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## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **Six Kodiak Mountain Goat Registration Hunts to Open November 1; One Will Remain Closed**

(Kodiak) – Six Kodiak Island mountain goat hunts are scheduled to open on November 1 and permits are currently available. Registration hunts scheduled to open include RG471 (Wild Creek - Center Mountain), RG473 (Hidden Basin), RG474 (Uganik River), RG476 (Kiliuda Bay), bow and arrow-only hunt RG478 (South Road System), and bow and arrow-only hunt RG479 (North Road System). To participate in RG471, RG473, or RG474, hunters must first pick up a permit at the tribal offices in the Village of Port Lions. To participate in RG476, hunters must first pick up a permit at the tribal offices in the Village of Old Harbor. Permits for registration hunts RG478 (South Road System; bow and arrow-only) and RG479 (North Road System; bow and arrow-only) are available at the Kodiak Fish and Game office or online at <http://hunt.alaska.gov>. Only certified bow and arrow hunters may obtain a permit for RG478 and RG479. Hunters must be certified with their weapon of choice prior to obtaining a permit. Registration hunts RG471-RG479 are open to Alaska residents only.

In the southwestern part of Kodiak Island (RG480) where goat populations are expanding, liberal hunting regulations allow up to a seven-month registration hunt with a two-goat bag limit for resident and nonresident hunters. Registration hunt RG480 (southwest Kodiak) opened August 20 and will remain open until March 20, unless closed by emergency order. Permits for RG480 are available online at <http://hunt.alaska.gov> or in person in Anchorage, Homer, Kodiak, Palmer, and Soldotna, with a two-goat bag limit. Hunters intending to harvest two goats must obtain two permits and must report on both permits individually. Hunters obtaining two hunt permits for RG480 are limited to taking only 1 male goat.

Registration hunt RG472 (Crown Mountain) will not open. Mild, relatively dry weather during the drawing hunt season created optimal hunting conditions resulting in high hunter success with harvest objectives for RG472 being met during the drawing hunt. Registration mountain goat hunts are controlled by harvest quota and hunters are encouraged to contact the Kodiak office at 907-486-1880 prior to hunting to check individual hunt status.

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