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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **A Portion of Afognak Registration Elk Hunt RE755 Closes by Emergency Order**

(Kodiak) – Elk hunters on Afognak Island this fall have taken advantage of mild weather to reach harvest objectives in portions of the RE755 registration hunt area. Consequently, elk hunting in a portion of the RE755 registration hunt area will close by emergency order on Sunday, November 11, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. The closed portion of the hunt area includes areas north and east of a line from the head of Discoverer Bay to the head of Saposa Bay (Eastern Afognak).

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 16 elk from a quota of 14 in that portion of the hunt area. With hunters still in the field, biologists anticipate the harvest quota may be further exceeded 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 remain open on those portions of Afognak Island north and west of a line from the head of the north arm of Paramanof Bay to the peak of Iceberg Mountain to the head of Little Waterfall Bay, and including Kodiak, Ban, and Shuyak Islands. Elk hunting on Raspberry Island is not affected by this closure. 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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# Roosevelt Elk 2018 Season

**Remainder of Unit 8**  
*Kodiak, Ban, and Shuyak Islands remain open*  
 DE715 Sept. 25 - Oct. 9 - one elk - drawing  
 DE717 Oct. 8 - Oct. 22 - one elk - drawing  
 RE755 Oct. 23 - Nov. 30 - one elk - registration

**East Afognak**  
 DE721 Sept. 25 - Oct. 9 - one elk - drawing  
 DE723 Oct. 8 - Oct. 22 - one elk - drawing  
 RE755 Oct. 23 - Nov. 30 - one elk - registration



**Raspberry Island**  
 DE702 Oct. 1 - Oct. 12 - one bull - drawing  
 DE704 Oct. 11 - Oct. 22 - one bull - drawing  
 RE706 Oct. 23 - Nov. 30 - one cow - drawing

**Southwest Afognak**  
 DE711 Sept. 25 - Oct. 9 - one bull - drawing  
 DE713 Oct. 8 - Oct. 22 - one cow - drawing  
 RE755 Oct. 23 - Nov. 30 - one elk - registration

