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Drawing and Registration Goat Hunts in Unit 14A Close by Emergency Order

(Palmer) – The Alaska Department of Fish & Game announces that all resident and nonresident registration and drawing goat hunts in Subunit 14A portion of the Chugach Mountains (RG890, RG891, DG890 and DG891) will be closed by emergency order (R4-5-23) at 11:59 pm on October 13, 2023. No other hunting regulation in Unit 14 is affected by this order.

Annual hunting quotas for goats in 14A are based on 7% of the adult population. The 3-year average adult population for the Chugach portion of Unit 14A is 197 goats. As a result, this year's quota was 14 goat points. Under the goat point system, a billy (male) counts as 1 point, and a nanny (female) counts as 2 points. As of 10 October 2023, a total of 13 points have been taken (9 billies and 2 nannies.) To prevent exceeding the harvest quota, the department is closing all goat hunts in Unit 14A. Harvest from the draw hunt permits (DG890 and DG891) totaled 9 goat points and harvest from registration hunt permits (RG890 and RG891) totaled 4 points as of 10 October 2023.

Goat hunt permit reports are due in-person or by phone within 2 days of a successful harvest, and permit reports within 5 days. Unsuccessful hunters or those who did not hunt must report within 15 days after the close of season. It is important that permittees return their hunt reports to provide wildlife managers the information they need to understand harvest by mailing in their paper reports, completing them online at https://secure.wildlife.alaska.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=interperm.enter_report_hunterid, or in person at any Alaska Department of Fish and Game office.

For questions or more information about goat hunting opportunities in Subunit 14A, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Palmer at (907) 746-6300.