

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. R1-18-23

Issued at Sitka, Alaska
31 October 2023

Effective Date: 3 November 2023

Expiration Date: 30 June 2024
(unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season in the Indian River hunt zone of RG150 on Baranof Island in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, November 3, 2023.

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Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.040, Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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
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Unit 4, Indian River - Drainages of Sitka Sound between Katlian River and Sawmill Creek, north of Sawmill Creek, south of south fork Katlian River and west of Clarence Creek, including Indian River, Granite Creek, Starrigavan Creek, and the Mt. Verstovia/Arrowhead ridge.	Aug 1 – Nov 3 (General hunt only)	Aug 1 – Nov 3

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 2 males or 1 female for the Indian River 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, two male goats have been harvested in the Indian River hunt zone of RG150. Therefore, this zone is being closed by emergency order.

For more information about mountain goat hunting opportunities on Baranof Island including maps, zone quotas, FAQ's, and other information, contact the Sitka area office at (907) 747-5449.