HUNTING-TRAPPING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-16-20 Issued at Douglas, Alaska

October 8, 2020

Effective Date: October 9, 2020 Expiration Date: 30 June 2021

(unless superseded by a subsequent

emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident goat hunting seasons in the Takshanuk Mountain Range portion of hunt area RG023 in the area north and east of the Haines Highway and Chilkat River, west of the Chilkoot River and Lake, and north to Goat Hollow. This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Friday, October 9, 2020.

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Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR GOAT, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting goat in Unit 1(D):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

(1)

Unit 1(D), that portion east of the Haines Highway and Chilkat River, and west of the Chilkoot River and Lake, and north to Goat Hollow:

Sept. 15-Oct. 8 (General hunt only) Sept. 15-Oct. 8

1 goat by registration permit only.

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

> Doug Vincent-Lang Commissioner

By delegation to: _ Caul H Hork

Assistant Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Based on survey information, a guideline harvest objective of 8-9 points (male goat=1 point & female goat=2 points) was established for the middle portion of the Takshanuk Mountain Range. As of Thursday, October 8, 2020, 6 goats have been harvested in this area, including 4 male goats (2 points), and 2 female goats (2 points) for a total of 8 points. In addition, snowfall last winter was 45% above the long-term average and may have increased winter mortality. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area to additional harvest beyond the guideline harvest level, an emergency order (01-16-20) is being issued to close the goat hunting season in the middle portion of the Takshanuk Mountains at 11:59 pm on Friday, October 9, 2020.

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