Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. R2-06-23

Issued at Cordova, Alaska September 25, 2023

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.

September 26, 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unless superseded by subsequent emergency order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 seasons for mountain goat in registration permit hunt area RG266, including mainland drainages south of Icy Bay, Tiger Glacier and Sargent Icefield, east of Cape Fairfield, and west of Port Bainbridge and Bainbridge Passage in Game Management Unit 6D. Mountain goat hunting regulations in all other areas of 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Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.040 (2)**, **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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 RG266: specifically, including mainland drainages south of Icy Bay, Tiger Glacier and Sargent Icefield, east of Cape Fairfield, and west of Port Bainbridge and Bainbridge Passage

1 goat by registration permit only; the taking of nannies with kids is

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prohibited

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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 last aerial survey resulted in a minimum count of 139 goats within mountain goat hunt area RG266. The department set the maximum allowable harvest at 7 goat points. Each billy counts as one goat point, each nanny counts as two goat points, and an unrecoverable goat counts as 1.5 goat points. The current harvest is two billies, and two nannies, totaling 6 goat points with additional hunters remaining in the field. Harvest that exceeds objectives could lead to reduced future hunting opportunity.

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