

HUNTING-TRAPPING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-13-19

Issued at Douglas, Alaska
October 2, 2019

Effective Date: October 3, 2019

Expiration Date: 30 June 2020
(unless superseded by a subsequent
emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident goat hunting seasons in the area bounded on the east side by the Chilkat River, the Kelsall River on the north, the Klehini River on the south and the Canadian border on the west side in Game Management Unit 1(D). This order takes effect at **11:59 pm, Thursday, October 3, 2019.**

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Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR GOAT, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting goat in Unit 1(D):

Unit and Bag Limit	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 1(D), the area bounded by the Chilkat River on the east, the Kelsall River on the north, the Kelhini River on the south, and the Canadian border on the west.

Aug. 1–Oct. 3
(General hunt only)

Aug. 1–Oct. 3

1 goat by registration permit only.

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The remainder of Unit 1D mountain goat seasons, other than those previously closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Carl H. Koch

Asst. Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The guideline harvest for mountain goats has been reached in a portion of the RG026 mountain goat hunt area. An emergency order (01-13-19) has been issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in the area bounded by the Chilkat River on the east, the Kelsall River on the north, the Klehini River on the south, and the Canadian border on the west side at **11:59 P.M., on Thursday, October 3, 2019.**

Based on low counts from aerial surveys conducted in the fall of 2016 and 2017, a guideline harvest objective of 1-2 points (male goats=1point, female goats= 2points) was established by ADF&G for the area described above. During a subsequent survey conducted on September 10, 2019, a low number of goats (36 adults and 15 kids) were observed. As of Wednesday, October 2, 2019, two male goats have been harvested for a total of 2 points. Because the guideline harvest level has been reached and goats in this area are vulnerable to overharvest, an emergency order has been issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in this area.

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