

HUNTING-TRAPPING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. R1-10-23

Issued at Douglas, Alaska
September 29, 2023

Effective Date: September 30, 2023

Expiration Date: 30 June 2024 (unless
superseded by a subsequent emergency
order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the state of Alaska resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season for that portion of Unit 1C between Eagle Glacier and Sawmill Creek. This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Saturday September 30, 2023.

REGULATORY TEXT:

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR GOAT, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting mountain goats in Unit 1(C):

Units and Bag Limits	Resident	Nonresident
	Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	

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Unit 1(C), that portion draining into
Lynn Canal and Stephens Passage
Between Eagle River and
Eagle Glacier and Sawmill Creek

No Open Season
(General hunt only)

No Open Season

1 goat by registration permit only,
the taking of nannies with kids is
prohibited

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The remainder of Unit 1(C) mountain goat seasons, other than those previously closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner
By delegation to:
Roy Churchwell
Area Management



JUSTIFICATION:

An aerial survey conducted on October 3, 2019 in the area between Eagle Glacier and Sawmill Creek resulted in low goat counts; a total of 42 goats (26% kids) were observed. Surveys in the same area in 2018 found 35 goats (26% kids), in 2016 found 38 goats (12% kids), and in 2015 found 64 goats (42% kids). Goat numbers began declining in the area after the severe winter of 2006/2007 and despite recent mild winters the population has been slow to recover. While goats are not isolated in these areas, historical survey data and recent GPS radio collar information suggest little movement between drainages. Because goats demonstrate high site fidelity, areas with low densities may require longer periods to recover if additional harvest were allowed before the population rebounds. Because few goats were observed on previous surveys area managers consider it prudent to close the season in this area.