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Advisory Announcement

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Baranof Island Mt. Goat Hunting

(Sitka) – The 2021 mountain goat season begins Sunday, August 1st. Mountain goat populations appeared to be at or near historic high levels in 2019. A series of mild winters along with hunters being selective for male goats likely led to this increase. Although mortality data from collared goats during the two subsequent winters indicate that the goat population on Baranof Island has probably declined from those historic levels, managers estimate goat populations are still healthy and should provide ample opportunity for hunters this fall.

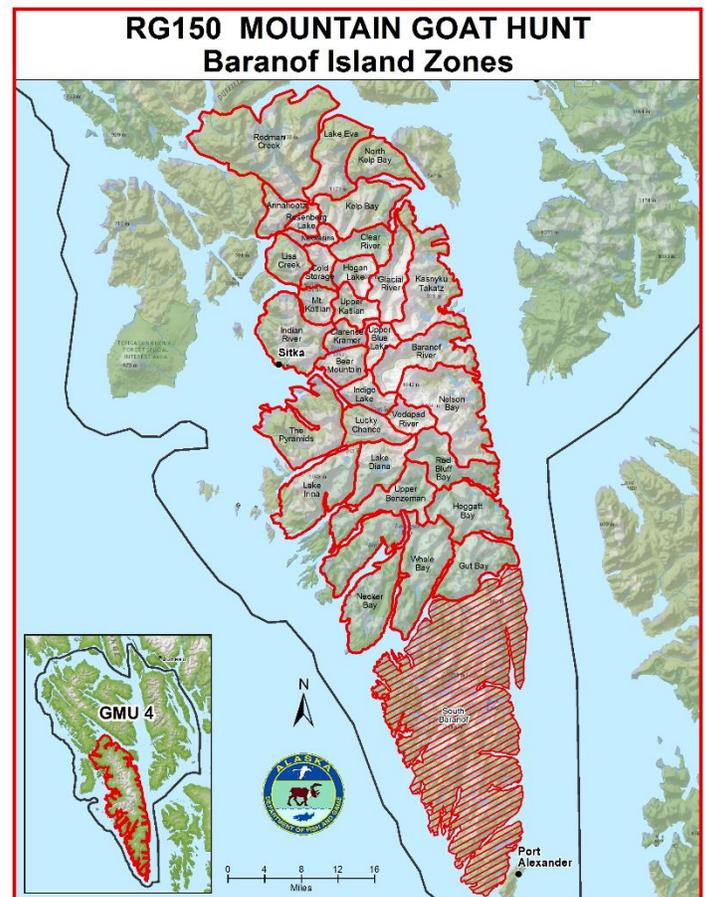
Emergency Order (EO) 01-02-21 was issued to close the mt. goat season in the South Baranof zone on Friday, July 31, 2021 @11:59 pm.

The South Baranof zone could be over-utilized due to low populations levels and accessibility. Managers will re-assess and make in-season adjustments to quotas and zone closures when updated surveys are conducted in September.

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

ADF&G is no longer requesting that hunters bring in the head of their harvested goat for *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* (Movi) surveillance. However, horn sealing is still mandatory.

For maps, zone quotas, FAQ's and other information, contact the Sitka area office at (907) 747-5449.



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