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S. Katlian River, Blue/Medvejie Lakes and Harbor Mtn./Indian River Drainages Closed to Mountain Goat Hunting

(Sitka) – An emergency order is being issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in the South Katlian River, Blue/Medvejie Lakes and Harbor Mtn./Indian River drainages at 11:59 pm, Sunday, July 31, 2016. Based on aerial survey data during 2006-2015, biologists documented mountain goat population declines in the geographical areas defined in this emergency order. A series of severe winters and high harvest of female goats by hunters reduced the productivity of this goat population. The emergency order is necessary to prevent harvest in order to facilitate this goat population's continuing recovery.

Emergency Order 01-02-16 was issued to close the mountain goat season in this area on Sunday, July 31, 2016 @ 11:59 pm.

Those portions of Unit 4 not affected by this emergency order will remain open until harvest guidelines are reached or the season concludes. For additional information, please contact the Sitka area office at (907) 747-5449.

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