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Southwestern Prince William Sound Goat Hunt Closes

(Cordova) – Registration permit hunt RG266 for mountain goats in Game Management Unit 6D will close by emergency order at 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3. Located in Game Management Unit 6D, hunt area RG266 includes mainland drainages south of Icy Bay, Tiger Glacier and Sargent Icefield, east of Cape Fairfield, and west of Port Bainbridge and Bainbridge Passage.

The most recent aerial survey found a minimum count of 291 goats in the RG266 registration permit area. The department set the maximum allowable harvest at 10 goat points. Additional take beyond the harvest objective could harm the long-term stability of the mountain goat population. The current reported harvest is seven billies and two nannies for a total of 11 goat points; each billy counts as one goat point and each nanny counts as two goat points. Hunters currently remain in the field and it's likely that additional goats have been taken and not yet reported. This closure is necessary to prevent unsustainable harvest.

This closure affects only registration permit hunt RG266 in Unit 6D. All other mountain goat hunting regulations in the remainder of Unit 6 are not affected by this emergency order.

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