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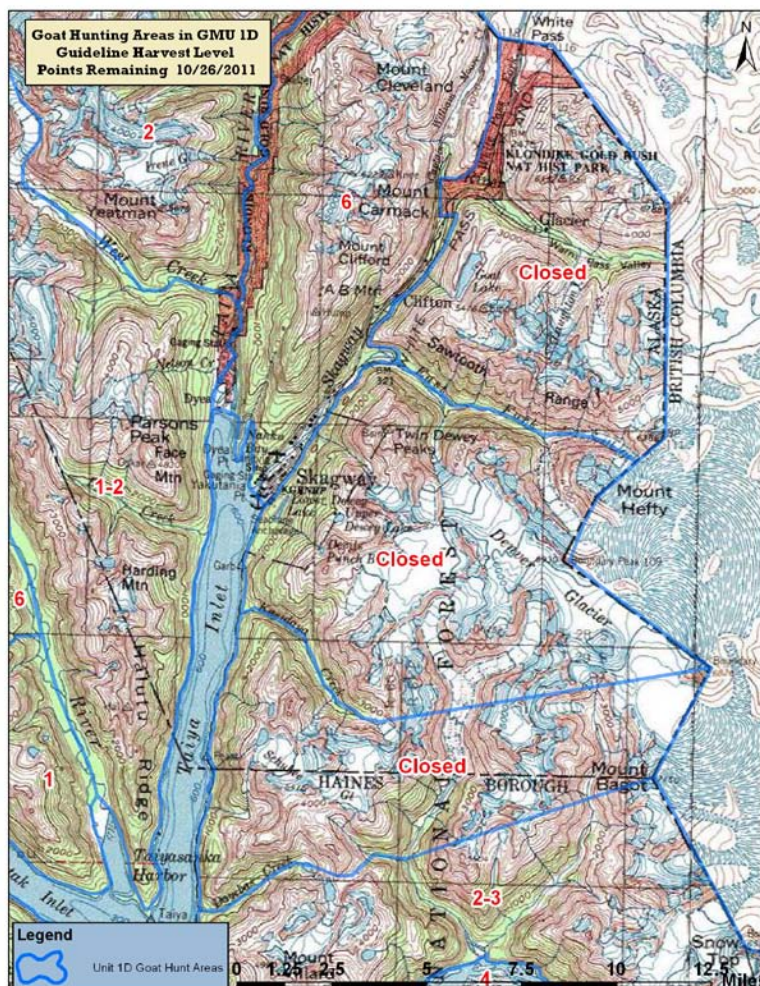
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PARTIAL CLOSURE TO MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNTING ALONG TAIYA INLET (RG024) IN UNIT 1D

The guideline harvest level for mountain goats has been met along the eastern shore of Taiya Inlet, from Dayebas Creek north to the Canadian border. An emergency order (01-17-11) was issued to close the goat hunting season in this area at **11:59 pm on Thursday, October 27, 2011**.



Based on survey information, a combined guideline harvest objective of 4-7 points (male goat = 1 point & female goat = 2 points) was established for the 3 hunt areas between Dayebas Creek and the Canadian border north of Skagway. As of Wednesday, October 26, 2011, 5 goats have been harvested in this area, including 1 female goat for a total of 6 points. Additionally, this area has exceeded the guideline harvest level in each of the past 5 years. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area, and because the guideline harvest level has been met, an emergency order is being issued.

Those portions of Unit 1D not affected by this emergency order, and not previously closed, will remain open until the harvest guidelines are reached or the seasons come to their scheduled conclusions.

Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game encourage hunters to target male goats to allow for a higher sustainable harvest. Hunters with questions about goat hunting can contact Anthony Crupi, in the Douglas Area Office at 907-465-4266.