

Division of Wildlife Conservation
Bruce Dale, Director
Region I – Southeast Alaska
304 Lake Street, Room 103
Sitka, AK 99835
(907) 747-5449



Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Sam Cotten, Commissioner
PO Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811-5526
www.adfg.alaska.gov

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release: September 27, 2016

CONTACT:
Stephen Bethune
Area Wildlife Biologist
(907) 747-8449

Portion of Katlian River Drainage Opened to Mountain Goat Hunting

(Sitka) – A portion of the Katlian River drainage that has been closed to mountain goat hunting since 2011 is being opened by emergency order. The area includes drainages flowing into the north side of the main fork Katlian River upstream of the Hogan Lake outlet creek and drainages flowing into the south side of the Hogan Lake system, but excluding Mt. Katlian. Biologists conducted an aerial survey on September 10, 2016. Results indicate the population continues to recover from declines associated with three consecutive harsh winters during 2006 through 2008 and that a harvestable surplus of goats is now available in this area. The season will open October 1 through December 31, unless closed earlier by emergency order. Biologists have set a harvest quota of five males or one female. This emergency order action is being issued to allow hunters additional opportunity where new information indicates a harvestable surplus is available.

Emergency Order 01-09-16 was issued to open the mountain goat season in this area on Saturday, October 1, 2016 @ 12:01 am.

No other portions of Unit 4 are affected by this emergency order. Contact the Sitka Area Wildlife Office at (907) 747-5449 for current information on area closures.

