Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 02-11-17

Issued at Kodiak, Alaska October 27, 2017

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.

October 30, 2017

Expiration Date: June 30, 2018 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the State of Alaska resident and nonresident hunting season for elk in a portion of registration permit hunt area RE755 (Central Afognak) at 11:59 p.m., October 30, 2017. The Central Afognak hunt area includes lands north and east of a line from the head of Back Bay to Hatchery Peak to the head of Malina Bay, and west of the main north-south logging road – or 1100 Road – from the Danger Bay logging camp north to its terminus at Discoverer Bay. The areas south and west of a line from the head of Back Bay to Hatchery Peak to the head of Malina Bay (Southwest Afognak) and east of the main north-south logging road (1100 Road) from Danger Bay logging camp north to its terminus at Discoverer Bay and adjacent islands west of Marmot Strait (Eastern Afognak) remain open. Elk hunting on Kodiak and Shuyak Islands is not affected by this closure.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.035** (a) (2), **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Elk**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts

Nonresident Open Season

Units and Bag Limits

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Remainder of Unit 8 that portion known as Central Afognak

1 elk by drawing permit only; up to 500 permits may be issued

Sept. 25—Oct. 22

Sept. 25—Oct. 22

(General Hunt Only)

Oct. 23—Oct. 30 Oct. 23— Oct. 30 1 elk by registration permit

only (General Hunt Only)

Remainder of Unit 8

1 elk by registration permit Oct. 23—Nov. 30 Oct. 23—Nov. 30 (General Hunt Only)

only

Sam Cotten Commissioner

By delegation to:

Nathan Svoboda Kodiak Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

This emergency order closes elk hunting season in a portion of registration permit hunt area RE755 (Central Afognak) but does not include Southwest or East Afognak or Kodiak and Shuyak Islands. This closure area encompasses the range of the Marka Lake, Portage Lake, and Waterfall elk herds. These herds are estimated to comprise a total 365 elk. To maintain a stable to slightly increasing population, a harvest target of 37 elk was established. As of October 26, 2017, the reported harvest is 31 elk. This closure is necessary to prevent unsustainable harvest.

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