HUNTING-TRAPPING Emergency Order ALASKA DEPARTMENT

OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-03-16

Effective Date: August 30, 2016

Issued at Douglas, Alaska August 29, 2016

Expiration Date: 30 June 2017 (unless superseded by a subsequent emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the state of Alaska resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season for that portion of Unit 1C between the south side of Blackerby Ridge and the north side of Salmon Creek Reservoir above the 1000 foot contour. This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Tuesday, August 30, 2016.

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Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR GOAT, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting mountain goats in Unit 1(C):

	Resident Open Season	
	(Subsistence and	Nonresident
Units and Bag Limits	General Hunts)	Open Season
(1)		
Unit 1(C), that portion between the	Aug. 1-Aug. 30	Aug. 1-Aug. 30
south side of Blackerby Ridge and the	(General hunt only)	
north side of Salmon Creek Reservoir,		
above the 1000 ft contour and east to		
Observation Peak.		
1 goat by registration permit only,		
the taking of nannies with kids is		
prohibited		
bow and arrow only		

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

Sam Cotten Commissioner

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By delegation to:

Stephanie Sell Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

An aerial survey conducted on September 25, 2014 in the area between Blackerby Ridge and the Salmon Creek Reservoir resulted in low goat counts; a total of 22 goats were observed (17 adults, and 5 kids). A combined guideline harvest objective of 1-2 points (male goat = 1 point & female goat = 2 points) was established for the hunt area between the south side of Blackerby Ridge and the north side of Salmon Creek Reservoir, above the 1000 foot contour and east to Observation Peak. As of Monday, August 29, 2016, one male goat has been harvested in this area for a total of 1 point. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area, and because the guideline harvest level has been met, an emergency order (01-03-16) is being issued to close the goat hunting season in this area at 11:59 pm on Tuesday, August 30, 2016.

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