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Afognak Island Registration Elk Hunt Closes by Emergency Order

(Kodiak) – Elk hunters on Afognak Island this fall have taken advantage of mild weather and the island's extensive logging road system to reach harvest objectives in the RE755 registration hunt area. Consequently, elk hunting in all portions of the registration hunt area will close by emergency order on Saturday, November 12, 2016, at 11:59 p.m.

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 November 9, hunters had reported taking 65 elk from a quota of 84 in the registration hunt area. With hunters still in the field, biologists anticipate the harvest objective will be reached prior to the closure taking effect; additional harvest would be excessive and could impede herd productivity and growth.

Drawing permit hunt DE706 on nearby Raspberry Island remains open to hunters with DE706 permits. Detailed maps are available at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game office in Kodiak. For more information, contact Kodiak Area Biologist Nathan Svoboda at (907) 486-1880, or nathan.svoboda@alaska.gov.

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