## Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order Alaska Depart

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. R1-18-24

Effective Date: 1 November, 2024

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Issued at Sitka, Alaska 29 October, 2024

**Expiration Date:** 30 June, 2025 (unless superseded by subsequent emergency order)

## **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season in the Upper Blue Lake hunt zone of RG150 on Baranof Island in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, Friday, November 1, 2024.

## **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Therefore, the provisions of **5** AAC **85.040**, Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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
Unit 4,	Aug 1 – Nov 1	Aug 1 – Nov 1
Upper Blue Lake - Drainages of north fork	(General hunt only)	
Blue Lake Creek, east of the Glacier Lake		
outflow, east of south fork Blue Lake Creek		
and north of Baranof Pass (west side Mt.		
Bassie).		

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 4 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang Commissioner

DocuSigned by: JtW.B By delegation to:

Stephen Bethune Sitka Area Wildlife Management Biologist

## JUSTIFICATION:

Hunt managers set a harvest quota of three males or one female for the Upper Blue Lake hunt zone of mountain goat hunt RG150 on Baranof Island. Quotas are based on the most recent aerial surveys.

To date, three male goats have been harvested in the Upper Blue Lake hunt zone of RG150. The quota has been met and no further harvest is warranted. Harvest that exceeds objectives could lead to reduced hunting opportunity in the future.

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.