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Goat Hunt Season Closes in Valdez Arm

Cordova – Registration permit hunt RG249 for mountain goats in Game Management Unit 6(D) will close at one minute before midnight on September 21, 2011 by emergency order of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Hunt area RG249 includes that portion of Unit 6(D) east of Columbia Glacier and west of Valdez Arm.

Cordova area wildlife biologist Dave Crowley said that the population of 270 goats could sustain a harvest at 9 goats. The current harvest is 6 goats including 4 nannies, with many additional hunters afield. Each nanny counts as 2 goats toward the harvest quota. Additional take beyond the harvest objective could harm the long-term stability of the population.

The closure affects only registration permit hunt RG249 in Unit 6(D). All other mountain goat hunting regulations in the remainder of Game Management Unit 6 are unaffected by this closure.