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Nakwasina River Drainage Closed to Mountain Goat Hunting

(Sitka) - Biologists have set a maximum guideline harvest objective of five males or one female mountain goat allowed for the Nakwasina River Drainage portion of the Unit 4 registration goat hunt (RG150). 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 the Nakwasina River Drainage to mountain goat hunting at 11:59 pm, Friday, September 23, 2016. The emergency order action 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.

Emergency Order 01-06-16 was issued to close the mountain goat season in this area on Friday, September 23, 2016 @ 11:59 pm.

Those portions of Unit 4 not affected by this emergency order, and not previously closed by emergency order, will remain open until harvest guidelines are reached or the season concludes. For additional information, please contact the Sitka Area Wildlife Office at (907) 747-5449.

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