Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 02-14-14

Issued at Kodiak, Alaska
October 21, 2014

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
October 22, 2014

Expiration Date: June 30, 2015
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the State of Alaska resident and non-resident hunting season for bull (antlered) elk in registration permit hunt RE755 on all portions of Afognak, Kodiak, and adjacent islands at 11:59 PM, October 22, 2014. Elk hunting for the remainder of unit 8 including Raspberry Island is not affected.

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Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.035 (a) (2), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Elk, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

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Units and Bag Limits

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Unit 8, Southwest Afognak, 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.)
1 cow elk by registration permit only

Unit 8, Eastern Afognak, that portion of Afognak Island east of the main north-south logging road (1100 road) from the Danger Bay logging camp at 58°08.2’ N. lat., 152°32.9’ W. long., north to its terminus at Discoverer Bay at 58°19.6’ N. lat., 152°21.8’ W. long., and adjacent islands west of Marmot Strait

1 cow elk by registration permit only

Remainder of Unit 8

1 cow elk by registration permit only

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Cora Campbell
Commissioner

by delegation to:

Nathan Svoboda
Kodiak Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

This emergency order closes the bull elk hunting season throughout all portions of Afognak, Kodiak, and adjacent islands that encompass registration permit hunt area RE755. Following back-to-back harsh winters in 2010-11 and 2011-12 the bull:cow ratio on Afognak Island is low with an estimated 10 bulls per 100 cows. An extensive road system built to accommodate expanded logging activity provides increased hunter accessibility raising concerns regarding elk vulnerability. This emergency order reduces bull harvest rates to ensure an adequate bull:cow ratio while still
providing harvest opportunities for female elk. Harvest of female elk will be closely monitored to ensure overharvest does not occur.

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