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Advisory Announcement

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A Portion of Registration Elk Hunt RE755 Will Close Early

(Kodiak) – Elk hunters on Afognak Island have had good success and reached established harvest objectives in much of the RE755 registration permit hunt area. Consequently, elk hunting by registration permit RE755 in the Southwest Afognak hunt area will close by emergency order at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, October 29, 2023. This closed portion of the hunt area includes 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.).

Afognak Island elk are managed using established harvest guidelines for individual herds and a 10 percent harvest objective for the overall elk population. A harvest objective of 20 elk was established for the Southwest Afognak hunt area and, as of October 26, the combined harvest of elk from drawing and registration permit hunts administered in the area was 16 elk. 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.

This closure is in addition to areas previously not opened for the registration permit hunt this year due to high hunter success during the earlier draw permit seasons. These portions of the RE755 permit hunt area will remain closed; Unit 8 Remainder, that portion of Afognak Island and adjacent islands west of the main north-south logging road (1100 Road) from Danger Bay logging camp north to its terminus at Discoverer Bay and that portion north and east 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.).

Registration hunts for elk of either sex in the remaining portion of the RE755 hunt area including Kodiak, Ban and Shuyak Islands remain open. Elk hunting on Raspberry Island is restricted to hunters with drawing permits. Permits for RE755 are available in person at Kodiak, Anchorage, Palmer, Soldotna, Fairbanks, and Homer Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) offices. Detailed maps are available at the ADF&G office in Kodiak.

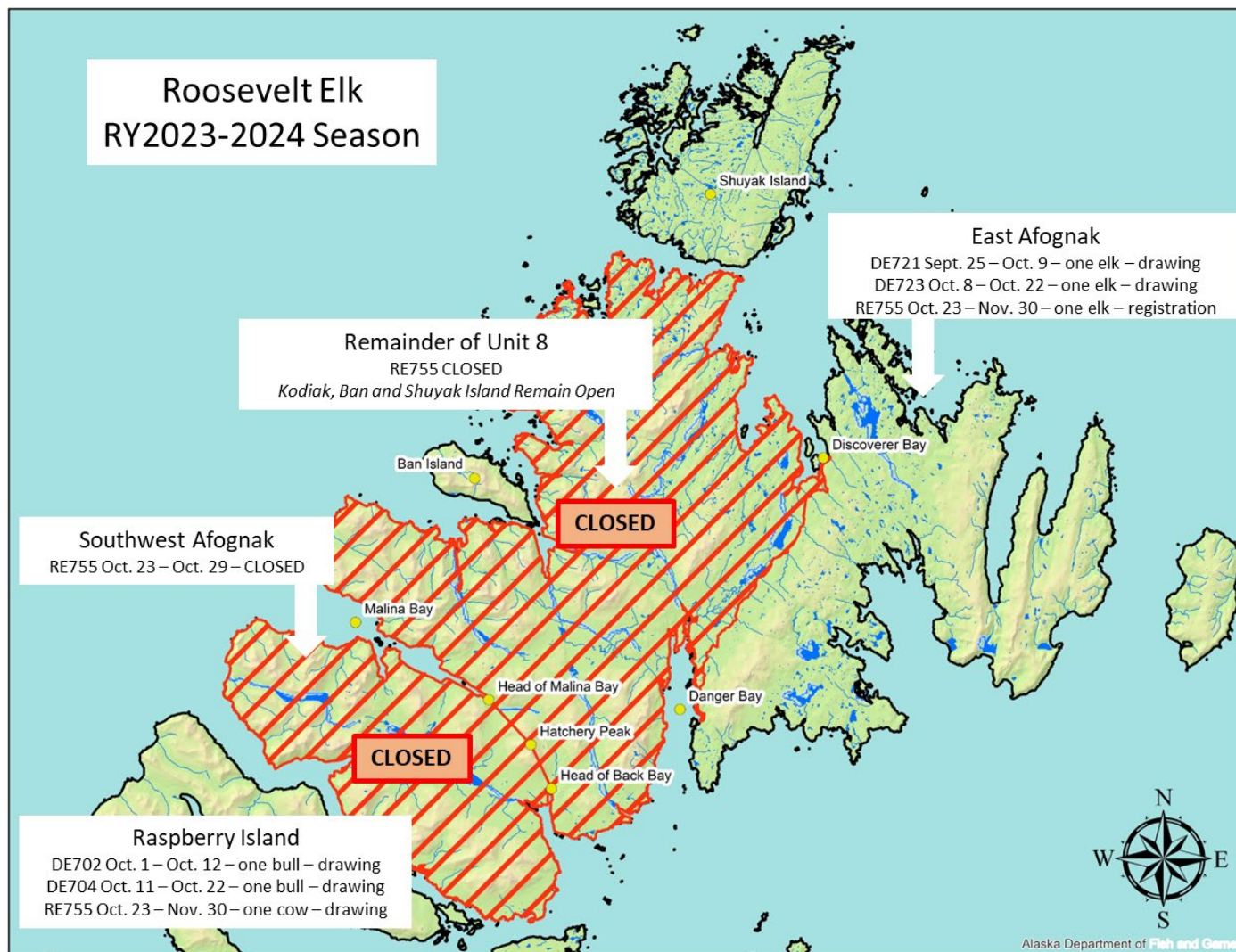
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