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Advisory Announcement

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FOUR WINDS AREA CLOSED TO GOAT HUNTING

(Juneau)-The guideline harvest for mountain goats has been reached in a portion of the RG026 mountain goat hunt area. An emergency order (01-13-19) has been issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in the area bounded by the Chilkat River on the east, the Kelsall River on the north, the Klehini River on the south, and the Canadian border on the west side at **11:59 P.M., on Thursday, October 3, 2019.**

Based on low counts from aerial surveys conducted in the fall of 2016 and 2017, a guideline harvest objective of 2 points (male goats=1point, female goats= 2points) was established by ADF&G for the area described above. During a subsequent survey conducted on September 10, 2019, a low number of goats (36 adults and 15 kids) were observed. As of Wednesday, October 2, 2019, two male goats have been harvested for a total of 2 points. Because the guideline harvest level has been reached and goats in this area are vulnerable to overharvest, an emergency order has been issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in this area.

Those portions of Unit 1D not affected by this emergency order, and not previously closed, will remain open until the harvest guidelines are reached or the seasons come to their scheduled conclusions.

Hunters with questions about goat hunting can contact Carl Koch, in the Douglas Area Office at 907-465-4329.

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