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### **Goat Hunt RG252 Closes East of Unakwik Inlet**

(Cordova) – Registration permit hunt RG252 for mountain goats in Game Management Unit 6D will close by emergency order at 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, September 29. The hunt includes areas east of Unakwik Inlet and Meares Glacier, west of the Columbia Glacier, and south of the second branch of Columbia Glacier.

The most recent aerial survey found a minimum count of 399 goats in the RG252 permit area. The department set the maximum allowable harvest at 20 goat units. The current reported harvest is 10 billies, two nannies, and one unrecoverable for a total of 15.5 goat units; each billy counts as one goat unit, each nanny counts as two goat units, and each unrecoverable goat counts as one and one-half (1.5) goat units. Hunters currently remain in the field and it's likely that additional goats have been taken and not yet reported. This closure is necessary to prevent unsustainable harvest.

This closure affects only registration permit hunt RG252 in Unit 6D. All other mountain goat hunting regulations in the remainder of Unit 6 are not affected by this emergency order.

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