# Hunting and Trapping

# Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. R2-15-23

Issued at Cordova, Alaska October 24, 2023

**Effective Date:** 11:59 pm

October 25, 2023

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2024 unless superseded by

subsequent emergency order

## **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order closes the State of Alaska resident and nonresident hunting season for mountain goat in registration permit hunt area RG244 between Valdez Arm and Port Fidalgo in Game Management Unit 6(D). Mountain goat hunting regulations in all other portions of Game Management Unit 6 are not affected by this emergency order.

## **REGULATION:**

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.040** (2), **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

#### Resident

Open Season (Subsistence General Hunts)

Nonresident Open Season

Units and Bag Limits

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Unit 6(D), Hunt RG244: specifically, that portion that includes the mainland drainages south of Jack Bay and the main channel of Jack River, east of Valdez Arm and Tatitlek Narrows, and west of the main channel of Denson Creek.

1 goat by registration permit only; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited Sept. 15-Oct. 25

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All other mountain goat hunting regulations in Unit 6 are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang Commissioner

By delegation to:

Charlotte Westing Area Wildlife Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The most recent aerial survey resulted in a minimum count of 191 goats within mountain goat hunt area RG244. The department set the maximum allowable harvest at 9 goat points. Each billy counts as one goat point, each nanny counts as two goat points, and an unrecoverable goat counts and 1.5 goat points. The current harvest is 4 billies, and 3 nannies with additional hunters remaining in the field. Harvest that exceeds objectives could lead to reduced future hunting opportunity.

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