# Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order Alaska Departme

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 02-13-14

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m. October 21, 2014 Issued at Cordova, Alaska October 20, 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Expiration Date: June 30, 2015 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order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 area RG243, which includes the following portions of unit 6D; the southern drainages north of Port Fidalgo and Gravina River, and east of Denson Creek and west of Cordova Glacier. Mountain goat hunting regulations in all other areas of unit 6D 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Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.040** (2), **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Units and Bag Limits	<b>Resident</b> Open Season (Subsistence General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(2)  Unit 6(D), Hunt RG243: specifically, the southern drainages north of Port Fidalgo and Gravina River, and east of Denson Creek and west of Cordova Glacier		
1 goat by registration permit only; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited	Sept. 15-Oct. 21	Sept. 15-Oct. 21

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

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By delegation to:

Charlotte Westing O Area Wildlife Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The most recent aerial surveys resulted in an estimate of about 141 goats within the mountain goat hunt area RG243. The Department set the maximum allowable state harvest at 3 goat units. Each billy counts as one goat unit and each nanny counts as two goat units. The current harvest is 3 billies, for 3 goat units, and additional hunters are currently in the field. In order to prevent over-harvest, RG243 will be closed on 21 October 2014 at 11:59 pm.

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