

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 02-03-17

Issued at: Anchorage, Alaska
September 28, 2017

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
September 29, 2017

Expiration Date: June 30, 2018
unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the state resident registration permit hunt RG869 for mountain goats in Unit 14(C). All other goat hunting seasons in Unit 14 are unaffected by this emergency order.

REGULATION:

Therefore the following regulations in 5AAC 85.040(7), **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goats**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting goats:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Remainder of Unit 14(C), that portion within the drainages of Knik River upstream from, but not including, Big Timber Creek drainage

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 goat by registration permit only; however, goats may be taken from Aug. 16 through Aug. 31 by bow and arrow only; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited.

Aug. 16- Sept. 29

All other goat hunting regulations in Unit 14 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:

David Battle
Anchorage Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

A mountain goat survey of the Lake George hunt area conducted in July 2017 indicated the hunt area contains a minimum of 348 goats, 20 percent of which are kids. To ensure meeting the population objective of at least 500 goats in GMU 14C that will sustain an annual harvest of 25 goats, comprising at least 60 percent males, harvest from this area should not exceed 17 goat units. The Lake George area is managed with separate registration hunts for resident and nonresident hunters. Eleven of the total goat units are allotted for residents holding permit RG869. Total goat units are calculated using one unit for billies and two units for nannies. Currently, 12 goat units (2 nannies and 8 billies) have been harvested by resident hunters from the Lake George drainage, and there are hunters currently in the field. To ensure sustainable goat numbers, this hunt will close at 11:59 pm on September 29, 2017.

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