# Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order Alaska Departme

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 02-09-15

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m. October 17, 2015 Issued at Cordova, Alaska October 16, 2015

Expiration Date: June 30, 2016 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order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 RG245, which includes that portion of Unit 6(D) west of Browns Creek, south of Lowe River and Port Valdez, and north of Jack Bay and the main channel of Jack River. 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Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.040** (2), **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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 RG245: specifically, that portion west of Browns Creek, south of Lowe River and Port Valdez, and north of Jack Bay and the main channel of Jack River		
1 goat by registration permit only; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited	Sept. 15-Oct. 17	Sept. 15-Oct. 17

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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:**

A survey consulted in August 2015 resulted in a minimum count of 62 goats within the mountain goat hunt area RG245. 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. The current harvest is 5 billies and additional hunters are currently in the field. In order to prevent over-harvest, RG245 will be closed on 17 December 2015 at 11:59 pm.

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