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### **Goat Hunt Closes West of Scott Glacier**

(Cordova)- Registration permit hunt RG232 for mountain goats in Unit 6C will close at 11:59 p.m. on November 21 by Emergency Order of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Hunt area RG232 which includes that portion of unit 6C west of Scott Glacier and the main channel of Scott River, north of the Copper River Highway.

The most recent survey for goats in registration permit area RG232 found 63 goats. The department set the maximum allowable state harvest at 2 goat units. Additional take beyond the harvest objective could harm the long-term stability of the mountain goat population. According to Cordova Area Biologist Charlotte Westing, the harvest is currently at 2 billies and 1 nanny. Hunters are currently in the field, and therefore it is 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 RG232 in Unit 6C. All other mountain goat hunting regulations in the remainder of Game Management Unit 6 are not affected by this emergency order.

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