Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 02-09-18

Issued at Cordova, Alaska October 8, 2018

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.

October 9, 2018

Expiration Date: June 30, 2019 unless superseded by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 RG248, north of the Port of Valdez in Game Management Unit 6(D). The hunt area includes the mainland drainages of Sheep Creek; north of Port Valdez, Robe Lake, and the Richardson Highway; and east of Shoup Glacier. Mountain goat hunting regulations in all other portions of Game Management 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Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.040 (2), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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

(Subsistence General Hunts)

Open Season

(2)

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Unit 6(D), Hunt RG248: specifically, that portion including the mainland

Oct. 1-Oct. 9

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drainages of Sheep Creek; north of

Port Valdez, Robe Lake, and the Richardson

Highway; and east of Shoup 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 Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

An aerial survey conducted this year resulted in a minimum count of 162 goats within the RG248 mountain goat hunt area. The department set the maximum allowable state harvest at five goat units. Each billy counts as one goat point, each nanny counts as two goat points, and each unrecoverable goat counts as one and one-half (1.5) goat points. Five billies have been taken for a total of five goat points. Many hunters are currently in the field and it is likely that additional goats have been harvested and not yet reported. This closure is necessary to prevent unsustainable harvest.

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