# Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order Alaska Departme

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 02-15-16

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m. November 1, 2016 Issued at Cordova, Alaska October 31, 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Expiration Date: June 30, 2017 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order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 RG266, including mainland drainages south of Icy Bay, Tiger Glacier and Sargent Icefield, east of Cape Fairfield, and west of Port Bainbridge and Bainbridge Passage of Game Management Unit 6D. Mountain goat hunting regulations in all other areas of Unit 6 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Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.040** (2), **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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 Nonresident Units and Bag Limits General Hunts) **Open Season** (2)Unit 6(D), Hunt RG266: specifically, including mainland drainages south of Icy Bay, Tiger Glacier and Sargent Icefield, east of Cape Fairfield, and west of Port Bainbridge and Bainbridge Passage 1 goat by registration permit only; Sep. 15-Nov. 1 Sep. 15-Nov. 1 the taking of nannies with kids is

prohibited

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

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By delegation to:

Charlotte Westing O Area Wildlife Biologist

## **JUSTIFICATION:**

The last surveys of this area resulted in a cumulative minimum count of 291 goats within the mountain goat hunt area RG266. The Department set the maximum allowable state harvest at 10 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 nanny, for 10 goat units, with additional hunters are currently in the field. In order to prevent over-harvest, RG266 will be closed on 1 November 2016 at 11:59 pm.

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