Mikulicic, Group Manager Environmental Services
 - O Mr Marcus Roy Team Leader Resource Management
 - o Ms Margaret Ferguson, Resource Management Policy Planner
 - o Mrs Rebecca Blyth Senior Environmental Policy Lead
 - O Consultant Lighting Expert Mr Paul Wilson via phone if required
- Submitters:
 - o Alison Undorf-Lay
 - o Jaco Swart
- Ms Ferguson (section 32 author) presented the Plan Change on behalf of Southland District Council. Ms Ferguson briefly outlined the reasons for the plan change and a summary of the key planning issues. She outlined the main issues raised in the submissions and her recommendations.
- Questions were taken from the Hearings Panel.
- Sanford Limited presented in support of their submission. Overall, the presentation outlined that Sanford Limited has an existing Salmon farming operation on Rakiura and provided an overview of how their business works. The presentation outlined lighting plays a key part in delaying the sexual maturity of Salmon within the farm, and the wider financial implications strict lighting controls would have on their business. Further, it outlined that they were aware that there was a jurisdictional limitation with the proposed plan change and the objectives policies and rules would not regulate their activity within the CMA. Despite this they outlined that they wanted to ensure the committee understood the reason why there is artificial lighting within their operation and they also wanted some acknowledgement of their activity within the proposed plan change.
- Questions to the submitter clarifying the submitters position were taken from the Hearings Panel
- Hearing was closed to the public at 11am.
- Hearings Panel went into deliberations.