Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order Alaska Department

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 02-07-16

Alaska

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.

October 1, 2016

Issued at: Anchorage, September 30, 2016

Expiration Date: June 30, 2017

unless superseded by

subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the state resident registration permit hunt RG868 for mountain goats in Unit 14(C). All other goat hunting seasons in Unit 14 are unaffected by this Emergency Order.

REGULATION:

Therefore the following regulations in 5AAC 85.040(7), **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goats**, are superseded by this Emergency Order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting goats:

Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)

Nonresident Open Season

Units and Bag Limits

(7)

That portion of Unit 14C within the drainages of the Twentymile River, Peterson Creek, and Kern Creek.

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 goat by registration permit only; however goats may be taken from Aug. 16 through Aug. 31 by bow and arrow only, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited Aug. 16 - Oct. 1 (General hunt only)

All other goat hunting regulations in Unit 14 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten Commissioner

By delegation to:

David Battle

Anchorage Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Goat surveys were conducted in the Twentymile area in summer 2015 with 135 goats counted. To ensure meeting the population objective of at least 500 goats in GMU 14C that will sustain an annual harvest of 25 goats, comprising at least 60% males, harvest from this area should not exceed 6 goat units. The Twentymile area is managed with separate registration hunts for resident and non-resident hunters. Five of the total goat units are allotted for residents holding permit RG868. Total goat units are calculated using one unit for billies and two units for nannies. Currently, there have been 5 goat units harvested by resident hunters from the Twentymile drainage, and there are additional hunters currently in the field. To ensure that the quota for RG868 is not exceeded, this hunt will close at 11:59 pm on October 1, 2016.

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