

HUNTING-TRAPPING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-08-15

Issued at Douglas, Alaska
October 5, 2015

Effective Date: October 6, 2015

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(unless superseded by a subsequent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

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident goat hunting seasons in the Takshanuk Mountain Range portion of hunt area RG023 in the area north and east of the Haines Highway and Chilkat River, west of the Chilkoot River and Lake, and north to Goat Hollow. This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, October 6, 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Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR GOAT, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting goat in Unit 1(D):


Unit and Bag Limit	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(1) ...		
Unit 1(D), that portion east of the Haines Highway and Chilkat River, and west of the Chilkoot River and Lake, and north to Goat Hollow:	Sept. 15–October 6 (General hunt only)	Sept. 15–October 6

1 goat by registration permit only.

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The remainder of Unit 1D mountain goat seasons, other than those previously closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to: 
Carl Koch
Assistant Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

A combination of a high female harvest during the 2014 goat hunting season (5 nannies = 10 points), and a low number of goats observed during a September 2014 aerial survey (132 total goats (107 adults, 25 kids) resulted in a guideline harvest objective of 5 points (male goat=1 point & female goat=2 points) for the middle portion of the Takshanuk Mountain Range. As of Monday, October 5, 2015, 5 goats have been harvested in this area, including 4 male goats (4 points) and 1 female goat (2 points) for a total of 6 points. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area to additional harvest and because the guideline harvest objective has been met an emergency order (01-08-15) is being issued to close the goat hunting season in the middle portion of the Takshanuk Mountains.

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