

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 01-13-12

Issued at Sitka, Alaska
26 November, 2012

Effective Date: 28 November, 2012

Expiration Date: 30 June 2013
(unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident brown bear hunting season in the following portions of hunt area RB077; (1) that portion including all of Baranof Island and adjacent smaller islands south of Salisbury Sound (including Kruzof and other adjacent islands), Peril Strait (including Catherine Island), and south of the Peril Strait-Chatham Strait junction. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, November 28, 2012.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.020, Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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
(3) ...		
Unit 4, that portion including all of Baranof Island and adjacent smaller islands south of Salisbury Sound (including Kruzof and other adjacent islands), Peril Strait (including Catherine Island), and south of the Peril Strait-Chatham Strait junction	Sept. 15-Nov. 28 (Subsistence and General hunts)	Sept. 15-Nov. 28

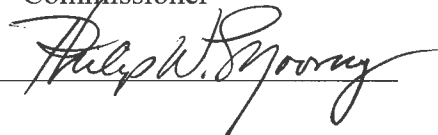
1 bear every 4 regulatory years by
registration permit only

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The remainder of Unit 4 brown bear seasons, other than those closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:
Philip W. Mooney



Sitka Area Wildlife Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Biologists have set a maximum mortality objective of 8 males or 2 female bears allowed for that portion of Unit 4 (RB077) including all of Baranof Island and adjacent smaller islands south of Salisbury Sound (including Kruzof and other adjacent islands), Peril Strait (including Catherine Island), and south of the Peril Strait-Chatham Strait junction. As of Monday, November 26, 2012, nine female bears have been killed. Because the guideline mortality objective for female bears has been exceeded in this area, an emergency order is being issued to close the brown bear hunting season at 11:59 pm, Wednesday, November 28, 2012. The emergency order action is necessary to restrict the mortality to the guideline level, and to prevent additional mortality in this area. Any additional mortality of female bears could have long-term negative effects on this bear population.

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