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Advisory Announcement

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Whale Bay/Necker Bay Mt. Goat Hunt Zones Closed

(Sitka) – Hunt managers set a combined harvest quota for the Whale Bay and Necker Bay hunt zones of mountain goat hunt RG150 on Baranof Island at three males or 1 female goat. Quotas are based on the most recent aerial surveys. The strategy of closing hunt zones when one female has been harvested has been very effective in reducing female harvest and has helped maintain high harvest opportunities for male goats. Keeping hunters focused on avoiding female harvest maintains opportunities for more hunters to participate, especially in hunt zones that have good access.

To date, one male and two female goats have been harvested in the Whale Bay/Necker Bay zones. The management objective has been exceeded and no further harvest is warranted. Therefore, these zones are being closed by emergency order (EO) at 11:59 PM, Friday, November 1, 2024.

Emergency Order R1-19-24 was issued to close the mountain goat season in the Whale Bay and Necker Bay zones of RG150 on Friday, November 1, 2024 @ 11:59 PM.

Those portions of Unit 4 not affected by this emergency order will remain open until harvest quotas are reached or the season concludes.

Previous EO's are listed online at: https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=wcnews.main

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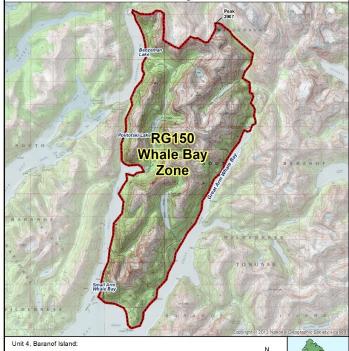
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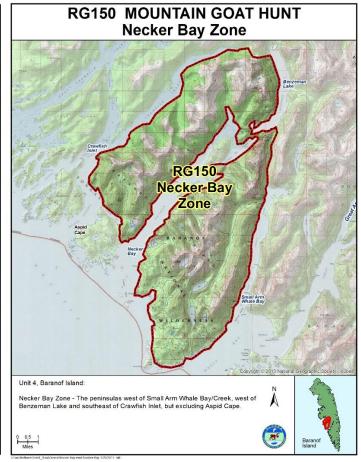


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RG150 MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNT Whale Bay Zone





Whale Bay Zone - Drainages east of Small Arm Whale Bay/Creek, east of Benzeman Lake, west of Great Arm Whale Bay/Creek to the pass at Peak 2907 and drainages of Politofski Lake.