

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 01-11-17

Issued at Sitka, Alaska
5 October, 2017

Effective Date: 7 October, 2017

Expiration Date: 30 June 2018
(unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season in the Whale Bay Zone of RG150 on Baranof Island in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 12:01 AM, October 7, 2017.

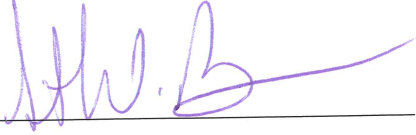
REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.040, Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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, Whale Bay – Drainages east of Small Arm Whale Bay/Creek, east of Benzeman Lake, west of Great Arm Whale Bay/Creek to the pass at Peak 2907 and drainages of Politofski Lake.	Oct. 7 – Dec. 31 (General hunt only)	Oct. 7 – Dec. 31
1 goat by registration permit only, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited. ...		

All other mountain goat hunting regulations in Unit 4 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to: 
Stephen Bethune
Sitka Area Wildlife Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Management biologists closed the Whale Bay Zone of the Unit 4 registration mountain goat hunt on Baranof Island (RG150) prior to the 2017 season opening based on 2015 and 2016 survey numbers. A survey of the area on September 29, 2017 indicated higher goat numbers than previous surveys and that a harvestable surplus of goats is available in the zone covered by this emergency order. The season will be open October 7 through December 31, 2017 unless closed earlier by emergency order. Biologists have set a harvest quota of four males or one female. The quota of one female was set to encourage harvest of males and has been a successful strategy, allowing hunters more opportunity and lowering the risk of localized overharvest.

This emergency order is being issued to allow hunters additional opportunity where new information indicates a harvestable surplus is available.

For more information on the 2017 Baranof Island mountain goat hunt strategy visit the Unit 4 FAQ's page at:
http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/hunting/goathunting/pdfs/unit_4_rg150_mountain_goat_hunt_faqs.pdf

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