HUNTING-TRAPPING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-08-14 Issued at Douglas, Alaska

September 26, 2014

Effective Date: September 27, 2014 Expiration Date: 30 June 2015

(unless superseded by a subsequent

emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident goat hunting seasons in the area bounded by the White Pass and Yukon Railroad on the west side, the East Fork of the Skagway River on the south side, and the Canadian border to the north and east side in Game Management Unit 1(D). This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Saturday, September 27, 2014.

REGULATORY TEXT:

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR GOAT, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting goat in Unit 1(D):

Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and Nonresident
General Hunts)
Open Season

Unit and Bag Limit
(1)

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Unit 1(D), the area bounded by the White Pass and Yukon Railroad on the west side, the East Fork of the Skagway River on the south side, and the Canadian border to the north and east side.

Sept. 15–Sept. 27 (General hunt only)

Sept. 15-Sept. 27

1 goat by registration permit only.

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The remainder of Unit 1D mountain goat seasons, other than those previously closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.

Cora Campbell Commissioner

By delegation to:

Stephanie Sell

Acting Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

A guideline harvest objective of 1-2 points (male goats=1 point, female goats=2 points) was established by ADF&G for the area described above. As of Friday, September 26, 2014 one female goat had been harvested for a total of 2 points. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area to overharvesting the department conducted an aerial survey on September 24, 2013 that resulted in few goats observed (21 adults, 4 kids). Due to the low number of goats observed, the decision was made to limit the harvest to just 1-2 points in this area. Because the guideline harvest level has been reached and any additional harvest may be detrimental to the sustainability of this population of goats, an emergency order has been issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in this area.

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