

HUNTING-TRAPPING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-07-15

Issued at Douglas, Alaska
September 30, 2015

Effective Date: October 1, 2015

Expiration Date: 30 June 2016
(unless superseded by a subsequent
emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the state of Alaska resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season for that portion of Unit 1C between Eagle Glacier and Sawmill Creek. This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Thursday, October 1, 2015.

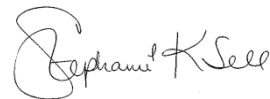
REGULATORY TEXT:

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR GOAT, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting mountain goats in Unit 1(C):

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(1) ...		
Unit 1(C), that portion draining into Lynn Canal and Stephens Passage Between Eagle River and Eagle Glacier and Sawmill Creek	No open season (General hunt only)	No open season
1 goat by registration permit only, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited		
The remainder of Unit 1(C) mountain goat seasons, other than those previously closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.		

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to: _



Stephanie Sell
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

An aerial survey conducted on September 24, 2014 in the area between Eagle Glacier and Sawmill Creek resulted in low goat counts; a total of 49 goats were observed. Surveys in the same area in 2012 resulted in 60 goats, and 30 goats in 2013. In addition to the low goat numbers, there were also few kid goats observed; 14 in 2012 and 4 in 2013. Goat numbers began declining in the area after the severe winter of 2006/2007. Since then we have had several additional winters with above average snowfall likely leading to additional mortality and the continued decline in goat numbers. While goats are not isolated in these areas, historical survey data and recent GPS radio collar information suggests little movement between drainages, which causes concern for taking goats from the area given the declining numbers. Because of these reasons, area managers consider it necessary to close the season in this area to prevent any harvest of mountain goats.

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