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Advisory Announcement

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PARTIAL CLOSURE TO MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNTING BETWEEN DAYEBAS CREEK AND KASIDAYA CREEK (RG024)

(DOUGLAS)- The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announces the Taiya Inlet portion of hunt area RG024 between Dayebas Creek north to Kasidaya Creek, and east to the Canadian border will be closed to mountain goat hunting. An emergency order (01-07-20) was issued to close the goat hunting season in this area at **11:59 pm on Monday, September 14, 2020**.

Biologists observed 25 goats (19% kids) during a survey conducted in the fall of 2015. During a subsequent survey conducted in the fall of 2019 biologists observed 28 goats (only were 7% kids). In addition, snowfall last winter was 45% above the long-term average and may have increased winter mortality. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area, an emergency order (01-07-20) is being issued effective at 11:59 pm, Monday, September 14, 2020.

Those portions of Unit 1D not affected by emergency orders will remain open until the harvest guidelines are reached or the seasons come to their scheduled conclusions.

Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game encourage hunters to target male goats to allow for a higher sustainable harvest. Hunters with questions about goat hunting can contact Carl Koch, in the Douglas Area Office at 907-465-4329.

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