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Port Valdez North Goat Hunt RG248 to Open October 1

(Cordova) – Registration permit hunt RG248 for mountain goats in Game Management Unit 6D will open on October 1. The hunt area includes the mainland drainages of Sheep Creek; north of Port Valdez, Robe Lake, and the Richardson Highway; and east of Shoup Glacier. Permits will be available starting at 8 a.m. September 20, 2018, in person at the Alaska Wildlife Trooper Office located at 207 Meals Avenue in Valdez. Twelve permits will be issued.

Completion of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game online goat quiz is required prior to receiving a permit. The quiz is available at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=quiz.mountaingoatquiz>

Last year's aerial survey of the area found a minimum count of 162 goats. The maximum allowable harvest will be five "goat units." Total goat units are calculated using one unit for billies and two units for nannies.

Limiting permit numbers is a management tool to prevent overharvest and provide reliable annual hunt opportunities.

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