Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order Alaska Depart

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 01-05-22

Effective Date: 19 August, 2022

Issued at Sitka, Alaska 18 August, 2022

Expiration Date: 30 June 2023 (unless superseded by subsequent emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season in the Lisa Creek hunt zone of RG150 on Baranof Island in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, Friday August 19, 2022.

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Therefore, the provisions of **5** AAC **85.040**, **Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts	Nonresident Open Season
Unit 4, Lisa Creek – Drainages north of Katlian Bay, west of Coxe River, east of Nakwasina Sound and south of Nakwasina River downstream of Cold Storage Lake pass, but excluding the Lisianski Peninsula.	Aug 1 – Aug 19 (General hunt only)	Aug 1 – Aug 19
 goat by registration permit only, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited. All other mountain goat hunting regulations in Us emergency order. 	nit 4 remain unchanged and	are not affected by this

Doug Vincent-Lang Commissioner

By delegation to:

Sitka Area Wildlife Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Hunt managers set a harvest quota of two males or one female for the Lisa Creek 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 female goat has been harvested in the Lisa Creek hunt zone of RG150. The management objective for this hunt zone has been met and 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: <u>http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=goathunting.resources</u>

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