Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 01-06-11 Issued at Sitka, Alaska 27 September, 2011

Effective Date: 28 September, 2011 **Expiration Date:** 30 June 2012 (unless superseded by subsequent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 Green Lake – Vodopad River drainage on Baranof Island in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, September 28, 2011.

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Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.040, Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(1)		_
Unit 4, that portion including the Green Lake -Vodopad River drainage on Baranof Island.	Aug. 1-Sept. 28 (General hunt only)	Aug. 1-Sept. 28
1 goat by registration permit only; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited.		
The remainder of Unit 4 mountain goat seasons, or	other than those closed by emerg	gency order, are not affected

The remainder of Unit 4 mountain goat seasons, other than those closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.

Cora Campbell Commissioner

By delegation to:	
Philip W. Mooney	
Sitka Area Wildlife Management Biologist	

JUSTIFICATION:

Biologists have set a maximum guideline harvest objective of 4 males or 1 female goat allowed for that portion of Unit 4 (RG150) including that portion of the Green Lake – Vodopad River drainages on Baranof Island. High harvests of female goats in this area in previous years has prompted this conservative harvest strategy. As of Monday morning, September 26, 2011, one female goat has been reported harvested. Because the guideline harvest has been met in this area, an emergency order is being issued to close the mountain goat hunting season at 11:59 pm, Wednesday, September 28, 2011. 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.

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