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## Most Elk Registration Hunt Areas Close Southwest Afognak to remain open for antlerless elk

Hunters have taken advantage of the recent favorable weather conditions on Afognak Island and have achieved most of the elk harvest targets set by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Consequently, elk hunting on most of Afognak Island will close on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at 11:59 pm. Kodiak, Shuyak, and Ban Islands are also included in this closure.

Hunting season on the southwest portion of Afognak (south and west of a line from the head of Back Bay to Hatchery Peak to the head of Malina Bay) will remain open for antlerless elk for hunters who have picked up a registration permit from an Alaska Department of Fish and Game office. Elk hunting on Raspberry Island is restricted to hunters with drawing permits. Detailed maps are available at the ADF&G office in Kodiak.

Because this revised elk season is restricted to antlerless (cow) elk, successful hunters are reminded that they must retain evidence of the elk's sex naturally attached to the meat until it is taken out of the field and butchered or processed for storage.

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