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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Goat Hunt RG249 Closes North of Valdez Arm**

(Cordova) – Registration permit hunt RG249 for mountain goats in Game Management Unit 6D will close by emergency order at 11:59 p.m. on October 20. The hunt area includes areas east of Columbia Glacier, north of Valdez Arm and west of Port Valdez, Shoup Bay and Shoup Glacier.

The last aerial survey conducted found a minimum count of 381 goats in registration permit area RG249. The maximum allowable state harvest is 15 goat units with an additional harvest of 4 goat units for federal subsistence hunters (19 goat units total). The current reported harvest is twelve billys and two nannies; each billy counts as one goat unit, each nanny counts as two goat units, and each unrecoverable goat counts as one and one-half (1.5) goat units. Hunters currently remain in the field and it's 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 RG249 in Unit 6D. All other mountain goat hunting regulations in the remainder of Unit 6 are not affected by this emergency order.

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