Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 01-05-21

Issued at Sitka, Alaska
3 August, 2021

Effective Date: 5 August, 2021

Expiration Date: 30 June 2022 (unless superseded by subsequent emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season in the Lisa Creek hunt zone of RG150 on Baranof Island in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, Thursday August 5, 2021.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.040, Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 4, Lisa Creek – Drainages north of Katlian Bay, west of Coxe River, east of Nakwasina Sound and south of Nakwasina River downstream of Cold Storage Lake pass, but excluding the Lisianski Peninsula. 1 goat by registration permit only, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited.	Aug 1 – Aug 5 (General hunt only)	Aug 1 – Aug 5

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All other mountain goat hunting regulations in Unit 4 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:_____
Stephen Bethune
Sitka Area Wildlife Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Hunt managers set a harvest quota of 2 males or 1 female for the Lisa Creek hunt zone of mountain goat hunt RG150 on Baranof Island. Quotas are based on the most recent aerial surveys. Baranof Island hunt zones were developed in 2017. The strategy of closing hunt zones when one female has been harvested has been very effective in reducing female harvest and has helped maintain high harvest opportunities for male goats. Keeping hunters focused on avoiding female harvest maintains opportunities for more hunters to participate, especially in hunt zones that have good access.

To date, three male goats have been harvested in the Lisa Creek hunt zone of RG150. The management objective for this hunt zone has been met and no further harvest is warranted. Therefore, this zone is being closed by emergency order.

For more information on the Baranof Island mountain goat hunt strategy that began with the 2017 season, visit ADF&G's Goat Hunting in Alaska Resources page at:
http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=goathunting.resources

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