Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 02-09-17

Issued at Cordova, Alaska October 19, 2017

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.

October 20, 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Expiration Date: June 30, 2018 unless superseded by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 RG232, which includes that portion of Unit 6C west of Scott Glacier and the main channel of Scott River, north of the Copper River Highway. 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Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.040 (2), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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

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Units and Bag Limits

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Unit 6(C), Hunt RG232: specifically, that portion of unit 6C west of Scott Glacier and the main channel of Scott River, north of the Copper River Highway

1 goat by registration permit only; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited Oct. 7-Oct 20

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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:

The most recent aerial surveys found 317 goats within the mountain goat hunt area RG232. The Department set the maximum allowable harvest at 12 goat units. Each billy counts as one goat unit, each nanny counts as two goat units, and each unrecovered goat counts as 1.5 goat units. The current harvest is 10 billies and 1 nanny, for a total of 12 goat units and additional hunters are currently in the field. In order to prevent further over-harvest, RG232 will be closed on 20 October 2017 at 11:59 pm.

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