**Hunting and Trapping**

**Emergency Order**

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

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<th>Issued at Sitka, Alaska 15 October, 2019</th>
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<td><strong>Effective Date:</strong> 17 October, 2019</td>
<td><strong>Expiration Date:</strong> 30 June 2020 (unless superseded by subsequent emergency order)</td>
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**EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season in the Indigo Lake and Vodopad River hunt zones of RG150 on Baranof Island in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, Thursday October 17, 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Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, *Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat*, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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>Unit 4, Indigo Lake Zone – Drainages north of Vodopad River and Green Lake downstream of the creek originating from Peak 4130, east of Silver Bay and southeast of Medvejie Creek/Lake to Baranof Pass, including Indigo Lake and Cupola (Cross Mt.) Peak.</td>
<td>Aug. 1 – Oct. 17 (General hunt only)</td>
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1 goat by registration permit only, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited.
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All other mountain goat hunting regulations in Unit 4 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:
Thomas Schumacher
Region 1 Fish & Game Coordinator

JUSTIFICATION:

Hunt managers set a combined harvest quota of 3 males or 1 female for the Indigo Lake and Vodopad River hunt zones 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, one female and two male goats have been harvested in the Indigo Lake/Vodopad River hunt zones of RG150. Therefore, these zones are 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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