Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 02-11-19

Issued at Kodiak, Alaska
October 26, 2019

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
October 27, 2019

Expiration Date: June 30, 2020
unless superseded by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 (Unit 8) at 11:59 p.m., October 27, 2019. The area closing is part of the Remainder of Unit 8, that portion of the Kodiak Road System including the area east of a line from the mouth of the Olds River (57°35′27.50″N, 152°26′36.20″W), to Lake Rose Teed, to the head of Pasagshak Bay at the mouth of Zenter Stream (57°28′05.99″N, 152°29′18.81″W), 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. This closure also includes the Pasagshak Point and Narrow Cape areas of Kodiak Island. Elk hunting on the remaining portion of Kodiak Island is not affected by this closure and remains open.

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Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.035 (a) (2), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Elk, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

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1 elk by drawing permit only; up to 500 permits may be issued  
Sept. 25—Oct. 22  
(General hunt only)

1 elk by registration permit only  
Oct. 23—Oct. 27  
(General Hunt Only)

Remainder of Unit 8

1 elk by drawing permit only; up to 500 permits may be issued  
Sept. 25—Oct. 22  
(General hunt only)

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

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Nathan Svoboda  
Kodiak Area Biologist
JUSTIFICATION:

This emergency order closes the elk hunting season in a portion of the registration permit hunt area RE755 on Kodiak Island that opened October 23. A portion of the registration permit hunt area will close as of 11:59 p.m. on October 27, 2019. A number of privately-owned, domesticated Rocky Mountain elk have recently been identified outside of their grazing lease enclosure and have been located in a portion of the registration elk hunt area (RE755), specifically along the Kodiak Road System. Although somewhat similar in appearance, Rocky Mountain elk are a separate species of elk and are genetically different than the Roosevelt elk population that exists on Afognak and Raspberry Islands in Game Management Unit 8. In an effort to focus harvest on wild Roosevelt elk in the rest of the RE755 hunt area, elk hunting in this portion of the registration hunt area will be closed. Very few Roosevelt elk have been harvested in this area in previous years.

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