# Hunting and Trapping

# **Emergency Order**

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 02-13-16

Issued at Cordova, Alaska October 24, 2016

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

October 25, 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**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2017 unless superseded by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 RG204, which includes that portion of Unit 6A west of the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park boundary, south and east of the main channel of the Duktoth River, north and west of the east bank of the White River, and north of White River Glacier. Mountain goat hunting regulations in all other areas of Unit 6A 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Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.040 (2)**, **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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

(2)

Unit 6(A), Hunt RG204: specifically, that portion west of the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park boundary, south and east of the main channel of the Duktoth River, north and west of the east bank of the White River, and north of White River Glacier.

1 goat by registration permit only; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited

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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:

Charlotte Westing

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Area Wildlife Biologist

## **JUSTIFICATION:**

The last survey of this area resulted in a cumulative minimum count of 239 goats within the mountain goat hunt area RG204. The Department set the maximum allowable state harvest at 9 goat units. Each billy counts as one goat unit, each nanny counts as two goat units, and each unrecoverable goat counts as 1.5 goat units. The current harvest is 8 billies and 1 unrecoverable goat and additional hunters are currently in the field. In order to prevent overharvest, RG204 will be closed on 25 October 2016 at 11:59 pm.

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