# Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 01-08-20

Issued at Sitka, Alaska 17 September, 2020

Effective Date: 19 September, 2020

**Expiration Date:** 30 June, 2020 (unless superseded by subsequent

emergency order)

# **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season in the Rosenberg Lake hunt zone of RG150 on Baranof Island in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, September 19, 2020.

# **REGULATION:**

Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.040**, **Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Resident	
<b>Open Season</b>	
(Subsistence and	
General Hunts	

Nonresident Open Season

**Units and Bag Limits** 

Aug 1 – Sept 19 (General hunt only)

Aug 1 – Sept 19

Unit 4,

Rosenberg Lake – North fork Nakwasina River drainages upstream of the Peak 3098 Creek confluence, south of the north fork Nakwasina River downstream of the Peak 3098 Creek confluence, and Rosenberg Lake/Creek drainages.

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 4 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang Commissioner

By delegation to:

Stephen Bethune

Sitka Area Wildlife Management Biologist

## **JUSTIFICATION:**

Hunt managers set a harvest quota of 2 males or 1 female for the Rosenberg Lake hunt zone of mountain goat hunt RG150 on Baranof Island. Quotas are based on the most recent aerial surveys. Baranof Island hunt zones were developed in 2017. The strategy of closing hunt zones when one female has been harvested has been very effective in reducing female harvest and has helped 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 Rosenberg Lake zone of RG150. No further harvest is warranted. Therefore, this zone is being closed by emergency order.

For more information on the Baranof Island mountain goat hunt strategy that began with the 2017 season, visit ADF&G's Goat Hunting in Alaska Resources page at: <a href="http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=goathunting.resources">http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=goathunting.resources</a>

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