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N. Fork Katlian River Area Closed to Mountain Goat Hunting

(Sitka) – Based on aerial surveys, historical harvest, and vulnerability to goats in this area, biologists have set a maximum guideline harvest objective of four male mountain goats or one female goat allowed for the North Katlian and Coxe River drainages of the Unit 4 registration goat hunt (RG150). As of Monday, October 5, 2015, four male goats have been harvested in this area. Because the management guideline harvest has been met in this area, an emergency order is being issued to close the North Katlian and Coxe River drainages to mountain goat hunting at 11:59 pm, Wednesday, October 7, 2015. This emergency order action is necessary to restrict the harvest to the guideline level, and to prevent overharvest in this area. Any additional harvest could have long term negative effects on this goat population.

Emergency Order 01-09-15 was issued to close the mountain goat season in this area on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 @ 11:59 pm.

Those portions of Unit 4, Baranof Island, not affected by this emergency order, and not previously closed by emergency order, will remain open until harvest guidelines are reached or the season concludes. For additional information, please contact the Sitka Area Wildlife office at (907) 747-5449.

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