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A Portion of Registration Elk Hunt RE755 Will Not Open

(Kodiak) – Elk hunters on Afognak Island this fall have taken advantage of mild weather to reach established harvest objectives during the recent drawing hunt, which include portions of the RE755 registration hunt area. Consequently, elk hunting in a portion of the RE755 registration hunt area (portion of "Remainder") will not open this year and will be closed by emergency order on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. The closed portion of the Remainder hunt area includes areas 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 (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 October 17, hunters had reported taking 36 elk from a quota of 37 in that portion of the Remainder 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 will open October 23 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 the portion of the Remainder hunt area as described including Kodiak, Ban, 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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