

HUNTING-TRAPPING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-11-15

Issued at Douglas, Alaska
October 7, 2015

Effective Date: October 8, 2015

Expiration Date: 30 June 2016
(unless superseded by a subsequent
emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident goat hunting seasons in the area bounded by the White Pass and Yukon Railroad on the west side, the East Fork of the Skagway River on the south side, and the Canadian border to the north and east side in Game Management Unit 1(D). This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Thursday, October 8, 2015.

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Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR GOAT, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting goat in Unit 1(D):

Unit and Bag Limit	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(1) ...		
Unit 1(D), the area bounded by the White Pass and Yukon Railroad on the west side, the East Fork of the Skagway River on the south side, and the Canadian border to the north and east side.	Sept. 15–October 8 (General hunt only)	Sept. 15–October 8

1 goat by registration permit only.

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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.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Carl H. Koch

Asst. Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

A guideline harvest objective of 1-2 points (male goats=1 point, female goats=2 points) was established by ADF&G for the area described above. As of Wednesday, October 7, 2015 one female goat had been harvested for a total of 2 points. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area to overharvesting the department conducted an aerial survey on September 7, 2015 which revealed low numbers of goats (9 adults). Due to the low number of goats observed, the decision was made to limit the harvest to just 1-2 points in this area. Because the guideline harvest level has been reached and any additional harvest may be detrimental to the sustainability of this population of goats, an emergency order has been issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in this area.

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