Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 02-10-23

Issued at Cordova, Alaska October 5, 2023

Effective Date: 11:59 pm

October 6, 2023

Expiration Date: June 30, 2024 unless superseded by

subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the state resident and nonresident hunting seasons for mountain goat in registration permit hunt area RG231, which includes that portion of Unit 6C east of Scott Glacier and the main channel of Scott River, north of the Copper River Highway, and west of Sheridan Glacier and the main channel of Glacier River. 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Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.040 (2)**, **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

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Open Season (Subsistence General Hunts)

Nonresident Open Season

Units and Bag Limits

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Unit 6(C), Hunt RG231: specifically, that portion east of Scott Glacier, and the main channel of Scott River, and west of Sheridan Glacier and the main channel of Glacier River.

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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 RG231 hunt area resulted in a minimum count of 143 goats. The maximum allowable harvest is seven 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 three billies, one nanny, and one unrecoverable goat totaling 6.5 points, with additional hunters currently in the field. Harvest that exceeds objectives could lead to reduced future hunting opportunity.

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