This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident goat hunting seasons in the area bounded by the Klehini River on the north, the Tsirku River on the south, the Canadian border on the west, and the Chilkat River on the east side in Game Management Unit 1(D). This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Friday December 6, 2019.

The remainder of Unit 1D mountain goat seasons, other than those previously closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.
JUSTIFICATION:

An emergency order (01-22-19) has been issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in the area bounded by the Klehini River on the north, the Tsirku River south, the Canadian border west, and the Chilkat River on the east side at 11:59 P.M., on Friday, December 6, 2019.

Based on a survey conducted on September 5, 2018 (69 adults, 14 kids), a guideline harvest objective of 3-4 points (male goats=1 point, female goats=2 points) was established by ADF&G for the area described above. During a subsequent survey conducted on September 10, 2019 a total of 56 adults and 6 kids (11% kids) were observed. As of Thursday December 5, 2019, one female goat and one male goat have been harvested for a total of 3 points. Due to the low number of goats in this area and vulnerability to overharvest, this emergency order is being issued.

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