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Advisory Announcement

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Bear Mountain Mt. Goat Hunt Zone Closed

(Sitka) – Hunt managers set a harvest quota of 2 males or 1 female for the Bear Mountain hunt zone of mountain goat hunt RG150 on Baranof Island. Quotas are based on the most recent aerial surveys. In 2011, hunt managers devised the strategy of closing hunt zones when one female goat was harvested. This strategy has been very effective in reducing female harvest. This "one and done" policy not only reduces female harvest in areas where there may be population concerns, but helps maintain high harvest opportunities for male goats. Keeping hunters focused on avoiding female

harvest maintains opportunities for more hunters to participate, especially in hunt zones that have good access.

To date, one male and one female goat have been harvested in the Bear Mountain hunt zone of RG150. Therefore, this zone is being closed by emergency order (EO) at 11:59 PM, Thursday, August 15, 2019.

Emergency Order 01-6-19 was issued to close the mountain goat season in the Bear Mountain Zone of RG150 on Thursday, August 15, 2019 @ 11:59 PM.

Those portions of Unit 4 not affected by this emergency order will remain open until harvest quotas are reached or the season concludes.

Previous EO's are listed online at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=wc news.main.

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