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Lake Diana Mt. Goat Hunt Zone Closed

(Sitka) – Biologists set a maximum harvest quota of five male goats or one female for the Lake Diana Zone of the Unit 4 registration mountain goat hunt on Baranof Island (RG150). Quotas were calculated from 2015 and 2016 survey results. The one nanny limit was set to encourage harvest of males and has been a successful strategy, allowing hunters more opportunity and lowering the risk of localized overharvest. As of Monday, August 14, 2017, one male and one female goat have been reported harvested. Because the maximum harvest quota for female goats has been met in this zone, an emergency order (EO) is being issued to close this zone to goat hunting at 11:59 PM, Thursday, August 17, 2017.

Emergency Order 01-03-17 was issued to close the mt. goat season in the Lake Diana Zone of RG150 on Thursday, August 17, 2017 @ 11:59 PM.

This emergency order is necessary to restrict the harvest to the maximum sustainable level and prevent overharvest in this zone. Any additional harvest could have long-term negative effects on this goat population.

Those portions of Unit 4 not affected by this emergency order will remain open until harvest quotas are reached or the season concludes.

Previous EO's are listed online at:
http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=wc_news.main.

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