Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-06-22
Issued at Sitka, Alaska
23 August, 2022

Effective Date: 25 August, 2022
Expiration Date: 30 June 2023
(unless superseded by subsequent emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season in the Bear Mountain hunt zone of RG150 on Baranof Island in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, Thursday, August 25, 2022.

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Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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>Unit 4, Bear Mountain Zone – Silver Bay drainages between Sawmill and Medvejie Creeks, south of Blue Lake, west of the south fork Blue Lake Creek and northwest of Medvejie Creek to Baranof Pass.</td>
<td>Aug 1 – Aug 25 (General hunt only)</td>
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1 goat by registration permit only, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited.

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 two males or one female for the Bear Mountain hunt zone of mountain goat hunt RG150 on Baranof Island. Quotas are based on the most recent aerial surveys. Baranof Island hunt zones were developed in 2017. The strategy of closing hunt zones when one female has been harvested has been very effective in reducing female harvest and has helped 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 male and one female goat have been harvested in the Bear Mountain zone of RG150. The management objective for this hunt 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 ADF&G’s Goat Hunting in Alaska Resources page at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=goathunting.resources
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