# **HUNTING-TRAPPING**

## **Emergency Order**

### ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

**Under Authority of AS 16.05.060** 

Emergency Order 01-12-16. Issued at Douglas, Alaska

October 4, 2016

Effective Date: October 5, 2016 Expiration Date: 30 June 2017

(unless superseded by a subsequent

emergency order)

#### **EXPLANATION**:

This emergency order closes the resident youth goat hunting season in the entire RG025 hunt area which is located in that portion of the Takshanuk Mountains from the northwestern saddle of Mount Tukgahgo to the city of Haines, Alaska in Game Management Unit 1(D). This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Wednesday, October 5, 2016.

#### **REGULATORY TEXT:**

Unit and Bag Limit

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR GOAT, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting goat in Unit 1(D):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

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Unit 1(D), that portion north and east of the Chilkat River, to the 4000 foot saddle on the northwest side of Mount Tukgahgo inclusive of drainages from Mount Tukgahgo and extending south from Mount Tukgahgo to include the southern portion of the Takshanuk Mountains.

Sept. 15–Oct. 5 (Youth hunt only)

None

1 goat every 4 regulatory years 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.

Sam Cotten Commissioner

By delegation to:

Carl H. Koch

Asst. Area Management Biologist

#### JUSTIFICATION:

Based on an aerial survey conducted on September 7, 2015, a guideline harvest objective of 3 points (male goats=1 point, female goats=2 points) was established for the new RG025 youth hunt on the Takshanuk Mountains from the saddle on the northwest side of Mount Tukgahgo to the city of Haines. As of Tuesday, October 4, 2016 two female male goats have been harvested for a total of 4 points. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area and because the guideline harvest level has been reached an emergency order has been issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in the Tukgahgo Mountain area at 11:59 pm on Wednesday, October 5, 2016.

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