

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 02-12-15

Issued at Kodiak, Alaska
November 3, 2015

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
November 4, 2015

Expiration Date: June 30, 2016
unless superseded by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 registration permit hunt area RE755 (central Afognak) at 11:59 p.m., November 4, 2015. The areas south and west of a line from the head of Back Bay to Hatchery Peak to the head of Malina Bay (Southwest Afognak) and east of the main north-south logging road (1100 Road) from Danger Bay logging camp north to its terminus at Discoverer Bay and adjacent islands west of Marmot Strait (Eastern Afognak) remain open. Elk hunting on Kodiak and Shuyak Islands is not affected by this closure.

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Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.035 (a) (2), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Elk**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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
(2) ...		
Remainder of Unit 8 that portion known as Central Afognak		
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

Oct. 23—Nov. 4
(General Hunt Only)

Oct. 23—Nov. 4

Remainder of Unit 8

1 elk by registration permit only

Oct. 23—Nov. 30
(General Hunt Only)

Oct. 23—Nov. 30

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Sam Cotten
Commissioner

by delegation to:



Nathan Svoboda
Kodiak Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

This emergency order closes elk hunting season in a portion of registration permit hunt area RE755 (central Afognak) but does not include Southwest or East Afognak or Kodiak and Shuyak Islands. This area encompasses the range of the Marka Lake, Portage Lake, and Waterfall elk herds. These herds are estimated to comprise a total 325 elk. To maintain a stable to slightly increasing population, a harvest target of 33 elk was established. As of November 3, 2015, the reported harvest is 26 elk. We anticipate reaching the harvest target prior to this closure taking effect and any additional harvest would be excessive and could impede herd productivity and growth.

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