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Advisory Announcement

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Baranof Island Mt. Goat Hunting

(Sitka) – The 2023 mountain goat season begins Tuesday, August 1st. Registration permits are now available. An island-wide survey conducted in October 2022, estimated the population at 1,652 goats. This is down slightly from the peak estimate of nearly 1,900 goats in 2019, however confidence intervals overlap, indicating the Baranof Island mountain goat population is stable and still near historic high levels. All hunt zones, with the exception of the South Baranof zone will be open. Quotas have been increased in most zones.

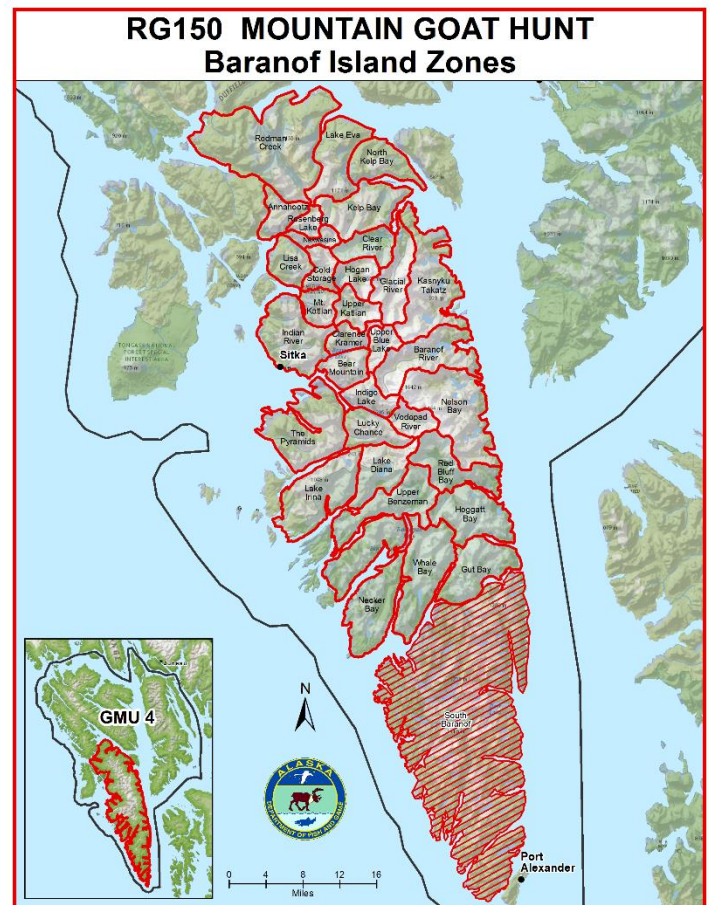
Emergency Order (EO) R1-01-23 was issued to close the mt. goat season in the South Baranof zone on Monday, July 31, 2023 @11:59 pm.

The South Baranof zone could be over-utilized due to low populations levels and accessibility. Managers will re-assess and make in-season adjustments to quotas and zone closures when updated surveys are conducted.

Those portions of Unit 4 not affected by this emergency order will remain open until harvest quotas are reached or the season concludes.

Hunters are encouraged to target billies. Successful hunters are required to bring their goat's horns to ADF&G for sex and age verification.

For maps, zone quotas, FAQ's and other information, contact the Sitka area office at (907) 747-5449.



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