

# HUNTING-TRAPPING

## Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-06-13

Issued at Douglas, Alaska  
September 26, 2013

Effective Date: September 30, 2013

Expiration Date: 30 June 2014  
(unless superseded by a subsequent  
emergency order)

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the state of Alaska resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season for that portion of Unit 1C between Eagle Glacier and Sawmill Creek. This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Monday, September 30, 2013.

### REGULATORY TEXT:

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR GOAT, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting mountain goats in Unit 1(C):

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(1) ...		
Unit 1(C), that portion draining into Lynn Canal and Stephens Passage Between Eagle River and Eagle Glacier and Sawmill Creek	No open season (General hunt only)	No open season
1 goat by registration permit only, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited ....		
The remainder of Unit 1(C) mountain goat seasons, other than those previously closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.		

Cora Campbell  
Commissioner

By delegation to: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ryan Scott  
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

An aerial survey conducted on September 25, 2013 in the area between Eagle Glacier and Sawmill Creek resulted in low goat counts; a total of 30 goats were observed. Surveys in the same area in 2011 resulted in 74 goats, and 60 goats in 2012. In addition to the low goat numbers, there were also few kid goats observed; 14 in 2012 and 4 in 2013. Goat numbers began declining in the area after the severe winter of 2006/2007. Since then we have had several additional winters with above average snowfall likely leading to additional mortality and the continued decline in goat numbers. While goats are not isolated in these areas, historical survey data and recent GPS radio collar information suggests little movement between drainages, which causes concern for taking goats from the area given the declining numbers. Because of these reasons, area managers consider it necessary to close the season in this area to prevent any harvest of mountain goats.

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