

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 01-16-16

Issued at Sitka, Alaska
10 October, 2016

Effective Date: October 11, 2016

Expiration Date: 30 June 2017
(unless superseded by subsequent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 all drainages west of Silver Bay to Redoubt Bay, Redoubt Lake drainage, all drainages into Crawfish Inlet, and all drainages into Necker Bay (known as the Redoubt Bay – Necker Bay Zone) on Baranof Island in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, October 11, 2016.

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Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, **Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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

Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 4, that portion including the Redoubt Bay -
Necker Bay Zone on Baranof Island.

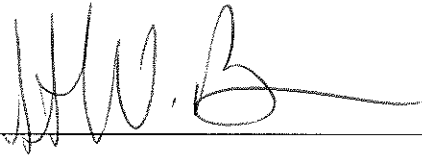
Aug. 1-Oct. 11 (General hunt only)	Aug. 1-Oct. 11
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1 goat by registration permit only; the taking of
nannies with kids is prohibited.

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

Sam Cotten
Commissioner



By delegation to:
Stephen Bethune
Sitka Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Biologists have set a maximum guideline harvest objective of six male goats and/or one female goat; for the RG150 hunt area within Unit 4 including that portion of the Redoubt Bay – Necker Bay Zone (all drainages west of Silver Bay to Redoubt Bay, Redoubt Lake drainage, all drainages into Crawfish Inlet, and all drainages into Necker Bay) on Baranof Island. ADF&G’s management strategy for mt. goats is to allow 6 goat points (billy = 1 point, nanny =2) per 100 observed goats. Biologists observed approximately 150 and 85 goats during 2015 and 2016 surveys, respectively within this area. Based on these observations, biologists set the harvest quota for the Redoubt – Necker area at 6 billies and/or 1 nanny. The harvest limit of 1 nanny was set to encourage harvest of males and has been a successful strategy, allowing more opportunity for hunters and helping to speed the Baranof mt. goat population recovery. As of, October 10, 2016, six male goats have been reported harvested. Because the 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, October 11, 2016.

This emergency order 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.

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