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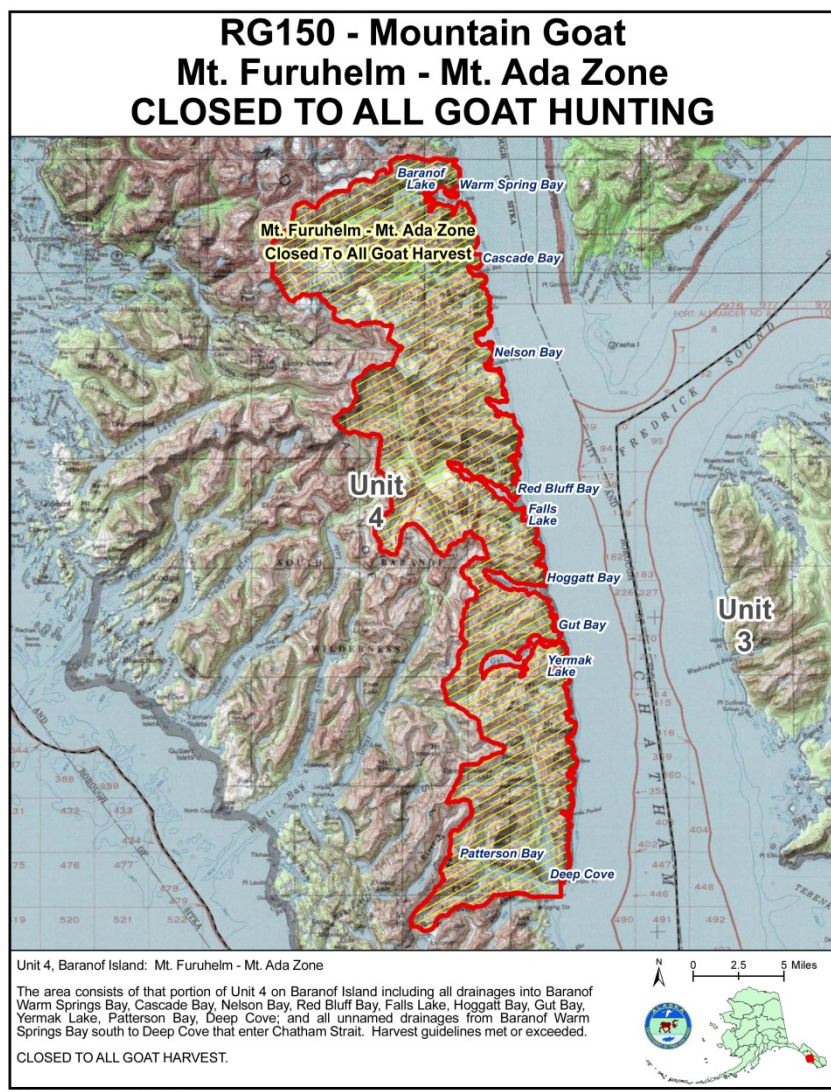
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Mt. Furuhelm – Mt. Ada Zone Closed to Mountain Goat Hunting

(Sitka) - Biologists have set a maximum guideline harvest objective of seven males and/or one female goat allowed for the Mt. Furuhelm – Mt. Ada Zone of the Unit 4 registration goat hunt (RG150). High harvest of female goats in this area in previous years has prompted this harvest strategy. As of Tuesday, December 15, 2015, one female goat and four male goats have been harvested. Because the female guideline harvest has been met in this area, Emergency Order 01-19-15 is being issued to close the mountain goat hunting season in this area at 11:59 pm, Friday, December 18, 2015. 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.

Emergency Order 01-19-15 was issued to close the mountain goat season in this area on Friday, December 18, 2015 @ 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 office at (907) 747-5449.



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