

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. R1-1-26

Issued at Sitka, Alaska
22 July, 2026

Effective Date: 31 July, 2025

Expiration Date: 30 June 2026
(unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season in the South Baranof hunt zone in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, July 31, 2026.

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Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.040, Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

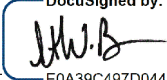
Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts	Nonresident Open Season
... Unit 4, South Baranof - Drainages south of Gut Bay and the east branch of Great Arm Whale Bay and their respective inlet streams; and north of the divide between Larch Bay and Port Conclusion.	No open season (General hunt only)	No open season

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

By delegation to:  7/22/2026
Stephen Bethune
Sitka Area Wildlife Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The South Baranof hunt zone has historically had population levels too low to conduct a sustainable hunt. Harvest in the South Baranof zone could result in over-utilization due to low population levels and good accessibility.

Managers will reassess and make in-season adjustments to hunt zone quotas and/or open and close zones when updated surveys are conducted this fall.

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.