Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-08-19

Issued at Sitka, Alaska
17 September, 2019

Effective Date: 19 September, 2019

Expiration Date: 30 June, 2020
(unless superseded by subsequent emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season in the Indian River hunt zone of RG150 on Baranof Island in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, September 19, 2019.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

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<th>Units and Bag Limits</th>
<th>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</th>
<th>Nonresident Open Season</th>
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<td>... \nUnit 4, Indian River - Drainages of Sitka Sound between Katlian River and Sawmill Creek, north of Sawmill Creek, south of south fork Katlian River and west of Clarence Creek, including Indian River, Granite Creek, Starrigavan Creek, and the Mt. Verstovia/Arrowhead ridge.\n1 goat by registration permit only, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited. \n\nAll other mountain goat hunting regulations in Unit 4 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.</td>
<td>Aug. 1 - Sept. 19 (General hunt only)</td>
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JUSTIFICATION:

Hunt managers set a harvest quota of 2 males or 1 female for the Indian River hunt zone of mountain goat hunt RG150 on Baranof Island. Quotas are based on the most recent aerial surveys. In 2011, hunt managers devised the strategy of closing hunt zones when one female goat was harvested. This strategy has been very effective in reducing female harvest. This “one and done” policy not only reduces female harvest in areas where there may be population concerns, but helps maintain high harvest opportunities for male goats. Keeping hunters focused on avoiding female harvest maintains opportunities for more hunters to participate, especially in hunt zones that have good access.

To date, two male goats have been harvested in the Indian River hunt zone of RG150. The management objective for this zone has been met and no further harvest is warranted. Therefore, this zone is being closed by emergency order.

For more information on the Baranof Island mountain goat hunt strategy that began with the 2017 season, visit the Unit 4 FAQ’s page at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/hunting/goahunting/pdfs/unit_4_rg150_mountain_goat_hunt_faqs.pdf

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