

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. R1-8-26

Issued at Sitka, Alaska
15 September, 2026

Effective Date: 18 September, 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(unless superseded by subsequent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 Indigo Lake hunt zone in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, Friday, September 18, 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Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.040, Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

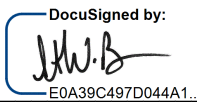
Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 4, Indigo Lake - Drainages north of Vodopad River and Green Lake downstream of the creek originating from Peak 4130, east of Silver Bay and southeast of Medvejie Creek/Lake to Baranof Pass, including Indigo Lake and Cupola (Cross) Peak.	Aug 1 – Sept 18 (General hunt only)	Aug 1 – Sept 18

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:  9/15/2026
Stephen Bethune
Sitka Area Wildlife Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Hunt managers set a harvest quota of two males or one female for the Indigo Lake 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, one female goat from Indigo Lake has 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.