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CLOSURE TO MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNTING ALONG CHILKOOT LAKE (RG023) IN UNIT 1D

The guideline harvest level for mountain goat has been met along Chilkoot Lake and Lutak Inlet, from Taiyasanka Harbor to the northern end of Chilkoot Lake. An emergency order (01-18-17) was issued to close the goat hunting season in this area at **11:59 pm on Wednesday, November 8, 2017.**

Based on a fall 2016 aerial survey (27 adults, 7 kids) a guideline harvest objective of 1-2 points (male goat=1 point & female goat=2 points) was established for the area described above. As of Tuesday November 7, 2017, two male goats have been harvested in this area, for a total of 2 points. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area, low number of goats observed during aerial surveys, and because the guideline harvest level has been met, this emergency order (01-18-17) is being issued.

Those portions of Unit 1D not affected by this emergency order, and not previously closed, will remain open until the harvest guidelines are reached or the seasons come to their scheduled conclusions.

Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game encourage hunters to continue to target male goat to allow for a higher sustainable harvest. Hunters with questions about goat hunting can contact Carl Koch, in the Douglas Area Office at 907-465-4329.

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