Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 02-11-13

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m. November 13, 2013 **Issued at:** Anchorage, Alaska November 12, 2013

Expiration Date: June 30, 2014 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the state registration permit hunt RG862 for mountain goats in the Twentymile drainage of Game Management Unit 14(C). All other goat hunting seasons in Unit 14 are unaffected by this emergency order.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in 5AAC 85.040(7), **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goats**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting goats:

Resident Open Season (Subsistence and

General Hunts)

Units and Bag Limits

Nonresident Open Season

(7)

Remainder of Unit 14(C), that portion within the drainages of Twentymile River, Peterson and Kerns creeks

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 goat by registration permit only; however goats may be taken from Aug. 16 through Aug. 31 by bow and arrow only; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited

Aug. 16—Nov. 13 (General hunt only) All other goat hunting regulations in Unit 14 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

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Cora Campbell Commissioner

By delegation to:

Jessy Coltrane Anchorage Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

A 2011 survey of mountain goats in the Twentymile drainage counted 135 individuals. To ensure meeting the population objective of at least 500 goats in GMU 14C that will sustain an annual harvest of 25 goats, comprising at least 60 percent males, harvest from this area should not exceed nine goat units. Total goat units are calculated using one unit for billies and two units for nannies. Registration goat hunts for residents and nonresident hunters were held in this hunt area from September 1 through 15 October and resulted in the harvest of two goat units. An additional registration hunt (RG862) was opened on November 1. An additional seven goat units (three billies and two nannies) have been harvested from this area. Therefore, no further harvest is warranted.