Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 02-07-17

Issued at Cordova, Alaska October 09, 2017

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.

October 10, 2017

Expiration Date: June 30, 2018 unless superseded by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 6(D). 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Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.040 (2), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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 General Hunts)

Nonresident Open Season

Units and Bag Limits

(2)

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-Oct. 10

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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 Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

An aerial survey conducted last season resulted in a minimum count of 399 goats within the mountain goat hunt area RG252. The Department set the maximum allowable state harvest at 19 goat units and an additional quota of 1 goat unit for federal subsistence hunters (20 goat units total). Each billy counts as one goat unit and each nanny counts as two goat units. The current harvest is 17 billies and 1 nannies, totaling 19 goat units, and additional hunters are currently in the field. This closure is necessary to prevent unsustainable harvest.

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