# Hunting and Trapping

## **Emergency Order**

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. R1-6-24

Issued at Sitka, Alaska 14 August 2024

**Effective Date:** 16 August 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**Expiration Date:** 30 June 2025 (unless superseded by subsequent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 Indian River hunt zone of RG150 on Baranof Island in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, Friday, August 16, 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Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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, Indian River - Drainages of Sitka Sound between Katlian River and Sawmill Creek, north of Sawmill Creek, south of south fork Katlian River and west of Clarence Creek, including Indian River, Granite Creek, Starrigavan Creek, and the Mt. Verstovia/Arrowhead ridge.	Aug 1 – Aug 16 (General hunt only)	Aug 1 – Aug 16
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

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By delegation to:

8/14/2024

Stephen Bethune

Sitka Area Wildlife Management Biologist

#### **JUSTIFICATION:**

Hunt managers set a harvest quota of 2 males or 1 female for the Indian River hunt zone of mountain goat hunt RG150 on Baranof Island. Quotas are based on the most recent aerial surveys.

To date, two male goats have been harvested in the Indian River hunt zone of RG150. The management objective for this zone 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.