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

The guideline harvest level for mountain goats has been met along the eastern shore of Taiya Inlet, from Dayebas Creek north to Kasidaya Creek, and east to the Canadian border. An emergency order (01-15-15) was issued to close the goat hunting season in this area at **11:59 pm on Friday, October 30, 2015**.

An aerial survey conducted on September 7, 2015 resulted in a low goat count; a total of 28 goats were observed. A combined guideline harvest objective of 1-2 points (male goat = 1 point & female goat = 2 points) was established for the hunt area between Dayebas Creek north to Kasidaya Creek, and east to the Canadian border. As of Thursday, October 29, 2015 one male goat has been harvested in this area for a total of 1 point. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area based on the recent aerial survey, and because the guideline harvest level has been met, an emergency order (01-15-15) is being issued to close the goat hunting season in this area at 11:59 pm on Friday, October 30, 2015.

Those portions of Unit 1D not affected by this emergency order, and not previously closed, 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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