

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 02-06-13

Issued at Cordova, Alaska
October 2, 2013

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
November 1, 2013

Expiration Date: June 30, 2014
unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the State of Alaska resident and nonresident doe deer season in Game Management Unit 6 at 11:59 p.m. on October 31, 2013.

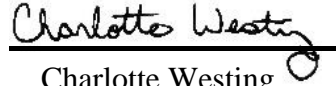
REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.030(5), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Deer**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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
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Unit 6		
RESIDENT HUNTERS		
5 deer; however does may be taken only from Oct. 1 to Oct. 31	Aug. 1—Dec.31 (General hunt only)	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:		
4 deer; however, does may be taken only from Oct. 1 to Oct. 31	Aug. 1—Dec.31 (General hunt only)	
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All other deer hunting regulations in Unit 6 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner



By delegation to: Charlotte Westing
Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

This emergency order closes the doe deer season November 1 in Unit 6. Extraordinary snowfall during the 2011-12 winter resulted in estimated winter mortality in excess of 50% in eastern Prince William Sound (PWS) and 70% in western PWS. Deer pellet counts from 2012 and 2013 support these estimates.

Heavy snowfall often occurs in early winter and concentrates deer on and near beaches in PWS, where they are vulnerable to heavy harvest by boat-based hunters. Reducing the harvest to bucks during this time will allow for the retention of more breeding females and help the population recover faster.

The chairs and members of Advisory Committees in Prince William Sound and many stakeholders have been consulted regarding this closure and there is widespread support for this action. The federal season will close concurrently to allow for reduced regulatory complexity and consistency regardless of land status.

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