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## NEWS RELEASE

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**Palmer** Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Palmer announce an early closure to the mountain goat hunting season under the state registration permit hunt RG866, for that portion of Unit 14A south and west of the Matanuska River.

Recent aerial surveys of goats in GMU 14(A) have indicated a goat population of 217 goats. Based on the survey information a guideline harvest of 15 goats or up to 15 goat harvest points (male goat=1 point & female goat = 2 points) was established for the area. As of Thursday, October 13, 2011, the reported harvest is 7 male and 3 female goats (13 points). Additional harvest of goats in this area could have negative impacts to the health of this goat herd.

**An Emergency Order (04-06-11) was issued that closes the mountain goat season for registration permits in this area on Friday, October 14, 2011 @ 11:59 pm.**

All other mountain goat hunting regulations in Unit 14(A) remain unchanged and are not affected by this Emergency Order.

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