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Katzehin River to Yeldadalga Creek Portion of Unit 1D Closed to Mountain Goat Hunting

Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Douglas announce an early closure to the mountain goat hunting season under the state registration permit hunt RG026 in Game Management Unit 1D, for that portion of the RG026 hunt area from the Katzehin River south to Yeldadalga Creek.

Based on survey information collected in 2010 and 2011, a guideline harvest of 4 points (male goat=1 point & female goat=2 points) was established for the area. As of Thursday, December 1, 2011 the reported harvest is 2 female goats and 2 male goats for a total of 6 points. Given that the guideline harvest has been exceeded in this area, and that mountain goats are extremely vulnerable to boat based hunting during winter months, managers consider it necessary to close this season to prevent the additional harvest of any goats.

An Emergency Order (01-19-11) was issued that closes the mountain goat season in this area on Friday, December 2, 2011 @ 11:59 pm.

All other mountain goat hunting regulations in Unit 1D remain unchanged and are not affected by this Emergency Order.

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