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Redoubt Bay – Necker Bay Zone Closed to Mountain Goat Hunting

Biologists have set a maximum guideline harvest objective of 6 males or 1 female mountain goat allowed for the Redoubt Bay-Necker Bay Zone portion of the Unit 4 registration goat hunt (RG150). High harvests of female goats in this area in previous years has prompted this conservative harvest strategy. As of Tuesday, September 27, 2011, three female goats have been harvested. Because the guideline harvest has been met in this area, an emergency order is being issued to close the mountain goat hunting season at 11:59 pm, Thursday, September 29, 2011. The emergency order action is necessary to restrict the harvest to the guideline level, and to prevent overharvest in this area. Any additional harvest could have long term negative effects on this goat population.

An Emergency Order (01-07-11) was issued to close the mountain goat season in this area on Thursday, September 29, 2011 @ 11:59 pm.

All other Unit 4 mountain goat regulations remain unchanged and are not affected by this Emergency Order. For additional information, please contact the Sitka Area Wildlife Office at (907) 747-5449.

**RG150 - Mountain Goat
Redoubt Bay/Necker Bay Zone
CLOSED TO ALL GOAT HUNTING**

A map of the Redoubt Bay/Necker Bay Zone on Baranof Island, Alaska. The map shows the coastline and several inlets: Deep Inlet, Redoubt Bay, Crawfish Inlet, Necker Bay, and Whale Bay. The central area, including Redoubt Bay and Necker Bay, is shaded with red diagonal lines and labeled "Closed to All Goat Harvest".

Unit 4, Baranof Island:
Redoubt Bay/Necker Bay Zone - Harvest guidelines met or exceeded.
CLOSED TO ALL GOAT HARVEST.

A small inset map of the state of Alaska, with a red dot indicating the location of Baranof Island in the southeastern part of the state.