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Bear Mountain Goat Hunt Zone Closed

(Sitka) – Biologists set a maximum goat harvest quota of two males or one female for the Bear Mountain Zone of the Unit 4 registration mountain goat hunt on Baranof Island (RG150). Quotas were calculated from 2017 survey results. The one female limit was set to encourage harvest of males and has been a successful strategy, allowing hunters more opportunity and lowering the risk of localized overharvest. As of Monday, August 6, 2018, one male goat has been reported harvested. With hunters currently in the field and the accessibility of goats in this zone, an emergency order (EO) is being issued to close this zone to goat hunting at 11:59 PM, Thursday, August 9, 2018.

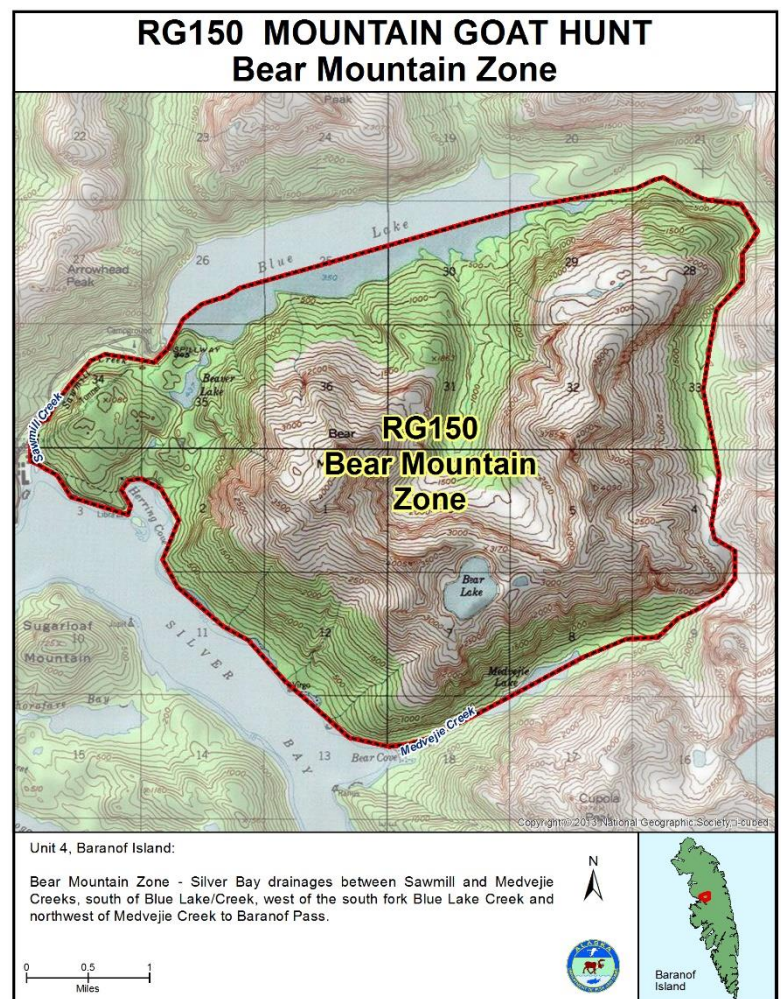
Emergency Order 01-03-18 was issued to close the mountain goat season in the Bear Mountain Zone of RG150 on Thursday, August 9, 2018 @ 11:59 PM.

This emergency order is necessary to restrict the harvest to the maximum sustainable level and prevent overharvest in this zone. Any additional harvest could have long-term negative effects on this goat population.

Those portions of Unit 4 not affected by this emergency order will remain open until harvest quotas are reached or the season concludes.

Previous EO's are listed online at:
http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=wc_news.main.

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