

# HUNTING-TRAPPING

## Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-05-12

Issued at Douglas, Alaska  
September 27, 2012

Effective Date: September 30, 2012

Expiration Date: 30 June 2013  
(unless superseded by a subsequent  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, 2012.

### 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Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR GOAT, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting mountain goats in Unit 1(C):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 Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(1) ...		
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 ....		
The remainder of Unit 1(C) mountain goat seasons, other than those previously closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.		

Cora Campbell  
Commissioner

By delegation to: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ryan Scott  
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

An aerial survey conducted on September 19, 2012 in the area between Eagle Glacier and Sawmill Creek in Unit 1C resulted in low goat counts, and a continued declining trend since the severe winters of 2006-2009. During winter 2011 we again experienced extremely deep snow in this area likely leading to additional mortality that led to declining goat numbers. Only 60 adult goats were observed during the survey. While goats are not isolated in these areas historical survey data and recent GPS radio collar information suggests little movement between drainages, which causes us concern for taking goats from this area given the declining numbers. Based on the few goats available for harvest in this area, the high harvest of goats from a single drainage during the last regulatory year, and vulnerability from the Juneau road system, managers consider it necessary to close this season to prevent any harvest of mountain goats from this area.

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