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Therefore, the following regulations in 5AAC 85.040 (2), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goat, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

- **Resident**
  - Open Season
  - (Subsistence General Hunts)
- **Nonresident**
  - Open Season

Units and Bag Limits

(2)

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 points. 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 six billies and one nanny with additional hunters currently in the field. This closure is necessary to prevent exceeding harvest objectives.

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