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Enquiries to: service@es.govt.nz



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Dear Liam

Official Information Request for Fiordland Moose presence in Fiordland National Park (FNP)

I refer to your official information request dated 31 March 2026 for Fiordland Moose – sightings and advice:

"I request the following information regarding the potential continued presence of Moose / Elk (A. alces) in Fiordland National Park, held by Southland Regional Council.

Since 1995:

- *Reports of moose sightings from members of the public.*
- *Any advice to Council on the presence of moose in the Fiordland National Park.*
- *Any other information that would be relevant to determine the current status and history of moose in the Fiordland National Park.*
- *The official position of Southland Regional Council on the "Fiordland moose question".*

We have granted your request in full, and the information you have requested is below.

Environment Southland (Southland Regional Council):

- has no record of moose reports from members of the public
- has provided no advice to Council regarding the presence of moose in Fiordland National Park
- holds no additional information relevant to the status of moose in Fiordland National Park
- holds no official position on moose.

By way of context, Moose are considered a Crown land issue, which comes under the jurisdiction of the Department of Conservation, and they are not included in the [Southland Regional Pest Management Plan](#), which the Council is responsible for.

For now
& our future

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the organisation at service@es.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lucy Hicks". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Lucy Hicks
General Manager Integrated Catchment Management