Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 02-12-25

Issued at Kodiak, Alaska October 21, 2025

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.

October 22, 2025

Expiration Date: June 30, 2026 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order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 the RE755 registration permit hunt area (Unit 8) at 11:59 p.m., October 22, 2025.

The closed portion of the hunt area includes the Southwest Afognak hunt area and the Eastern Afognak hunt area.

The remaining portions of the RE755 hunt area not identified in this emergency order remain open through November 30, 2025 unless closed by emergency order.

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Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.035** (a) (2), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Elk, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts

Nonresident Open Season

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° 05.38' N. lat., 152° 45.7' W. long.) to Hatchery Peak (58° 07.2' N. lat.,

| 152° 47.5' W. long.) to the |
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| head of Malina Bay (58° 09.3' |
| N. lat., 152° 51.0' W. long.) |

| 1 elk by drawing permit |
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| only; up to 500 |
| permits may be issued |

| Sept. 25—Oct. 22 |
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| (General hunt only) |

Sept. 25—Oct. 22

1 elk by registration permit only

No Open Season (General Hunt Only) No Open Season

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° 08.20' N. lat., 152° 32.98' W. long., north to its terminus at Discoverer Bay at 58° 19.60' N. lat., 152° 21.80'W. long., and adjacent islands west of Marmot Strait.

| 1 elk by drawing permit | |
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| only; up to 500 | |
| permits may be issued; or | |

Sept. 25—Oct. 22 (General hunt only)

Sept. 25—Oct. 22

1 elk by registration permit only; or

Sept. 25—Oct. 22 (General hunt only)

No Open Season

1 elk by registration permit only

No Open Season (General Hunt Only) No Open Season

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Doug Vincent-Lang Commissioner

By delegation to:

Nathan Svoboda Kodiak Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

This emergency order closes the elk hunting season by registration permit RE755 on Afognak Island in the Southwest Afognak hunt area and the Eastern Afognak hunt area. This portion of the registration permit hunt area closes at 11:59 p.m. on October 22, 2025. The elk herds in this portion of the hunt area are estimated to include a total 400 elk. To maintain a stable to slightly increasing population, a harvest objective of 41 elk was established for these hunt areas collectively which include a combination of drawing and registration permit hunt opportunities. As of October 20, 2025, the reported harvest in this area was 37 elk. Hunters currently remain in the field, and it is likely additional elk have been taken and not yet reported to the department. The closure in these areas is necessary to prevent harvest beyond established harvest objectives, which may impede herd productivity and growth.

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