

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 01-19-15

Issued at: Sitka, Alaska
December 16, 2015

Effective Date: 11:59 PM
December 18, 2015

Expiration Date: June 30, 2016
unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season in the following portions of hunt area RG150; (1) that portion including all drainages into Baranof Warm Springs Bay, Cascade Bay, Nelson Bay, Red Bluff Bay, Falls Lake, Hoggatt Bay, Gut Bay, Yermak Lake, Patterson Bay, Deep Cove, and (2) all un-named drainages from Baranof Warm Springs Bay south to Deep Cove that enter Chatham Strait (known as the Mt. Furuhelm-Mt. Ada Zone) on Baranof Island in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, Friday, December 18, 2015.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.040, Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Units and Bag Limits Open Season

Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 4, that portion including the Mt. Furuhelm-Mt. Ada Zone on Baranof Island.

Aug. 1-Dec. 18
(Subsistence and
General hunt only)

Aug. 1-Dec. 18

1 goat by registration permit only; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited.

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The remainder of the Unit 4 mountain goat season, other than areas previously closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____
Philip W. Mooney
Sitka Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Biologists have set a maximum guideline harvest objective of seven males goats and/or one female goat allowed for that portion of Unit 4 (RG150) including (1) all drainages into Baranof Warm Springs Bay, Cascade Bay, Nelson Bay, Red Bluff Bay, Falls Lake, Hoggatt Bay, Gut Bay, Yermak Lake, Patterson Bay, Deep Cove, and (2) all un-named drainages from Baranof Warm Springs Bay south to Deep Cove that enter Chatham Strait (known as the Mt. Furuhelm-Mt. Ada Zone) on Baranof Island. As of Tuesday, December 15, 2015, one female goat and four male goats have been reported harvested. Because the female guideline harvest has been met in this area, an emergency order is being issued to close the mountain goat hunting season at 11:59 PM, Friday, December 18, 2015. The emergency order action is necessary to restrict the harvest to the guideline level, and to prevent overharvest in this area. Any additional harvest could have long-term negative effects on this goat population.

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