HUNTING-TRAPPING Emergency Order ALASKA DEPARTMENT

OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-18-16

Effective Date: October 14, 2016

Issued at Douglas, Alaska October 13, 2016

Expiration Date: 30 June 2017 (unless superseded by a subsequent emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident goat hunting seasons in the Taiya Inlet portion of hunt area RG024 between Dayebas Creek north to Kasidaya Creek, and east to the Canadian border. This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Friday, October 14, 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Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR GOAT, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting goat in Unit 1(D):

| Unit and Bag Limit | Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts) | Nonresident Open Season |
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| (1) | | |
| Unit 1(D), that portion east of Taiya Inlet between Dayebas Creek north to Kasidaya Creek, and east to the Canadian border. | Sept. 15–Oct.14 (General hunt only) | Sept. 15–Oct. 14 |
| 1 goat 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.

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By delegation to:

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JUSTIFICATION:

The guideline harvest level for mountain goats has been met along the eastern shore of Taiya Inlet, from Dayebas Creek north to Kasidaya Creek, and east to the Canadian border. This emergency order (01-18-16) closes the goat hunting season in this area at **11:59 P.M. on Friday, October 14, 2016.**

Based on the fall 2015 aerial survey (21 adults, 4 kids), a guideline harvest objective of 1-2 points (male goat = 1 point & female goat = 2 points) was established for the hunt area described above. During a subsequent aerial survey on October 2, 2016 26 adults and 2 kids were observed. As of Thursday, October 13, 2016 one female goat has been harvested in this area for a total of 2 points. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area, the low number of goats seen during aerial surveys, and because the guideline harvest level has been met, an emergency order (01-18-16) is being issued to close the goat hunting season in this area at **11:59 pm on Friday, October 14, 2016.**

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