

# Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 01-06-16

Issued at Sitka, Alaska  
21 September, 2016

**Effective Date:** September 23, 2016

**Expiration Date:** 30 June 2017  
(unless superseded by subsequent  
emergency order)

## EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season in the following portions of hunt area RG150; (1) that portion including the Nakwasina River drainages on Baranof Island in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, September 23, 2016.

## 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Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.040, Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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 Open Season**

<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
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Unit 4, that portion including the Nakwasina River drainages on Baranof Island.

Aug. 1-Sept. 23  
(General hunt only)

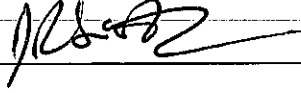
Aug. 1-Sept. 23

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, other than areas previously closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten  
Commissioner

By delegation to:   
Ryan Scott  
Regional Supervisor

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Biologists have set a maximum guideline harvest objective of five male goats or one female goat for the Nakwasina River drainage portion of the Unit 4 registration goat hunt (RG150). ADF&G's management strategy for mountain goats is to allow 6 goat points (male = 1 point, female =2) per 100 observed goats. Biologists observed approximately 90 goats during both 2015 and 2016 surveys within Nakwasina drainages. Based on these observations, biologists set the harvest quota for the Nakwasina area at five billies or one nanny. The harvest limit of one nanny was set to encourage harvest of males and has been a successful strategy, allowing more opportunity for hunters and helping to speed the Baranof mountain goat population recovery. As of Wednesday, September 21, 2016, five male goats have been reported harvested. Because the guideline harvest has been met in this area, an emergency order is being issued to close this area to mountain goat hunting at 11:59 pm, Friday, September 23, 2016.

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

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