

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 01-03-20

Issued at Sitka, Alaska
24 July, 2020

Effective Date: 31 July, 2020

Expiration Date: 30 June 2021
(unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season in the following hunt zones of RG150; (1) South Baranof, and (2) Lisa Creek on Baranof Island in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, July 31, 2020.

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Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.040, Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

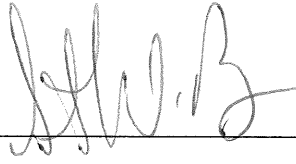
Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts	Nonresident Open Season
<p>...</p> <p>Unit 4, South Baranof - Drainages south of Gut Bay and the east branch of Great Arm Whale Bay and their respective inlet streams; and north of the divide between Larch Bay and Port Conclusion.</p>	<p>No open season (General hunt only)</p>	<p>No open season</p>
<p>Lisa Creek – Drainages north of Katlian Bay, west of Coxe River, east of Nakwasina Sound and south of Nakwasina River downstream of Cold Storage Lake pass, but excluding the Lisianski Peninsula.</p>		

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.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: 
Stephen Bethune
Sitka Area Wildlife Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Based on aerial surveys during 2018 and 2019, biologists documented mountain goat population levels in hunt zones on Baranof Island and assigned corresponding harvest quotas. Mortality data from collared goats during the winter of 2019/2020 indicate that goat populations on Baranof Island have likely declined since the most recent surveys. Zones closed by this emergency order could be over-utilized due to low population levels and accessibility.

Managers will re-assess and make in-season adjustments to hunt zone quotas and or open and close zones when updated surveys are conducted in September.

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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