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## An Additional Portion of Registration Elk Hunt RE755 Will Close Early

(Kodiak) – Elk hunters on Afognak Island this fall have had good success and have reached established harvest objectives in portions of the RE755 registration hunt area. Consequently, elk hunting in an additional portion of the RE755 registration hunt area will close by emergency order on Friday, November 8, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. The closed portion of the hunt area includes areas north and east of the main north-south logging road (1100 Road) from Danger Bay logging camp north to its terminus at Discoverer Bay.

Afognak Island elk are managed using established harvest guidelines for individual herds and a 10 percent harvest objective for the overall elk population. As of November 5, hunters had reported taking 24 elk from a quota of 25 in that portion of the hunt area. With hunters still in the field, biologists anticipate the harvest quota will be reached prior to this closure taking effect; additional harvest would be excessive and could impede herd productivity and growth.

Registration hunts for elk of either sex remain open on portions of Southwest Afognak (south and west of a line from the head of Back Bay to Hatchery Peak to the head of Malina Bay) and most of the Remainder hunt area. A portion of the Remainder hunt area was closed on October 27, 2019, the part of the Kodiak Road System including the area east of a line from the mouth of the Olds River, to Lake Rose Teed, to the head of Pasagshak Bay at the mouth of Zenter Stream, and all areas on Kodiak Island east and north of Pasagshak Road including the Chiniak area, Sacramento Valley, Shaft Peak, and the Marin Range north of Narrow Cape, as previously described in Emergency Order 02-11-19. Elk hunting on Raspberry Island is restricted to hunters with drawing permits.

Detailed maps are available at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game office in Kodiak.

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