## Hunting and Trapping

## **Emergency Order**

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

**Emergency Order No. R4-05-24** 

**Issued at:** Palmer, Alaska September 30, 2024

Effective Date: 9:00 am October 03, 2024

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. June 30, 2025 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order opens the Unit 14A registration mountain goat hunts RG890 and RG891 at 9:00 am on October 3, 2024. This emergency order does not affect any other goat hunting regulation in Unit 14.

<u>REGULATION</u>: Therefore, the provisions of **5AAC 85.040 (7), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Resident Open Season (Subsistence and

(Subsistence and General Hunts)

Nonresident Open Season

**Units and Bag Limits** 

(7)

Unit 14(A)

One goat by draw permit only; up to 50 permits may be issued; the taking of nannies with kids is

prohibited

September 1 – September 30 (General hunt only)

September 1 – September

30

One goat by registration permit

only; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited

October 3 – October 31 (General hunt only)

October 3 – October 31

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All other goat hunting regulations remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent Lang Commissioner

Gerrit Van Diest

By delegation to:

Gerrit Van Diest Assistant Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION: Annual hunting quotas for goats in Unit 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 for harvest was 14 goat points. Under the goat point system, a billy counts as 1 point, and a nanny counts as 2 points. As of September 30, 2024, a total of 3 points have been taken from the draw hunts (1 billy and 1 nanny.) Given the low harvest and available goat points, biologists have determined that registration permits will be made available to increase harvest. Permits will be available for resident and nonresident hunters with season dates of October 3–October 31 unless closed by emergency order. Successful hunters must report their harvest within 2 days of kill, and unsuccessful hunters or permittees that did not hunt need to report within 15 days of the close of the season.

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