

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 01-28-16

Issued at Sitka, Alaska
27 December, 2016

Effective Date: December 28, 2016

Expiration Date: 30 June 2017
(unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season in the following portions of hunt area RG150; (1) that portion including the north fork of the Katlian River and Coxe River drainages and, (2) that portion of the unnamed drainage west of Coxe River and north of Cedar Cove that drains into Nakwasina Sound (known as the North Katlian Zone) on Baranof Island in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, December 28, 2016.

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Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, **Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective: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

Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 4, that portion including the North Katlian Zone on Baranof Island.

Aug. 1-Dec. 28

(General hunt only)

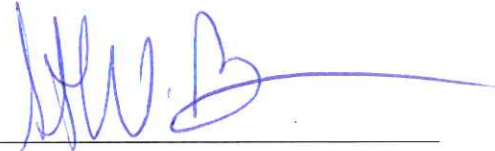
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1 goat by registration permit only; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited.

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All other mountain goat hunting regulations in Unit 4, other than areas previously closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner



By delegation to: _____
Stephen Bethune
Sitka Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Biologists have set a maximum guideline harvest objective of four males or one female goat for the RG150 hunt area within Unit 4 known as the North Katlian Zone (the north fork of the Katlian River and Coxe River drainages and that portion of the unnamed drainage west of Coxe River and north of Cedar Cove that drains into Nakwasina Sound) on Baranof Island. The harvest limit of one nanny was set to encourage harvest of males and has been a successful strategy, allowing more opportunity for hunters and helping to speed the Baranof mountain goat population recovery. As of December 27, 2016, two males and one female goat have been reported harvested. Because the guideline harvest has been met in this zone, an emergency order is being issued to close this zone to mountain goat hunting at 11:59 pm, December 28, 2016.

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

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