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Goat Hunt RG248 North of the Port of Valdez Closes

(Cordova) – Registration permit hunt RG248 for mountain goats in Game Management Unit 6D will close by emergency order at 11:59 p.m. on October 7. The hunt area includes the mainland drainages of Sheep Creek; north of Port Valdez, Robe Lake, and the Richardson Highway; and east of Shoup Glacier.

Aerial surveys conducted this year found a minimum count of 162 goats in the RG248 permit area. The department set the maximum allowable state harvest at five goat units. The current reported harvest is two billies and one nanny; each billy counts as one goat unit, each nanny counts as two goat units, and each unrecoverable goat counts as one and one-half (1.5) goat units. Hunters currently remain in the field and it is likely that additional goats have been taken and not yet reported. This closure is necessary to prevent unsustainable harvest.

This closure affects only registration permit hunt RG248 in Unit 6D. All other mountain goat hunting regulations in the remainder of Unit 6 are not affected by this emergency order.

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