Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-14-19

Effective Date: 10 October, 2019

Expiry 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(unless superseded by subsequent emergency order)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 Upper Blue Lake hunt zone of RG150 on Baranof Island in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, October 10, 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Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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>
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<td>Aug. 1 - Oct. 10 (General hunt only)</td>
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<td>1 goat by registration permit only, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited.</td>
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All other mountain goat hunting regulations in Unit 4 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.
JUSTIFICATION:

Hunt managers set a harvest quota of 3 males or 1 female for the Upper Blue Lake 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, three male goats have been harvested in the Upper Blue Lake 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/goathunting/pdfs/unit_4_rg150_mountain_goat_hunt_faqs.pdf

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