Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. R1-17-23

Issued at Sitka, Alaska 25 October, 2023

Effective Date: 28 October, 2023

Expiration Date: 30 June, 2024 (unless superseded by subsequent emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season in the Rosenberg Lake hunt zone of RG150 on Baranof Island in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, Saturday, October 28, 2023.

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Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.040**, **Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts	Nonresident Open Season
	Aug 1 – Oct 28	Aug 1 – Oct 28
Unit 4,	(General hunt only)	
Rosenberg Lake - North fork Nakwasina		
River drainages upstream of the Peak 3098		
Creek confluence, south of the north fork		
Nakwasina River downstream of the Peak		
3098 Creek confluence, and Rosenberg		
Lake/Creek drainages.		

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.

Doug Vincent-Lang

Commissioner

By delegation to:

Stephen Bethune

Sitka Area Wildlife Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Hunt managers set a harvest quota of two males or one female for the Rosenberg Lake 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, two male goats have been harvested in the Rosenberg Lake zone of RG150. No further harvest is warranted. Therefore, this zone is being closed by emergency order.

For more information about mountain goat hunting opportunities on Baranof Island including maps, zone quotas, FAQ's, and other information, contact the Sitka area office at (907) 747-5449.