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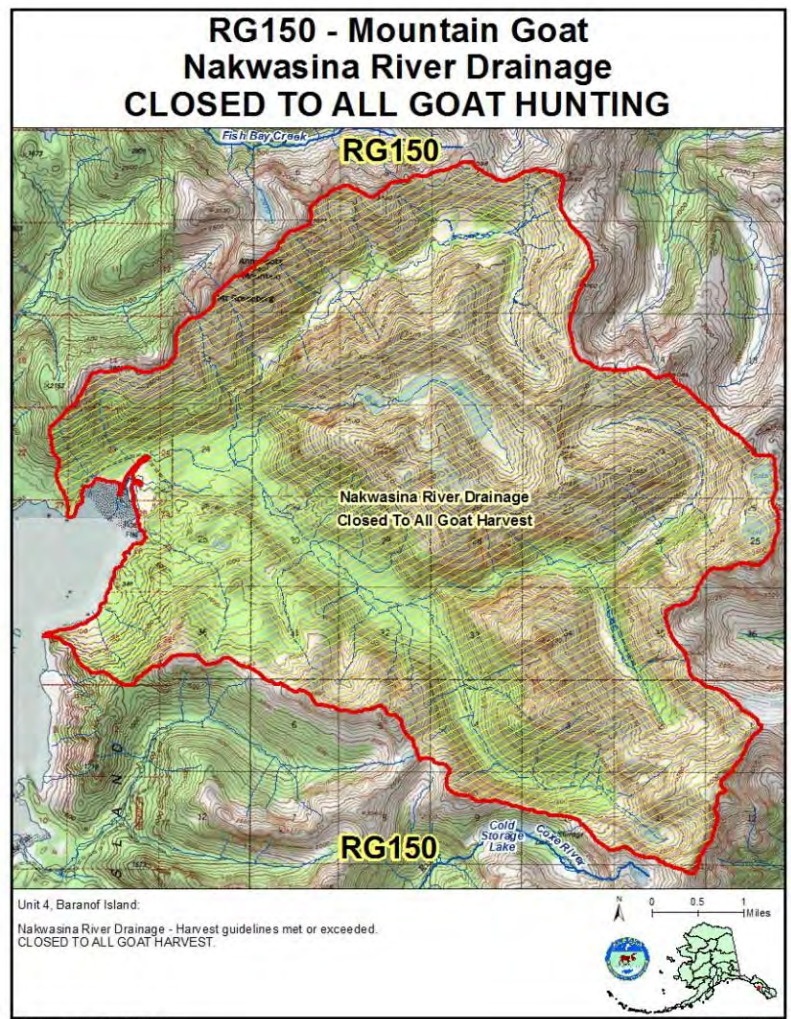
Nakwasina River Drainage Closed to Mountain Goat Hunting

(Sitka) - Biologists have set a maximum guideline harvest objective of 5 male goats and/or 1 female mountain goat allowed for the Nakwasina River Drainage portion of the Unit 4 registration goat hunt (RG150). As of Tuesday, October 2, 2012, 8 male goats and one female goat have been reported 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, October 4, 2012. 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.

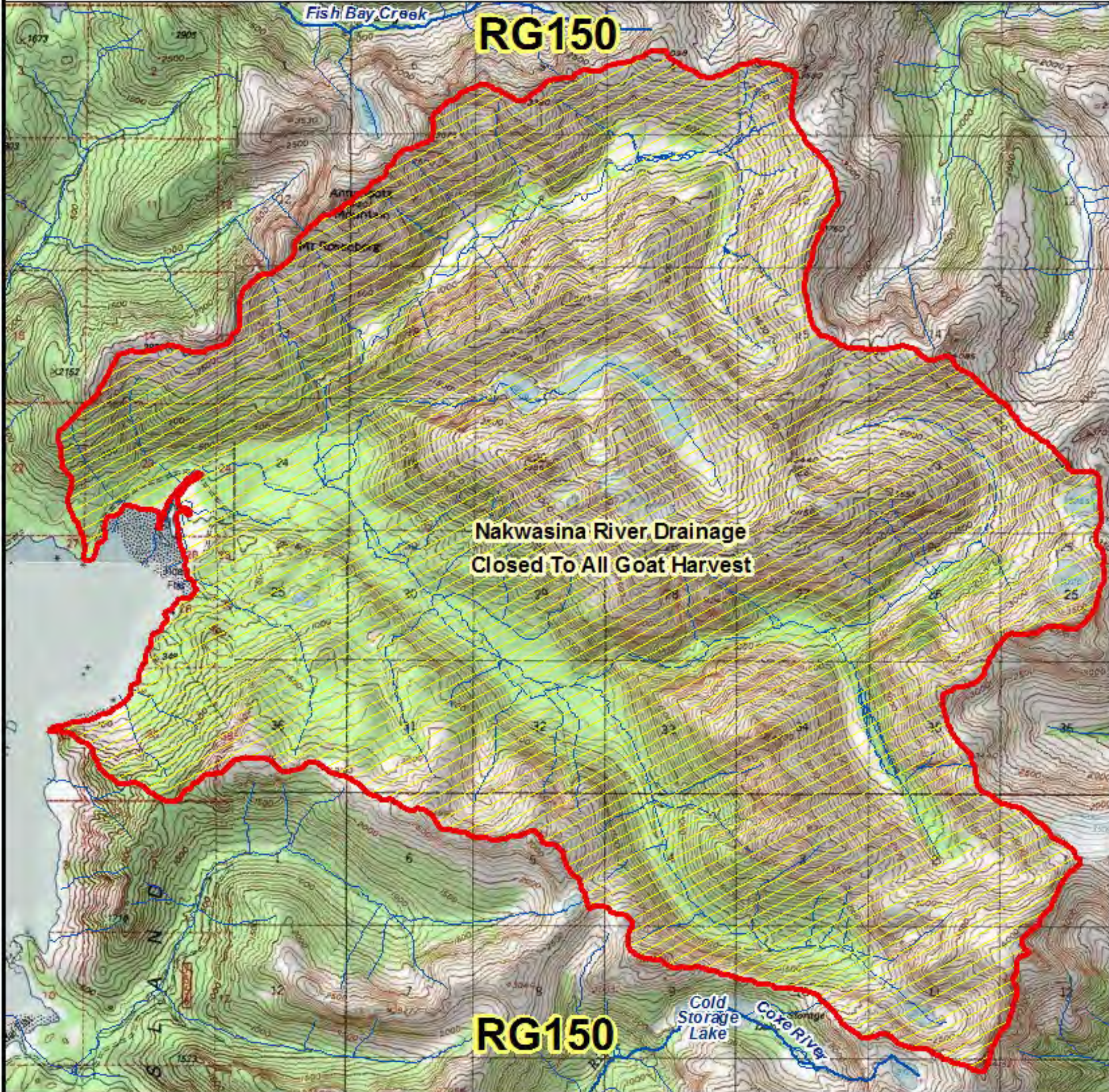
An Emergency Order (01-06-12) was issued to close the mountain goat season in this area on Thursday, October 4, 2012 @ 11:59 pm.

Those portions of Unit 4 not affected by this emergency order, and not previously closed by emergency order, will remain open until harvest guidelines are reached or the season concludes. For additional information, please contact the Sitka Area Wildlife Office at (907) 747-5449.

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RG150 - Mountain Goat Nakwasina River Drainage CLOSED TO ALL GOAT HUNTING



Unit 4, Baranof Island:

Nakwasina River Drainage - Harvest guidelines met or exceeded.
CLOSED TO ALL GOAT HARVEST.

