# Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order Alaska Department

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 02-02-18

Issued at: Anchorage, Alaska September 4, 2018

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m. September 5, 2018

Expiration Date: June 30, 2019 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order

# **EXPLANATION:**

This Emergency Order closes the state resident registration permit hunt RG868 for mountain goats in 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Therefore, the following regulations in 5AAC 85.040(7), **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goats**, are superseded by this Emergency Order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting goats: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)

Nonresident Open Season

**Units and Bag Limits** 

(7)

That portion of Unit 14C within the drainages of the Twentymile River, Peterson Creek, and Kern Creek.

### RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 goat by registration permit only, and by bow and arrow 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- Sept. 5 (General hunt only)

All other goat hunting regulations in Unit 14 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten Commissioner

By delegation to:

Dave Battle

Anchorage Area Wildlife Biologist

# **JUSTIFICATION:**

Goat surveys conducted in the Twentymile area during the summers of 2011, 2015, and 2017 gave an estimated population of 115 goats. 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 five goat units. The Twentymile area is managed with separate registration hunts for resident and non-resident hunters. Four (4) of the total goat units are allotted for residents holding permit RG868. Total goat units are calculated using one unit for billies and two units for nannies. Currently, seven goat units (1 billy and 3 nannies) have been reported harvested by resident hunters from the Twentymile drainage, and hunters currently remain in the field; therefore, no further harvest is warranted from this hunt. RG868 will close at 11:59 pm on September 5, 2018.

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