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A Portion of Registration Elk Hunt RE755 Will Not Open

(Kodiak) – Elk hunters on Afognak Island this fall have taken advantage of mild weather to reach established harvest objectives during the recent drawing hunt, which include portions of the RE755 registration hunt area. Consequently, elk hunting in a portion of the RE755 registration hunt area (portion of “Remainder”) and Southwest Afognak will not open this year and will be closed by emergency order on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. The closed portion of the Remainder hunt area and Southwest Afognak includes areas west of the main north-south logging road (1100 Road) from the Danger Bay logging camp (58° 08.2’ N, 152° 32.9’W) north to its terminus at Discoverer Bay (58° 19.6’ N, 152° 21.8’ W).

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 October 21, hunters had reported taking 54 elk from a quota of 52 in that portion of the Remainder hunt area and Southwest Afognak. Additional harvest would be excessive and could impede herd productivity and growth.

Registration hunts for elk of either sex will open October 23 on East Afognak (east of the main north-south logging road [1100 Road] from the Danger Bay logging camp north to its terminus at Discoverer Bay), and the portion of the Remainder hunt area including Kodiak and Shuyak islands. 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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