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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **CLOSURE TO MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNTING BETWEEN KICKING HORSE RIVER AND SULLIVAN RIVER (RG026)**

The guideline harvest level for mountain goats has been met along the western shore of the Chilkat Inlet, from Kicking Horse River/ Garrison Glacier south to Sullivan River (Unit 1C border). An emergency order (01-04-17) was issued to close the goat hunting season in this area at **11:59 pm on Wednesday, August 16, 2017**.

Based on survey information, a combined guideline harvest objective of 2-3 points (male goat = 1 point & female goat = 2 points) was established for the hunt area between Kicking Horse River/ Garrison Glacier south to Sullivan River (Unit 1C border). As of Tuesday, August 15, 2017, one male goat and 1 female goat have been harvested in this area for a total of 3 points. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area, and because the guideline harvest level has been met, an emergency order (01-04-17) is being issued effective at 11:59 pm, Wednesday, August 16, 2017.

Those portions of Unit 1D not affected by this emergency order, and not previously closed, will remain open until the harvest guidelines are reached or the seasons come to their scheduled conclusions.

Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game encourage hunters to target male goats to allow for a higher sustainable harvest. Hunters with questions about goat hunting can contact Carl Koch, in the Douglas Area Office at 907-465-4329.

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