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Advisory Announcement

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Baranof Island Mt. Goat Hunting

(Sitka) – The 2022 mountain goat season begins Monday, August 1st. Mountain goat populations appeared to be at or near historic high levels in 2019. A series of mild winters along with hunters being selective for male goats likely led to this increase. Mortality data from collared goats during the three subsequent winters indicate that the goat population on Baranof Island has probably declined from those historic levels. Due to poor flying conditions, no surveys were conducted in 2021.

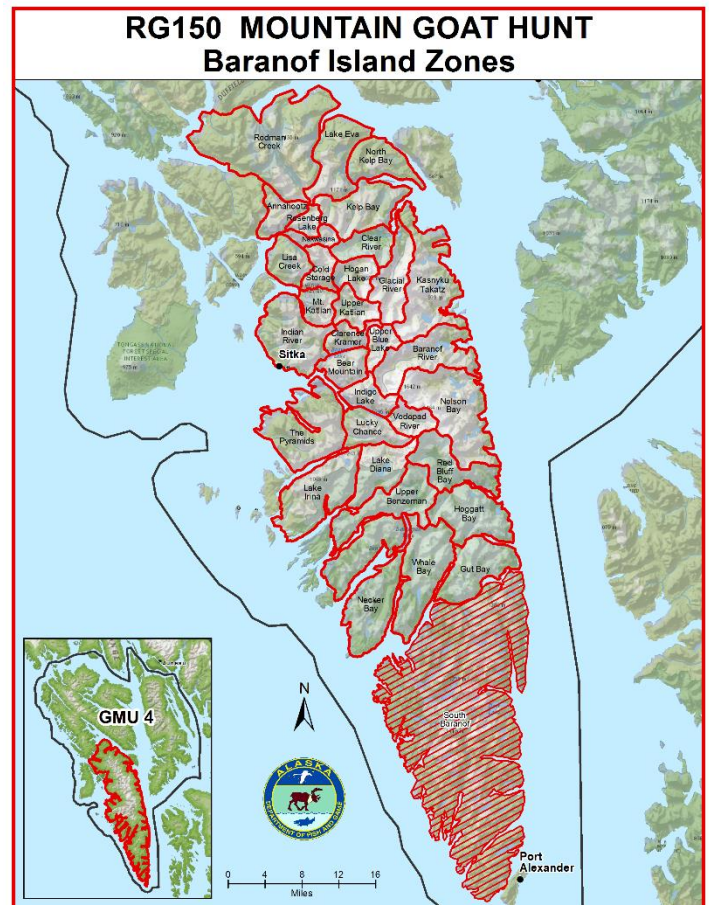
Emergency Order (EO) 01-02-22 was issued to close the mt. goat season in the South Baranof zone on Sunday, July 31, 2022 @11:59 pm.

The South Baranof zone could be over-utilized due to low populations levels and accessibility. Managers will re-assess and make in-season adjustments to quotas and zone closures when updated surveys are conducted in September.

Those portions of Unit 4 not affected by this emergency order will remain open until harvest quotas are reached or the season concludes.

Hunters are encouraged to target billies. Successful hunters are required to bring their goat's horns to ADF&G for sex and age verification.

For maps, zone quotas, FAQ's and other information, contact the Sitka area office at (907) 747-5449.



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