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## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **Southwestern Prince William Sound Goat Hunt Closes**

(Cordova) – Registration permit hunt RG266 for mountain goats in Game Management Unit 6D will close by emergency order at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26. Located in Game Management Unit 6D, hunt area RG266 includes mainland drainages south of Icy Bay, Tiger Glacier and Sargent Icefield, east of Cape Fairfield, and west of Port Bainbridge and Bainbridge Passage.

The most recent aerial survey found a minimum count of 139 goats in the RG266 registration permit area. The department set the maximum allowable harvest at 7 goat points. The current reported harvest is two billies and two nannies for a total of 6 goat points; each billy counts as one goat point and each nanny counts as two goat points. Hunters currently remain in the field and it is likely that additional goats have been taken and not yet reported. Harvest that exceeds objectives could lead to reduced future hunting opportunity.

This closure affects only registration permit hunt RG266 in Unit 6D. All other mountain goat hunting regulations in the remainder of Unit 6 are not affected by this emergency order.

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