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A Portion of Afognak Registration Elk Hunt RE755 Closes by Emergency Order

(Kodiak) – Elk hunters on Afognak Island this fall have taken advantage of mild weather and the island’s extensive logging road system to reach harvest objectives in portions of the RE755 registration hunt area. Consequently, elk hunting in the registration hunt area (Central Afognak) will close by emergency order on Monday, October 30, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. 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.

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 October 26, hunters had reported taking 31 elk from a quota of 37 in the Central Afognak 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 Southwest Afognak (south and west of a line from the head of Back Bay to Hatchery Peak to the head of Malina Bay), East Afognak (east of the main north-south logging road – or 1100 Road – from the Danger Bay logging camp north to its terminus at Discoverer Bay), and on Kodiak and Shuyak Islands. 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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Note: See map on next page.

Roosevelt Elk 2017 Season

Central Afognak - CLOSED

*does not include Kodiak or Shuyak Islands,
Kodiak and Shuyak Islands remain open*

DE715 Sept. 25 - Oct. 9 - one elk - drawing
DE717 Oct. 8 - Oct. 22 - one elk - drawing
RE755 Oct. 23 - Oct. 30 - one elk - registration

East Afognak

DE721 Sept. 25 - Oct. 9 - one elk - drawing
DE723 Oct. 8 - Oct. 22 - one elk - drawing
RE755 Oct. 23 - Nov. 30 - one elk - registration

CLOSED

Southwest Afognak

DE711 Sept. 25 - Oct. 9 - one bull - drawing
DE713 Oct. 8 - Oct. 22 - one cow - drawing
RE755 Oct. 23 - Nov. 30 - one elk - registration

Raspberry Island

DE702 Oct. 1 - Oct. 12 - one bull - drawing
DE704 Oct. 11 - Oct. 22 - one bull - drawing
RE706 Oct. 23 - Nov. 30 - one cow - drawing

