

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 02 04 12
Alaska

Issued at: Anchorage,

October 12, 2012

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
October 13, 2012

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unless superseded by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

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the state registration permit hunt RG869 for mountain goats in Unit 14(C). All other goat hunting seasons in Unit 14 are unaffected by this Emergency Order.

REGULATION:

Therefore the following regulations in 5AAC 85.040(7), **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goats**, are superseded by this Emergency Order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting goats:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Remainder of Unit 14(C), hunt RG869,
that portion within the drainages of Knik
River upstream from, but not including,
Big Timber Creek drainage

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 goat by registration permit only;
however, goats may be taken from
Aug. 16 through Aug. 31 by bow and
arrow only; the taking of nannies with
kids is prohibited.

Aug. 16-Oct. 13
(General hunt only)

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All other goat hunting regulations in Unit 14 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Jessy Coltrane
Anchorage Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Goat surveys were conducted in the Lake George area in summer 2011, during which 440 goats were counted. To ensure meeting the population objective of at least 500 goats in GMU 14C that will sustain an annual harvest of 25 goats, comprising at least 60% males, harvest from this area should not exceed 21 goat units. The Lake George area is managed with separate registration hunts for resident (RG869) and non-resident hunters (RG882), with quotas of 13 and 8 goat units, respectively. Total goat units are calculated using one unit for billies and two units for nannies. Ten goat units (0 nannies and 10 billies) were harvested by non-resident hunters from the Lake George drainage, and subsequently RG882 was closed on September 11. Currently, 11 out of 13 goat units have been harvested by non-resident hunters in the Lake George Area, and more hunters are in the field. Due to the popularity of this hunt area and the high potential for over-harvest, RG869 will close at 11:59 on October 13, 2012. No additional goat harvest is warranted out of the Lake George area.

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Lake George Drainage Registration Goat Hunts Close

Anchorage – Registration permit hunt RG869 for mountain goats in the Lake George area will close at one minute before midnight on October 13, 2012 by emergency order of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Anchorage area wildlife biologist Jessy Coltrane said 21 mountain goat units have been harvested from the Lake George Area out of a quota of 21 goat units, and additional hunters are currently in the field. Total goat units are calculated using one unit for billies and two units for nannies. The take of no more than 21 goat units is consistent with the goal of maintaining appropriate population levels in this hunt area. Eight goat units were allotted to non-resident hunters (RG882), and 13 goat units were allotted to resident hunters (RG869). The non-resident quota was exceeded by 2 goat units and that hunt was closed on September 11. Currently, 11 goat units have been harvested by resident goat hunters holding RG869 permits, and additional hunters are currently in the field. To avoid over-harvest, no further goat hunting is warranted in the Lake George area. All other goat hunts in Unit 14C are unaffected by the emergency order.