

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 01-18-18

Issued at Sitka, Alaska
30 October, 2018

Effective Date: 1 November, 2018

Expiration Date: 30 June, 2019
(unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season in the Clarence Kramer Zone of RG150 on Baranof Island in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, November 1, 2018.

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Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.040, Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

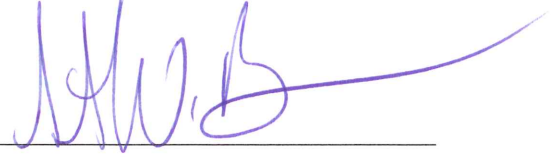
Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts	Nonresident Open Season
(1) ... Clarence Kramer – Drainages north of Blue Lake/Creek between Glacier Lake outflow and Clarence Creek, including Clarence Kramer Peak.	Aug. 1 – Nov. 1 (General hunt only)	Aug. 1 – Nov. 1

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 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 set a maximum harvest quota of four male goats or one female for the Clarence Kramer Zone of the Unit 4 registration mountain goat hunt on Baranof Island (RG150). Quotas were calculated from 2017 survey results. The limit 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. As of Tuesday, October 30, 2018, four male goats have been reported harvested. Because the maximum harvest quota has been met in this zone, an emergency order is being issued to close this zone to mountain goat hunting at 11:59 PM, Thursday, November 1, 2018.

This emergency order is necessary to restrict the harvest to the maximum sustainable level and prevent overharvest in this zone. Any additional harvest could have long-term negative effects on this goat population.

For more information on the Baranof Island mountain goat hunt strategy that began with the 2017 season, 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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