

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 01-06-20

Issued at Sitka, Alaska
8 September, 2020

Effective Date: 10 September, 2020

Expiration Date: 30 June 2020
(unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season in the Cold Storage hunt zone of RG150 on Baranof Island in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, September 10, 2020.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.040, Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

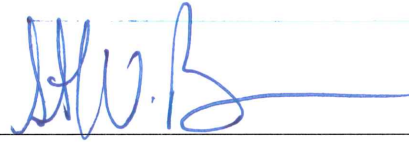
Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts	Nonresident Open Season
<p>...</p> <p>Unit 4, Cold Storage - Drainages north of Katlian River downstream of the Hogan Creek confluence, east of Coxe River, northeast of Nakwasina River upstream of the middle fork, upstream of Cold Storage Lake pass, the south fork of the middle fork drainage and remaining Cold Storage Lake drainages.</p>	<p>Aug 1 – Sept 10 (General hunt only)</p>	<p>Aug 1 – Sept 10</p>

1 goat by registration permit only, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited.

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All other mountain goat hunting regulations in Unit 4 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner



By delegation to: _____
Stephen Bethune
Sitka Area Wildlife Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Hunt managers set a harvest quota of 4 males or 1 female for the Cold Storage hunt zone of mountain goat hunt RG150 on Baranof Island. Quotas are based on the most recent aerial surveys. Baranof Island hunt zones were developed in 2017. The strategy of closing hunt zones when one female has been harvested has been very effective in reducing female harvest and has helped maintain high harvest opportunities for male goats. Keeping hunters focused on avoiding female harvest maintains opportunities for more hunters to participate, especially in hunt zones that have good access.

To date, one female goat has been harvested in the Cold Storage zone of RG150. No further harvest is warranted. Therefore, this zone is being closed by emergency order.

For more information on the Baranof Island mountain goat hunt strategy that began with the 2017 season, visit ADF&G's Goat Hunting in Alaska Resources page at:
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=goathunting.resources>

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