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Upper Blue Lake Mt. Goat Hunt Zone Closed

(Sitka) – Biologists set a maximum harvest quota of two male goats or one female for the Upper Blue Lake Zone of the Unit 4 registration mountain goat hunt on Baranof Island (RG150). Quotas were calculated from 2015 and 2016 survey results. As of Monday, October 9, 2017, two male goats have been reported harvested. Because the maximum harvest quota has been met in this zone, an emergency order (EO) is being issued to close this zone to goat hunting at 11:59 PM, Thursday, October 12, 2017. This was the first season since 2010 a hunt was held in this area, so despite the closure, having over two months of opportunity in this zone is viewed as a success for local goat managers and hunters.

Emergency Order 01-12-17 was issued to close the mountain goat season in the Upper Blue Lake Zone of RG150 on Thursday, October 12, 2017 @ 11:59 PM.

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

Those portions of Unit 4 not affected by this emergency order will remain open until harvest quotas are reached or the season concludes.

Previous EO's are listed online at:
http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=wc_news.main.

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