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Sawmill Creek to Gilkey River Closed to Mountain Goat Hunting in Unit 1C

Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Douglas announce an early closure to the mountain goat hunting season under the state registration permit hunt RG012, for that portion of Unit 1(C) from Sawmill Creek north to the Gilkey River.

Based on aerial survey information collected in September 2016 a guideline harvest of 3 points (male goat=1 point & female goat=2 points) was established for the area. A recent survey conducted on October 7, 2017 resulted in similar observations (68 adults, and 3 kids). As of Thursday, October 12, 2017, the reported harvest is 1 male and 1 female goat for a total of 3 points. Given that this area is relatively accessible by small boat and a portion of the Juneau road system, and because the guideline harvest has been met, managers consider it necessary to close this season to prevent additional harvest in the area.

An Emergency Order (01-15-17) was issued that closes the mountain goat season in this area on Saturday, October 14, 2017@ 11:59 pm.

All other mountain goat hunting regulations in Unit 1(C) remain unchanged and are not affected by this Emergency Order.

Please call the Douglas Area office at (907) 465-4265 for more information.

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