Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 02-06-16

Issued at Cordova, Alaska September 28, 2016

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m. September 29, 2016

Expiration Date: June 30, 2017 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the State of Alaska resident and nonresident hunting season for mountain goat in registration permit hunt area RG252, including areas east of Unakwik Inlet and Meares Glacier, west of the Columbia Glacier, and south of the second branch of Columbia Glacier in Game Management Unit 6D. Mountain goat hunting regulations in all other areas of Unit 6D are not affected by this emergency order.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.040 (2), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Resident

Open Season (Subsistence General Hunts)

Nonresident Open Season

Units and Bag Limits

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Unit 6(D), Hunt RG252: specifically, that portion east of Unakwik Inlet and Meares Glacier, west of the Columbia Glacier, and south of the Second Branch Columbia Glacier.

1 goat by registration permit only; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited Sept. 15-Sept. 29

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All other mountain goat hunting regulations in Unit 6 are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten Commissioner

By delegation to:

Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The most recent aerial surveys resulted in a minimum count of 310 goats within the mountain goat hunt area RG252. The Department set the maximum allowable state harvest at 16 goat units and an additional quota of 1 goat unit for federal subsistence hunters (17 goat units total). Each billy counts as one goat unit and each nanny counts as two goat units. The current harvest is 10 billies and 3 nannies, totaling 16 goat units, and additional hunters are currently in the field. In order to prevent over-harvest, RG252 will be closed on 29 September 2016 at 11:59 pm.

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