

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 02-10-15

Issued at Kodiak, Alaska
October 27, 2015

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
October 31, 2015

Expiration Date: June 30, 2016
unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the State of Alaska resident hunting season for mountain goats in registration hunt areas RG473 (Hidden Basin-East Terror Lake), RG478 (South Road System), and RG479 (North Road System) areas of Kodiak Island, at 11:59 PM, October 31, 2015. These registration hunt areas are located within Game Management Unit 8. This emergency order does not affect the goat hunting regulations in the remainder of Game Management Unit 8.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.040 (a) (4), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts	Nonresident Open Season
(4) ...		
Remainder of Unit 8, that portion on Kodiak Island, (RG473 Hidden Basin East Terror Lake), specifically that portion east of Terror Bay/River to Kizhuyak Bay/Creek;		
1 goat by registration permit only	No open season (General Hunt Only)	No open season
(RG478 South Road System hunt area), specifically that portion south and east of Russian Creek and east of Rough Creek;		

and (RG479 North Road System hunt area), specifically that portion north and east of Russian Creek and Watchout Creek to Kizhuyak Bay

1 goat by registration permit only

No open season
(General Hunt Only)

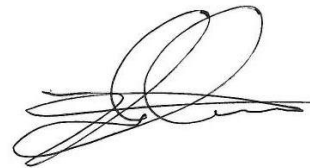
No open season

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All other goat hunting regulations in the remainder of Game Management Unit 8 are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

by delegation to:



Nathan J. Svoboda
Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

This emergency order closes the State of Alaska resident hunting season for mountain goats in registration permit hunt areas RG473 (Hidden Basin-East Terror Lake), RG478 (South Road System - archery only), and RG479 (North Road System - archery only) of Kodiak Island. We estimated a herd size of 40 goats in the Hidden Basin-East Terror Lake area. As of 26 October 2015, six goats have been reported as harvested out of a target harvest level of two goats. The department estimates a herd size of 236 goats in the South Road System area. As of 26 October 2015, 32 goats have been reported as harvested out of a target harvest level of 35 goats. The department estimates a herd size of 104 goats in the North Road System area. As of 26 October 2015, 29 goats have been reported as harvested out of a target harvest level of 16 goats. Registration goat hunts for these hunt areas are utilized to meet predetermined harvest quotas for each hunt area and harvest quotas for these areas have already been reached. Any additional harvest that may occur during a registration hunt would be excessive and may jeopardize future harvest quotas of these herds. Therefore, no registration hunt will occur in these areas this year.

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