

# Hunting and Trapping

## Emergency Order

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 02-17-23

Issued at Kodiak, Alaska  
October 27, 2023

**Effective Date:** 11:59 p.m.  
October 29, 2023

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2024  
unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the State of Alaska resident and nonresident hunting season for elk in a portion of the RE755 registration permit hunt area (Unit 8) at 11:59 p.m., October 29, 2023.

The closed portion of the hunt area includes the Southwest Afognak hunt area (Unit 8), that portion of Afognak Island and adjacent islands south and west of a line from the head of Back Bay (58° 05.3' N. lat., 152° 45.7' W. long.) to Hatchery Peak (58° 07.2' N. lat., 152° 47.5' W. long.) to the head of Malina Bay (58° 09.3' N. lat., 152° 51.0' W. long.).

This emergency order is in addition to closures made by emergency order 02-14-23 issued on October 20, 2023. The remaining portions of the RE755 hunt area not identified in this or previous emergency orders remain open through November 30, 2023 unless closed by emergency order. Kodiak, Ban and Shuyak Islands remain open.

### REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.035 (a) (2), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Elk**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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>
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Unit 8, Southwest Afognak, that portion of Afognak Island and adjacent islands south and		

west of a line from the head of Back Bay (58° 05.3' N. lat., 152° 45.7' W. long.) to Hatchery Peak (58° 07.2' N. lat., 152° 47.5' W. long.) to the head of Malina Bay (58° 09.3' N. lat., 152° 51.0' W. long.)

1 elk by drawing permit only; up to 500 permits may be issued

Sept. 25—Oct. 22  
(General hunt only)

Sept. 25—Oct. 22

1 elk by registration permit only

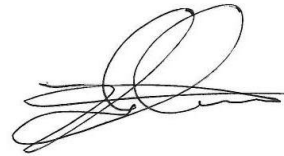
Oct. 23—Oct. 29  
(General Hunt Only)

Oct. 23—Oct. 29

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Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Nathan Svoboda  
Kodiak Area Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

This emergency order closes the elk hunting season by registration permit RE755 on Afognak Island in the Southwest Afognak hunt area. This portion of the registration permit hunt area closes at 11:59 p.m. on October 29, 2023. The elk herds in this portion of the hunt area are estimated to include a total 200 elk. To maintain a stable to slightly increasing population, a harvest objective of 20 elk was established for the hunt area which also includes drawing hunts. As of October 26, 2023, the reported harvest in this area is 16 elk. Favorable weather conditions during registration permit hunt RE755 contributed to hunter success in the area. Harvest is expected to meet the harvest objective by the close of the season announced in this emergency order. The closure is necessary to prevent harvest beyond established harvest objectives, which may impede herd productivity and growth.

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