

# HUNTING-TRAPPING

## Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-05-16

Issued at Douglas, Alaska  
September 13, 2016

Effective Date: September 14, 2016

Expiration Date: 30 June 2017  
(unless superseded by a subsequent  
emergency order)

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident goat hunting seasons in the archery only area of RG024 between the Taiya Inlet and River and the White Pass and Yukon Railroad to the Canadian border. This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Wednesday September 14, 2016.

### REGULATORY TEXT:

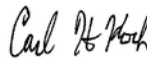
Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR GOAT, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting goat in Unit 1(D):

Unit and Bag Limit	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 1(D), the archery only area between the Taiya Inlet and River and the White Pass and Yukon Railroad to the Canadian border.	No Open Season (General hunt only)	No Open Season
1 goat by registration permit only, and by bow and arrow only.		

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The remainder of Unit 1D mountain goat seasons, other than those previously closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten  
Commissioner

By delegation to:   
Carl H. Koch  
Assist. Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Consecutive aerial surveys of the archery only area between Taiya Inlet and River and the White Pass and Yukon Railroads to the Canadian border (commonly referred to as the Skagway Pie) found relatively few mountain goats. The number of goats ranged from 12 adults and 6 kids counted during the September 7, 2015 survey to a high of 27 adults and 9 kids during the September 11, 2016 survey. Those counts are down from 99 adults and 19 kids found during the 2008 survey. The number of adults counted during the last 2 years was 72–87% lower than the count in 2008 when the season was reopened. Due to apparent low numbers and the vulnerability of goats in this area to hunters, an emergency order (01-05-16) is being issued to close the RG024 goat hunting season at 11:59PM on September 14, 2016.

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