EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident goat hunting seasons on that portion of the Takshanuk Mountains from the northwestern saddle from Mount Tukghago to the city of Haines, Alaska in Game Management Unit 1(D). This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Thursday September 18, 2014.

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Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR GOAT, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting goat in Unit 1(D):

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Unit 1(D), that portion north and east of the Chilkat River, to the 4000 foot saddle on the northwest side of Mount Tukghago inclusive of drainages from Mount Tukghago and extending south from Mount Tukghago to include the southern portion of the Takshanuk Mountains.

1 goat by registration permit only.

The remainder of Unit 1D mountain goat seasons, other than those previously closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to: ___

Stephanie Sell
Asst. Area Management Biologist
JUSTIFICATION:

A guideline harvest objective of 1 point (male goats=1 point, female goats=2 points) was established by ADF&G for the portion of the Takshanuk Mountains from the saddle on the northwest side of Mount Tukgahgo to the city of Haines. As of Wednesday, September 17, 2014 one male goat has been taken in the area for a total of 1 point. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area the department has established a 1 point guideline harvest for mountain goats in this area. Because the guideline harvest level has been reached and additional harvest is anticipated an emergency order has been issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in the Tukgahgo Mountain area at 11:59 pm on Thursday, September 18, 2014. Those portions of Unit 1D not affected by this emergency order, and not previously closed by emergency order, will remain open until the harvest guidelines are reached or the seasons come to their scheduled conclusions.

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