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Sheridan Goat Hunt Closes

(Cordova)- Registration permit hunt RG231 for mountain goats in Unit 6C will close at 11:59 p.m. on October 18 by Emergency Order of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Hunt area RG231 which includes that portion of Unit 6C east of Scott Glacier and the main channel of Scott River, north of the Copper River Highway, and west of Sheridan Glacier and the main channel of Glacier River.

The 2016 aerial survey for goats in registration permit area RG231 found 173 goats. The department set the maximum allowable state harvest at 8 goat units. Additional take beyond the harvest objective could harm the long-term stability of the mountain goat population. According to Cordova Area Biologist Charlotte Westing, the harvest is currently at 3 nannies and 1 billy. Hunters are currently in the field, and therefore it is likely that additional goats have been taken and not yet reported. This closure is necessary to prevent unsustainable harvest.

This closure affects only registration permit hunt RG231 in Unit 6C. All other mountain goat hunting regulations in the remainder of Game Management Unit 6 are not affected by this emergency order.

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