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COVID-19 FOOD SECURITY COMMUNITY HARVEST FOR THE ORGANIZED VILLAGE OF KAKE

EMERGENCY SPECIAL ACTION

Under Authority of: 36 CFR 242.10 and .19
50 CFR 100.10 and .19

Emergency Special Action No: WSA19-14

Issued at: Petersburg Alaska, June 24, 2020

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Monday, Aug 22, 2020 unless superseded by subsequent special action

EXPLANATION: This Emergency Special Action authorizes a Kake community harvest permit allowing the Organized Village of Kake to harvest up to 2 antlered bull moose and 5 male Sitka black-tailed deer per month from Thursday, June 24, 2020 to Sunday, August 22, 2020. Participation in the season is limited to Federally qualified subsistence users selected by the Organized Village of Kake. Harvest levels, up to the maximum harvest set by this special action, will be dictated by the in-season manager on the harvest permit. A 30 day review by the in-season manager will determine the need for an additional 30 day harvest limit for a total community harvest of up to 4 antlered bull moose and 10 male deer.

REGULATION: 36 CFR §242.26(n)(3) and 50 CFR §100.26(n)(3) are temporarily modified to read:

Unit 3 – Moose

1 antlered bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or 3 or more brow tines on either antler, or antlers with 2 brow tines on both sides by State registration permit only Sep. 15-Oct. 15.

Kupreanof Island, that portion west of the Portage Bay-Duncan Canal Portage – Community harvest limit of up to 4 antlered bull moose for the community of Kake by Federal community harvest permit only June. 24-Aug. 22.

Unit 3 -- Deer

Unit 3-Mitkof, Woewodski, and Butterworth Islands – 1 antlered deer Oct. 15-31.

Unit 3-Kupreanof Island, that portion east of the Portage Bay-Duncan Canal Portage – 1 antlered deer Oct. 15-31.

Unit 3, remainder – 2 antlered deer

Aug.1 - Nov.30.
Dec.1 - Dec. 31,
Season to be
announced.

Unit 3-Kupreanof Island, that portion west of the Portage Bay-Duncan
Canal Portage – Community harvest limit of up to 10 bucks for the
community of Kake by Federal community harvest permit only

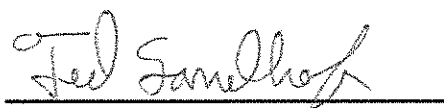
June. 24-Aug. 22.

JUSTIFICATION:

On June 22, 2020, the Federal Subsistence Board approved WSA19-14, which requested an emergency moose and deer season for the community of Kake in Unit 3. The Board approved an up to 60 day season during summer 2020 for the community of Kake, with a community harvest limit of up to 4 bull moose and up to 10 male Sitka black-tailed deer. The hunt will be administered by the U.S. Forest Service, Petersburg District Ranger. The Board supported this emergency season for reasons of public safety related to food security concerns in Kake due to intermittent and unreliable food deliveries caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and limited ferry service. The Board additionally noted that no conservation concerns exist for resources as a result from this request.

The community harvest presents no known conservation concern for the growing population of moose and stable population of Sitka black-tailed deer in the harvest area. Harvest is restricted to bulls and bucks to reduce the impact to the population. In 2019, the State registration hunt reported 55 bulls harvested from Kupreanof Island, including 26 from the Kake/Rocky Pass area. This special action does not affect the regular State or Federal seasons. Unit 3 moose and deer season will remain closed, with the exception of the Kake community harvest, unless opened by past or future special action.

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Ted Sandhofer
District Ranger
Petersburg Ranger District
June 24, 2020

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