# **HUNTING-TRAPPING**

### **Emergency Order**

## ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

**Under Authority of AS 16.05.060** 

Emergency Order No. 01-19-16 Issued at Douglas, Alaska

October 13, 2016

Effective Date: October 14, 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(unless superseded by a subsequent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 Lutak Inlet-Chilkoot Lake portion of hunt area RG023 between Taiyasanka Harbor and the northern end of Chilkoot Lake. 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Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR GOAT, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting goat in Unit 1(D):

|                    | Resident         |             |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------|
|                    | Open Season      |             |
|                    | (Subsistence and | Nonresident |
| Unit and Bag Limit | General Hunts)   | Open Season |
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Unit 1(D), that portion east of Lutak Inlet and Chilkoot Lake between Taiyasanka Harbor and the 4300 foot saddle east of the northern end of Chilkoot Lake 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.

Sam Cotten Commissioner

By delegation to:

Carl H Koch

Assist. Area Management Biologist

#### JUSTIFICATION:

The guideline harvest level for mountain goat has been met along Chilkoot Lake and Lutak Inlet, from Taiyasanka harbor to the northern end of Chilkoot Lake. This emergency order (01-19-16) is being issued to close the goat hunting season in this area at 11:59 pm on Friday, October 14, 2106.

Based on a fall 2014 aerial survey during which 31 adults and 12 kids were seen, a guideline harvest objective of 2 points (male goat=1 point, female goat=2 points) was established for the area described above. During a subsequent survey conducted on October 2, 2016 27 adults and 7 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, low number of goats observed during aerial surveys, and because the guideline harvest level has been met, this emergency order (01-19-16) is being issued.

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