

Division of Wildlife Conservation
Doug Vincent-Lang, Acting Director
Region I – Southeast Alaska
802 3rd Street
Douglas, AK 99824-5412
(907) 465-4265



Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Cora Campbell, Commissioner
PO Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811-5526
www.adfg.alaska.gov

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release: October 19, 2012

CONTACT: Larry Van Daele
Area Management Biologist (907) 486-1880

Afognak Island Antlerless Elk Registration Hunt Opens **Southeast portion of Afognak to remain closed** **Bull Season closes**

As the 2012 registration permit hunt for elk is set to open, the Department of Fish and Game is announcing two adjustments to this year's hunt.

Hunting for antlerless elk on most of Afognak Island will open on Saturday, October 23, 2010 for hunters who have picked up a registration permit from an Alaska Department of Fish and Game office. Kodiak, Shuyak, and Ban islands are also included in this opening. The southeastern portion of Afognak (circumscribed by a line running from the head of the northwest arm of Kazakof Bay to the peak of Shepard's Ridge to the north tip of Gretchen Lake to the western side of the mouth of Saposa Bay) will be closed. Elk hunting on Raspberry Island is restricted to hunters with drawing permits. Detailed maps are available at the ADF&G office in Kodiak.

The registration hunt was slated to be open for either sex of elk and include all of Afognak Island, but ADF&G has issued an emergency order to close hunting on the southeastern portion of Afognak Island. The order also restricts the bag limit in the remaining areas to antlerless (cow) elk. Hunters have already taken the harvest quota from the Duck Mountain herd. The remaining herds have an unacceptably low number of bulls, and any additional harvest would be excessive and may jeopardize future productivity.

Because this revised elk season is restricted to antlerless (cow) elk, successful hunters are reminded that they must retain evidence of the elk's sex naturally attached to the meat until it is taken out of the field and butchered or processed for storage.

###