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DAYEBAS CREEK TO KASIDAYA CREEK CLOSED TO MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNTING (RG024)

The guideline harvest level for mountain goats has been met along the eastern shore of Taiya Inlet, from Dayebas Creek north to Kasidaya Creek, and east to the Canadian border. An emergency order (01-18-16) was issued to close the goat hunting season in this area at **11:59 pm on Friday, October 14, 2016.**

Based on a fall 2015 aerial survey (21 adults, 4 kids), a guideline harvest objective of 1-2 points (male goat = 1 point & female goat = 2 points) was established for the hunt area described above. During a subsequent aerial survey on October 2, 2016 26 adults and 2 kids were observed. As of Thursday, October 13, 2016 one female goat has been harvested in this area for a total of 2 points. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area, the low numbers of goat seen during aerial surveys, and because the guideline harvest level has been met, an emergency order (01-18-16) has been issued to close the goat hunting season in this area at **11:59 pm on Friday, October 14, 2016.**

Those portions of Unit 1D not affected by this emergency order, and not previously closed, will remain open until the harvest guidelines are reached or the seasons come to their scheduled conclusions.

Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game encourage hunters to target male goats to allow for a higher sustainable harvest. Hunters with questions about goat hunting can contact Carl Koch, in the Douglas Area Office at 907-465-4329.

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