

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. R4-7-26

Issued at: Palmer, Alaska
September 30, 2026

Effective Date: 9:00am October 02, 2026

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m.
June 30, 2027 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superseded by subsequent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 2, 2026. This emergency order does not affect any other goat hunting regulation in Unit 14.

REGULATION: Therefore, the provisions of **5AAC 85.040 (7), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Units and Bag Limits (7)	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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	<u>October 2 – October 31</u> (General hunt only)	<u>October 2 – October 31</u>

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

Doug Vincent Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: Ross Dorendorf
Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION: Annual hunting quotas for goats in Unit 14A are based on minimum count surveys. Managers conduct minimum counts annually and base harvest quotas on 7% of the adults seen, averaged over the previous three complete surveys. The 3-year average adult population for the Chugach portion of Unit 14A is 171 goats. As a result, this year's quota for harvest was 12 goats of which up to 4 could be nannies. Nanny harvest is limited to up to 30% of the harvest quota to maintain the population. As of September 30, 2026, hunters harvested 7 goats from the draw hunts (6 billies and 1 nanny.) Given the low harvest and 3-year average minimum count of goats, biologists determined that registration permits will be made available. Permits will be available for resident and nonresident hunters with season dates of October 2–October 31, 2026 unless closed by subsequent 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.