

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 01-09-15

Issued at Sitka, Alaska
06 October, 2015

Effective Date: October 7, 2015

Expiration Date: 30 June 2016
(unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season in the following portions of hunt area RG150; (1) that portion including the north fork of the Katlian River and Coxe River drainages and, (2) that portion of the unnamed drainage west of Coxe River and north of Cedar Cove that drains into Nakwasina Sound on Baranof Island in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, October 7, 2015.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.040, Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

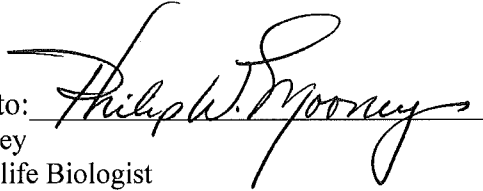
Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(1) ... Unit 4, that portion including the north fork of the Katlian River and Coxe River drainages and, (2) that portion of the unnamed drainage west of Coxe River and north of Cedar Cove that drains into Nakwasina Sound on Baranof Island	Aug. 1 – Oct. 7 (General hunt only)	Aug. 1- Oct. 7

1 goat by registration permit only; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited

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All other mountain goat hunting regulations in Unit 4, other than those closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to: 
Philip W. Mooney
Sitka Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Based on aerial surveys, historical harvest and vulnerability to goats in this area, biologists have set a maximum guideline harvest objective of four males or one female goat allowed for that portion of Unit 4 (RG150) including the north fork of the Katlian River and Coxe River drainages and, (2) that portion of the unnamed drainage west of Coxe River and north of Cedar Cove that drains into Nakwasina Sound, on Baranof Island. As of Monday, October 5, 2015, four male goats have been reported harvested. Because the management guideline harvest has been met in this area, an emergency order is being issued to close this area to mountain goat hunting at 11:59 pm, Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

The emergency order action is necessary to restrict the harvest to the guideline level and prevent overharvest in this area. Any additional harvest could have long-term negative effects on this goat population.

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