

# Hunting and Trapping

## Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-10-11

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

Issued at Sitka, Alaska  
5 October, 2011

**Effective Date:** 6 October, 2011

**Expiration Date:** 30 June 2012  
(unless superseded by subsequent  
emergency order)

**EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident brown bear hunting season in the following portions of hunt area RB077; (1) that portion including all of Baranof Island and adjacent smaller islands south of Salisbury Sound (including Kruzof and other adjacent islands), Peril Strait (including Catherine Island), and south of the Peril Strait-Chatham Strait junction. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, October 6, 2011.

**REGULATION:**

Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.020, Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
(3) ...		
Unit 4, that portion including all of Baranof Island and adjacent smaller islands south of Salisbury Sound (including Kruzof and other adjacent Islands), Peril Strait (including Catherine Island), and south of the Peril Strait-Chatham Strait junction	Sept. 15-Oct. 6 (Subsistence and General hunts)	Sept. 15-Oct. 6

1 bear every 4 regulatory years by  
registration permit only

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The remainder of Unit 4 brown bear season, other than those closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.

Cora Campbell  
Commissioner

By delegation to: \_\_\_\_\_  
Philip W. Mooney  
Sitka Area Wildlife Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Biologists have set a maximum guideline harvest objective of 8 males or 2 female bears allowed for that portion of Unit 4 (RB077) including all of Baranof Island and adjacent smaller islands south of Salisbury Sound (including Kruzof and other adjacent islands), Peril Strait (including Catherine Island), and south of the Peril Strait-Chatham Strait junction. As of Tuesday, October 4, 2011, five female bears have been reported harvested. Because the guideline harvest of sows has been exceeded in this area, an emergency order is being issued to close the brown bear hunting season at 11:59 pm, Thursday, October 6, 2011. The emergency order action is necessary to restrict the harvest to the guideline level, and to prevent overharvest in this area. Any additional harvest of female bears could have long-term negative effects on this bear population.

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