

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. R4-8-26

Issued at: Palmer, Alaska
October 12, 2026

Effective Date: 11:59 pm
Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m.
June 30, 2027 unless
superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes all resident and nonresident registration mountain goat hunting (RG890 and RG891) in the Chugach Mountain portion of Unit 14A at 11:59 pm on October 13, 2026.

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Therefore, the provisions of **5AAC 85.040 (7), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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 13</u> (General hunt only)	<u>October 2 – October 13</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 full surveys. The 3-year average adult population for the Chugach portion of Game Management Unit (GMU) 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 12 October 2026, a total of 11 goats have been taken (9 billies, 1 nanny, and 1 to be determined). To prevent exceeding the goat harvest quota, the department is closing all goat hunts in GMU 14A. Harvest from the September draw hunt permits (DG890 and DG891) totaled 7 goats, and harvest from registration hunt permits (RG890 and RG891) totaled 4 goats as of 12 October 2026.