# Hunting and Trapping

# Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 02-07-14

Issued at Cordova, Alaska October 1, 2014

**Effective Date:** 11:59 p.m.

October 2, 2014

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2015 unless superseded by

subsequent emergency order

# **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order closes the State of Alaska resident and nonresident hunting season for mountain goat in registration permit hunt RG248, north of the Port of Valdez in Game Management Unit 6(D). The hunt area includes the mainland drainages of Sheep Creek; north of Port Valdez, Robe Lake, and the Richardson Highway; and east of Shoup Glacier. Mountain goat hunting regulations in all other portions of Game Management Unit 6 are not affected by this emergency order.

## **REGULATION:**

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.040 (2)**, **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

#### Resident

Open Season (Subsistence

Oct. 1-Oct. 2

Nonresident Open Season

**Units and Bag Limits** 

its General Hunts)

Oct. 1-Oct.2

(2)

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Unit 6(D), Hunt RG248: specifically, that portion including the mainland drainages of Sheep Creek; north of

Port Valdez, Robe Lake, and the Richardson

Highway; and east of Shoup Glacier.

1 goat by registration permit only; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited

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All other mountain goat hunting regulations in Unit 6 are not affected by this emergency order.

Cora Campbell Commissioner

By delegation to:

Charlotte Westing
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Area Wildlife Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The most recent aerial surveys resulted in a minimum count of 115 goats within the mountain goat hunt area RG248. The Department set the maximum allowable state harvest at 5 goat units. Each billy counts as one goat unit and each nanny counts as two goat units. With three billies taken and many hunters currently in the field, it is likely that additional goats have been harvested and not yet reported. This closure is necessary to prevent unsustainable harvest.

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