

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 01-18-20

Issued at Sitka, Alaska
9 October, 2020

Effective Date: 11 October, 2020

Expiration Date: 30 June, 2021
(unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

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

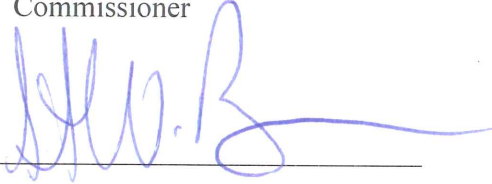
REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.040, Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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
... Unit 4, Upper Blue Lake - Drainages of north fork Blue Lake Creek, east of the Glacier Lake outflow, east of south fork Blue Lake Creek and north of Baranof Pass (west side Mt. Bassie).	Aug. 1 - Oct. 11 (General hunt only)	Aug. 1 – Oct. 11
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 3 males or 1 female for the Upper Blue Lake hunt zone of mountain goat hunt RG150 on Baranof Island. Quotas are based on the most recent aerial surveys. In 2011, hunt managers devised the strategy of closing hunt zones when one female goat was harvested. This strategy has been very effective in reducing female harvest. This “one and done” policy not only reduces female harvest in areas where there may be population concerns, but helps 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, three male goats and one unknown goat have been harvested in the Upper Blue Lake hunt zone of RG150. The management objective for this zone has been exceeded. Any further harvest could have long term negative effects on the population and future hunting opportunities. 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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