

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-13-11

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Issued at Sitka, Alaska
10 October, 2011

Effective Date: 12 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(unless superseded by subsequent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 Admiralty Island and adjacent smaller islands. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, October 12, 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Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.020, Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(3)		
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Unit 4, that portion including all of Admiralty Island and adjacent smaller islands	Sept. 15-Oct. 12 (Subsistence and General hunts)	Sept. 15-Oct. 12

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 13 males or 3 female bears allowed for that portion of Unit 4 (RB077) including all of Admiralty Island and adjacent smaller islands. As of Friday, October 7, 2011, three female bears have been reported harvested. Because the guideline harvest of females has been met in this area, an emergency order is being issued to close the brown bear hunting season at 11:59 pm, Wednesday, October 12, 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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