

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 01-03-17

Issued at Sitka, Alaska
14 August, 2017

Effective Date: 17 August, 2017

Expiration Date: 30 June 2018
(unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season in the Lake Diana Zone of RG150 on Baranof Island in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, August 17, 2017.

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Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.040, Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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
(1) ... Unit 4, Lake Diana – Drainages south of Redoubt Lake Creek, east of West Crawfish Inlet Creek to Redoubt Lake Creek, west of Lake Ekaterina/Creek to the pass into Upper Benzeman Creek; and west of Upper Benzeman Creek and the ridge between Peaks 4435 and 4358.	Aug. 1 – Aug. 17 (General hunt only)	Aug. 1 – Aug. 17

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.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner



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

JUSTIFICATION:

Management biologists set a maximum harvest quota of five male goats or one female for the Lake Diana Zone of the Unit 4 registration mountain goat hunt on Baranof Island (RG150). Quotas were calculated from 2015 and 2016 survey results. The limit of one nanny was set to encourage harvest of males and has been a successful strategy, allowing hunters more opportunity and lowering the risk of localized overharvest. As of Monday, August 14, 2017, one male goat and one female goat have been reported harvested. Because the maximum harvest quota for female mountain goats has been met in this zone, an emergency order is being issued to close this zone to mountain goat hunting at 11:59 PM, Thursday, August 17, 2017.

This emergency order is necessary to restrict the harvest to the maximum sustainable level and prevent overharvest in this zone. Any additional harvest could have long-term negative effects on this goat population.

For more information on the 2017 Baranof Island mountain goat hunt strategy visit the Unit 4 FAQ's page at:
http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/hunting/goathunting/pdfs/unit_4_rg150_mountain_goat_hunt_faqs.pdf

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