Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 02-04-22

Issued at Cordova, Alaska
September 26, 2022

Effective Date: 11:59 pm
September 27, 2022

Expiration Date: June 30, 2023
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the State of Alaska resident and nonresident hunting season for mountain goat in registration permit hunt area RG252, including areas east of Unakwik Inlet and Meares Glacier, west of the Columbia Glacier, and south of the second branch of Columbia Glacier in Game Management Unit 6(D). Mountain goat hunting regulations in all other areas of 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Therefore, the following regulations in 5AAC 85.040 (2), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goat, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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 RG252: specifically, that portion east of Unakwik Inlet and Meares Glacier, west of the Columbia Glacier, and south of the Second Branch Columbia 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 resulted in a minimum count of 459 goats within mountain goat hunt area RG252. The department set the maximum allowable harvest at 22 goat points. Each billy counts as one goat point, each nanny counts as two goat points, and an unrecoverable goat counts and 1.5 goat points. The current harvest is 9 billies, 4 nannies, and one unrecoverable goat with additional hunters remaining in the field. Harvest that exceeds objectives could lead to reduced future hunting opportunity.

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