# **HUNTING-TRAPPING**

## **Emergency Order**

### ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-04-18 Issued at Douglas, Alaska

September 10, 2018

Effective Date: September 11, 2018 Expiration Date: 30 June 2019

(unless superseded by a subsequent

emergency order)

#### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident goat hunting seasons in the area bounded on the east side by the Chilkat River, the Kelsall River on the north, the Klehini River on the south and the Canadian border on the west side in Game Management Unit 1(D). This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Tuesday, Sept 11, 2018.

#### REGULATORY TEXT:

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR GOAT, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting goat in Unit 1(D):

Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and Nonresident
General Hunts)
Open Season

Unit and Bag Limit

(1)

Unit 1(D), the area bounded by the Chilkat River on the east, the Kelsall River on the north, the Kelhini River on the south, and the Canadian border on the west.

Aug. 1–Sept. 11 (General hunt only)

Aug. 1-Sept. 11

1 goat by registration permit only.

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The remainder of Unit 1D mountain goat seasons, other than those previously closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten Commissioner

By delegation to:

Carl It Work

Carl H. Koch Asst. Area Management Biologist

#### JUSTIFICATION:

The guideline harvest for mountain goats has been reached in a portion of the RG026 mountain goat hunt area. An emergency order (01-04-18) has been issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in the area bounded by the Chilkat River on the east, the Kelsall River on the north, the Klehini River on the south, and the Canadian border on the west side at 11:59 P.M., on Tuesday, September 11, 2018.

Based on the fall 2016 aerial survey (33 adults, 14 kids (29.8% kids)), a guideline harvest objective of 2 points (male goats=1 point, female goats= 2points) was established by ADF&G for the area described above. On October 1, 2017 a subsequent survey (40 adults, 6 kids (13%)) resulted in a similar number of total goat but the proportion of kids was lower. As of Monday September 10, 2018, one male goat and one female have been harvested for a total of 3 points. Because the guideline harvest level has been reached, an emergency order has been issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in this area.

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