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## NEWS

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## Chichagof Island and Adjacent Smaller Islands Closed to Brown Bear Hunting

Biologists have set a maximum guideline harvest objective of 14 males or 3 female brown bears allowed for the Chichagof Island portion of the Unit 4 registration brown bear hunt (RB077). High harvest of female bears in this area in previous years has prompted this harvest strategy. As of Friday, September 30, 2011, five female bears have been harvested. Because the guideline harvest for sows has been exceeded in this area, an emergency order is being issued to close the brown bear hunting season at 11:59 pm, Wednesday, October 5, 2011. The emergency order action is necessary to restrict the harvest to the guideline level and prevent overharvest in this area. Any additional harvest could have long term negative effects on this bear population.

**An Emergency Order (01-08-11) was issued to close the brown bear season in this area on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 @ 11:59 pm.**

All other Unit 4 brown bear regulations remain unchanged and are not affected by this Emergency Order. For additional information, please contact the Sitka area office at (907) 747-5449.

