

**PROPOSAL 209**

**5 AAC 85.035. Hunting seasons and bag limits for elk.**

**5 AAC 92.050. Required permit hunt conditions and procedures.**

Reallocate four permits each, from elk drawing permit hunts DE715, DE717, DE721, and DE723 to resident registration hunts, with 8 permits available for pick up in Ouzinkie and 8 in Port Lions as follows:

<b>Units &amp; Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
(2)		
Unit 8, Raspberry Island  1 bull elk by drawing permit only; up to 100 permits will be issued	Oct. 1-Oct. 22 (General hunt only)	Oct. 1-Oct. 22
1 antlerless elk by drawing permit only; up to 200 permits will be issued	Oct. 23-Nov. 30 (General hunt only)	Oct. 23-Nov. 30
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° 05.3'8 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 elk by drawing permit only; up to 500 permits will be issued	Sept. 25 - Oct. 22 (General hunt only)	Sept. 25 - Oct. 22
1 elk by registration permit only	Oct. 23 - Nov. 30 (General hunt only)	Oct. 23 - Nov. 30
Unit 8, Eastern Afognak, that portion of Afognak Island east of the main north-south log-		

ging road (1100 road) from the Danger Bay logging camp at 58 ° 08.2' N. lat., 152 ° 32.98 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 elk by drawing permit only; up to 500 permits may be issued; <b><u>or</u></b>	Sept. 25 - Oct. 22 (General hunt only)	Sept. 25 - Oct. 22
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<b><u>1 elk by registration permit only; or</u></b>	<b><u>Sept. 25 – Oct. 22 (General hunt only)</u></b>	<b><u>No open season.</u></b>
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1 elk by registration permit only	Oct. 23 - Nov. 30 (General hunt only)	Oct. 23 - Nov. 30
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Remainder of Unit 8

1 elk by drawing permit only; up to 500 permits may be issued; <b><u>or</u></b>	Sept. 25 - Oct. 22 (General hunt only)	Sept. 25 - Oct. 22
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<b><u>1 elk by registration permit only; or</u></b>	<b><u>Sept. 25 – Oct. 22 (General hunt only)</u></b>	<b><u>No open season.</u></b>
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1 elk by registration permit only	Oct. 23 - Nov. 30 (General hunt only)	Oct. 23 - Nov. 30
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**5 AAC 92.050. Required permit hunt conditions and procedures.**

(a) The following conditions and procedures for permit issuance apply to each permit hunt:

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 (4) permit issuance:

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**(J) four resident registration permits for the early season elk hunt in 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 ° 32.98 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; and four resident registration permits for the early season elk hunt**

**in the remainder of Unit 8 will be made available in Ouzinkie; and four resident registration permits for the early season elk hunt in 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 ° 32.98 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; and four resident registration permits for the early season elk hunt in the remainder of Unit 8 will be made available in Port Lions; the number of elk drawing permits issued will be reduced accordingly for drawing hunts in those areas during those seasons;**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** During the January 2023, Southeast Region Board of Game (board) meeting, the board agreed to generate a proposal to reallocate elk drawing permit hunts from DE715, DE717, DE721, and DE723, to resident registration hunts, available in the communities of Ouzinkie (eight permits, two from each drawing hunt) and Port Lions (eight permits, two from each drawing hunt). Under the current hunt structure, the Department of Fish and Game exercised its discretionary authority to create early and late hunts in the Eastern Afognak area (DE721/723) and Unit 8 Remainder (DE715/717) for elk drawing hunts.

The board generated proposal is based upon Proposal 199, which the board lacks authority to adopt because it restricts eligibility based upon residence. The board generated proposal removes the eligibility restriction, making permits available for all resident hunters, similar to the musk ox registration hunt on Nelson Island, in Unit 18. The proposal is intended to prevent lost opportunity

The proposal will be considered at the Southcentral Region meeting scheduled for March 17 - 22, 2023.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Board of Game (HQ-F22-BG2)  
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