

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. R2-16-26

Issued at Kodiak, Alaska
October 26, 2026

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
October 28, 2026

Expiration Date: June 30, 2027
unless superseded by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 28, 2026.

The closed portion of the hunt area includes Eastern Afognak, that portion of Afognak Island east of the main north-south logging road (1100 Road) from Danger Bay logging camp (58° 08.2' N. lat., 152° 32.9' W. long.) north to its terminus at Discoverer Bay (58° 19.6' N. lat., 152° 21.8' W. long.).

This emergency order is in addition to closures made by emergency order R2-15-26 issued on October 20, 2026. The remaining portions of the RE755 hunt area not identified in this or previous emergency orders remain open through December 31, 2026 unless closed by emergency order. Kodiak, Ban and Shuyak Islands remain 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Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.035 (a) (2), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Elk**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

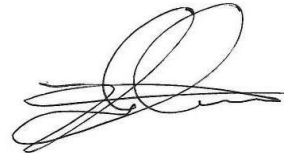
Units and Bag Limits	Resident	
	Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 8, Eastern Afognak, that portion of Afognak Island east of the main north-south logging		

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 only; up to 500 permits may be issued	Sept. 25—Oct. 22 (General hunt only)	Sept. 25—Oct. 22
1 elk by registration permit only	Sept. 25—Oct. 22 (General Hunt Only)	No Open Season
1 elk by registration permit only	Oct. 23—Oct. 28 (General Hunt Only)	Oct. 23—Oct. 28
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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 in the Eastern Afognak hunt area. This portion of the registration permit hunt area closes at 11:59 p.m. on October 28, 2026. The elk herds within this portion of the hunt area are estimated to include a total of 160 elk. To maintain a stable to slightly increasing population, a harvest objective of 16 elk was established for the hunt area which also includes drawing hunts. As of October 26, 2026, the reported harvest in this area is 15 elk. Hunters remain in the field, and it is likely additional elk have been taken and not yet reported. The closure in this area is necessary to prevent harvest beyond established harvest objectives, which may impede herd productivity and growth.