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, Friday, October 10, 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Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR GOAT, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting goat in Unit 1(D):

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<td>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:</td>
<td>Sept. 15–Oct. 10 (General hunt only)</td>
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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.

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Stephanie Sell
Area Management Biologist
JUSTIFICATION:

Based on survey information collected in September 2013, a guideline harvest objective of 10 points (male goat=1 point & female goat=2 points) was established for the middle portion of the Takshanuk Mountain Range. As of Thursday, October 9, 2014, 6 goats have been harvested in this area, including 1 male goat (1 point) and 5 female goats (10 points) for a total of 11 points. An aerial survey conducted 09/24/14 resulted in a total of 132 goat (107 adults, 25 kids), which is 98 less than the number of goats observed last year. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area to additional harvest, the low number of goats counted in the aerial survey, and the high female harvest, an emergency order (01-09-14) is being issued to close the goat hunting season in the middle portion of the Takshanuk Mountains.

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