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Advisory Announcement

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Indigo Lake and Vodopad River Mt. Goat Hunt Zones Closed

(Sitka) – Hunt managers set a combined harvest quota of 3 males or 1 female for the Indigo Lake and Vodopad River hunt zones 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 female and two male goats have been harvested in the Indigo Lake/Vodopad River hunt zones of RG150. Therefore, these zones are being closed by emergency order (EO) at 11:59 PM, Thursday, October 17, 2019.

Emergency Order 01-15-19 was issued to close the mountain goat season in the Indigo Lake and Vodopad River Zones of RG150 on Thursday, October 17, 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=wcnews.main.

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