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Archery Area (RG014) Closed to Mountain Goat Hunting in Unit 1C

(Juneau) – Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Douglas announce an early closure to the mountain goat hunting season under the state registration permit hunt RG014, for that portion of Unit 1C draining into the south bank of Little Sheep Creek, Gastineau Channel south of Little Sheep Creek, Stephens Passage, and Taku Inlet between the mouth of Little Sheep Creek and Taku Glacier.

An aerial survey conducted on September 25, 2014 in the archery area between Little Sheep Creek and Taku Inlet found a total of 159 goats (129 adults, 30 kids). Based on findings of that survey, a combined guideline harvest objective of 8 points (male goat = 1 point & female goat = 2 points) was established for the archery hunt area RG014. A survey of the same area on September 20, 2016 found a total of 149 goats (122 adults, 27 kids). As of Monday, November 14, 2016, six male goats and one female goat have been harvested in this area for a total of 8 points. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area, and because the guideline harvest level has been met, an emergency order (01-23-16) is being issued to close the goat hunting season in this area at 11:59 pm on Wednesday, November 16, 2016

The remaining area of registration mountain goat hunt RG014 between the Blackerby Ridge and Salmon Creek Reservoir was also closed by emergency order (01-03-16), however all other mountain goat hunting regulations in Unit 1C remain unchanged and are not affected by this Emergency Order.