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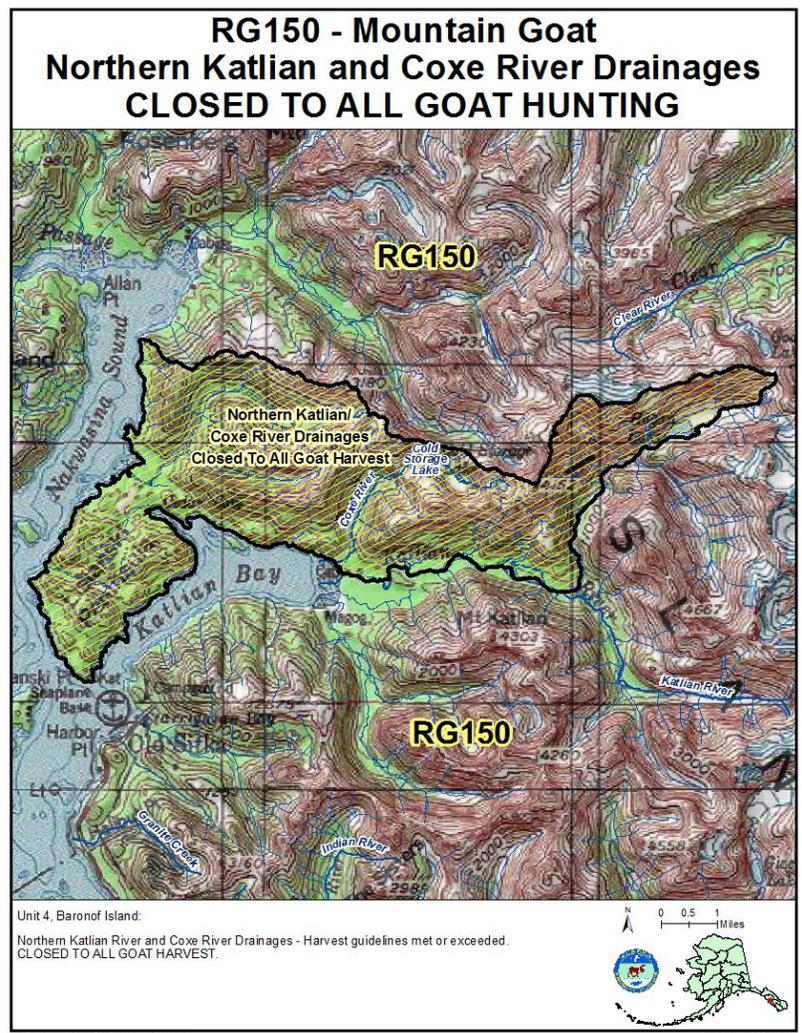
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North Katlian Zone Closed to Mountain Goat Hunting

(Sitka) - Biologists have set a maximum guideline harvest objective of four male goats or one female goat from the North Katlian Zone portion of the Unit 4 registration goat hunt (RG150). As of December 27, 2016, two male goats and one female have been reported harvested. Because the guideline harvest has been met in this zone, an emergency order is being issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in this zone at 11:59 pm, December 28, 2016. This emergency order is necessary to restrict the harvest to the guideline level, and to prevent overharvest in this zone. Any additional harvest could have long-term negative effects on this goat population.

Emergency Order 01-28-16 was issued to close the mountain goat season in this zone on December 28, 2016 @ 11:59 pm.

Those portions of Unit 4 not affected by this emergency order, and not previously closed by emergency order, will remain open until harvest guidelines are reached or the season concludes. Previous emergency orders are available online at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=wcnews.main>. For more information, contact the Sitka Area Wildlife Office at (907) 747-5449.



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