Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. R1-19-26

Issued at Sitka, Alaska
20 November, 2026

Effective Date: 24 November, 2026

Expiration Date: 30 June 2027
(unless superseded by subsequent emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season in the Annahootz hunt zone in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, Tuesday, November 24, 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Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.040, Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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**
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Unit 4, Annahootz – Drainages south of Fish Bay Creek upstream of the Hemorrhoid Creek confluence, west of north fork Nakwasina River downstream of the Peak 3098 Creek confluence, and east of Hemorrhoid Lake/Creek to Nakwasina Passage tidal flats, including Mt. Rosenberg and Annahootz Mtn. 1 goat by registration permit only, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited.	Aug 1 – Nov 24 (General hunt only)	Aug 1 – Nov 24
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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: DocuSigned by: E0A39C497D044A1... 11/20/2026
Stephen Bethune
Sitka Area Wildlife Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Hunt managers set a harvest quota of five males or one female for the Annahootz hunt zone of mountain goat hunt RG150 on Baranof Island. 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, three males and one female goat from the Annahootz zone have been harvested. Therefore, this zone is being closed by emergency order.

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.