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S. Katlian and Blue/Medvejie Lakes Drainages Closed to Mountain Goat Hunting

(Sitka) – An emergency order is being issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in the South Katlian and Blue/Medvejie Lakes Drainages at 11:59 pm, Friday, July 31, 2015. Based on aerial survey data during 2006-2015, biologists have documented a continued mountain goat population decline in the geographical areas defined in this emergency order. A series of severe winters and historic high harvest of female goats by hunters have lowered the productivity of this goat population. The emergency order is necessary to prevent harvest in order to support growth of the mountain goat population in this area.

Emergency Order 01-02-15 was issued to close the mountain goat season in this area on Friday, July 31, 2015 @ 11:59 pm.

Those portions of Unit 4 not affected by this emergency order will remain open until harvest guidelines are reached or the season concludes. For additional information, please contact the Sitka area office at (907) 747-5449.

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