HUNTING-TRAPPING Emergency Order ALASKA DEPARTMENT

OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. R1-15-23

Effective Date: October 24, 2023

Issued at Douglas, Alaska October 23, 2023

Expiration Date: 30 June 2024 (unless superseded by a subsequent emergency order)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, **Tuesday, October 24, 2023**.

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Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR GOAT, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting goat in Unit 1(D):

Unit and Dag Limit	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and Concered Hunte)	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. 24 (General hunt only)	Sept. 15–Oct. 24

1 goat by registration permit only.

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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: _ Carl H Hork Carl Koch

Carl Koch Wildlife Biologist II

JUSTIFICATION:

Based on survey information, a guideline harvest objective of 7-8 points (male goat=1 point & female goat=2 points) was established for the middle portion of the Takshanuk Mountain Range. As of Monday, October 23, 2023, 6 goats have been harvested in this area, including 3 male goats (3 points), 2 female goat (2 points), and one unrecovered goat (2 pts) for a total of 9 points. Because the guideline harvest level has been exceeded and due to the vulnerability of goats in this area to additional harvest, an emergency order (R1-15-23) is being issued to close the goat hunting season in the middle portion of the Takshanuk Mountains at **11:59 pm on Tuesday, October 24, 2023**.