# **HUNTING-TRAPPING**

## **Emergency Order**

### **ALASKA DEPARTMENT** OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-23-16 Issued at Douglas, Alaska

November 15, 2016

Effective Date: November 16, 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(unless superseded by a subsequent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 archery area of Unit 1C (RG014) that portion draining into the south bank of Little Sheep Creek, Gastineau Channel south of Little Sheep Creek, Stephens Passage, and Taku Inlet between the mouth of Little Sheep Creek and Taku Glacier. This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Wednesday 16, 2016.

#### **REGULATORY TEXT:**

Units and Bag Limits

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR GOAT, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting mountain goats in Unit 1(C):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

Unit 1(C), that mainland portion draining into Aug. 1-Nov. 16 the south bank of Little Sheep Creek, (General hunt only) Gastineau Channel south of Little Sheep Creek, Stephens Passage, and Taku Inlet between the mouth

Aug. 1-Nov 16.

1 goat by registration permit only, and bow and arrow only;

of Little Sheep Creek and Taku Glacier.

the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited

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

By delegation to:

Stephanie Sell

Area Management Biologist

#### JUSTIFICATION:

An aerial survey conducted on September 25, 2014 in the archery area between Little Sheep Creek and Taku Inlet found a total of 159 goats (129 adults, 30 kids). Based on findings of that survey, a combined guideline harvest objective of 8 points (male goat = 1 point & female goat = 2 points) was established for the archery hunt area of RG014. A survey of the same area on September 20, 2016 found a total of 149 goats (122 adults, 27 kids). As of Monday, November 14, 2016, six male goats and one female goat have been harvested in this area for a total of 8 points. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area, and because the guideline harvest level has been met, an emergency order (01-23-16) is being issued to close the goat hunting season in this area at 11:59 pm on Wednesday, November 16, 2016.

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