# Hunting and Trapping

# **Emergency Order**

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

**Emergency Order No. 02-12-16** 

Issued at Cordova, Alaska October 17, 2016

**Effective Date:** 11:59 p.m.

October 18, 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**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2017 unless superseded by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 RG231, which includes that portion of Unit 6C east of Scott Glacier and the main channel of Scott River, north of the Copper River Highway, and west of Sheridan Glacier and the main channel of Glacier River. Mountain goat hunting regulations in all other areas of Unit 6C are not affected by this emergency order.

#### **REGULATION:**

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.040(a)(2)**, **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goat**, are superseded by this emergency order and the following provisions are effective:

| Units and Bag Limits  | Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts) | Nonresident<br>Open Season |
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| (2)   |  |                            |
| Unit 6(C), Hunt RG231: specifically, that portion of Unit 6(C) east of Scott Glacier and the main channel of Scott River, and west of | Oct. 7 – Oct 18                                      | Oct. 7– Oct 18             |
| Sheridan Glacier and the main channel of  |  |                            |
| Glacier River.  |  |                            |

1 goat by registration permit only.

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

Sam Cotten Commissioner

By delegation to:

Charlotte Westing Area Wildlife Biologist

#### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The 2016 aerial survey found a minimum count of 173 goats within the mountain goat hunt area RG231. The Department set the maximum allowable harvest at 8 goat units. Each billy counts as one goat unit and each nanny counts as two goat units. The current harvest is 3 nannies and one billy, for a total of 7 goat units and additional hunters are currently in the field. In order to prevent over-harvest, RG231 will be closed on 18 October 2016 at 11:59 pm.

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