Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 02-07-19  Issued at Cordova, Alaska
October 4, 2019

Effective Date: 11:59 pm  Expiration Date: June 30, 2020
October 6, 2019  unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the state resident and nonresident hunting seasons for mountain goat in registration permit hunt area RG249, which includes lands east of the Columbia Glacier, north of Valdez Arm and west of Port Valdez, Shoup Bay and Shoup Glacier in Game Management Unit 6(D). Mountain goat hunting regulations in all other portions of Game Management Unit 6 are not affected by this emergency order.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in 5AAC 85.040 (2), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goat, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

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Unit 6(D), Hunt RG249: specifically, that portion east of Columbia Glacier, north of Valdez Arm and west of Port Valdez, Shoup Bay and Shoup Glacier.

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 6 are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: Charlotte Westing
Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:
The most recent aerial survey of the RG249 hunt area resulted in a minimum count of 235 goats. The maximum allowable harvest is 12 goat units. Each billy counts as one goat point, each nanny counts as two goat points, and each unrecovered goat counts as 1.5 goat points. The current harvest is nine billies, with additional hunters currently in the field. This closure is necessary to prevent unsustainable harvest.

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