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One Kodiak Mountain Goat Registration Hunt Will Not Open; Four Others Will Remain Open

(Kodiak) – A popular Kodiak Island registration mountain goat hunt will not open this year because drawing hunt harvests earlier this fall have met harvest objectives. Four other goat registration hunts will remain open.

Registration hunts that will remain open include RG471 (Wild Creek - Center Mountain), RG474 (Uganik River), RG476 (Kiliuda Bay), and RG480 (South Kodiak). To participate in RG474, hunters must first pick up a permit at the tribal offices in Port Lions. For RG476, permits are available in the tribal offices in Old Harbor. Registration hunt RG480 (southwest Kodiak) opened August 20 and will remain open until March 20, unless closed by emergency order. Registration mountain goat hunts are controlled by harvest quota and hunters are encouraged to contact the Kodiak office at 907-486-1880 prior to hunting to check individual hunt status.

Registration hunt RG489 (North Road System; bow and arrow/crossbow/muzzleloader-only) will not open. Mild, relatively dry weather during the drawing hunt season created optimal hunting conditions resulting in high hunter success.

Ten Kodiak Island mountain goat hunts are managed by drawing and/or registration permits. Goat harvest quotas are established annually for each hunt area. Harvest quotas in individual permit areas range from 5 percent to 20 percent. If harvest objectives are not met during the drawing permit season, registration permits may be issued. In the southwestern part of Kodiak Island (RG480) where goat populations are expanding, liberal hunting regulations allow up to a seven-month registration hunt with a two-goat bag limit for resident and nonresident hunters. Hunters intending to harvest two goats must obtain two permits and must report on both permits individually. Hunters obtaining two hunt permits for RG480 are limited to taking only 1 male goat.

Mountain goats on Kodiak originated from 11 females and seven males moved from the Kenai Peninsula to the Hidden Basin area in 1952 and 1953. The first hunting season was authorized in 1968, and permits have been issued each year since with permit numbers and open areas changing to reflect population trends and goat movements. Mountain goats currently occupy nearly all available goat habitats on the island, and goats have been confirmed as far southwest as Halibut Bay and Akalura Lake. Based on data from comprehensive aerial surveys, Kodiak Island's goat population is estimated at approximately 3,200 goats.

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