

HUNTING-TRAPPING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-02-18

Issued at Douglas, Alaska
July 27, 2018

Effective Date: July 31, 2018

Expiration Date: 30 June 2019
(unless superseded by a subsequent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 5 on the west shore of Harlequin Lake and the western edge of the Yakutat Glacier; then west of Harlequin Lake and Yakutat Glacier to Yakutat Bay and Disenchantment Bay; and south of Russell and Nunatak Fjords. Hunters are reminded that the Nunatak Bench north of the RG170 boundary remains closed to mountain goat hunting as well. This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

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Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR GOAT, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting mountain goats in Unit 5(A):

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 5(A), that portion bounded on the west shore of Harlequin Lake and the western edge of the Yakutat Glacier; then west of Harlequin Lake and Yakutat Glacier to Yakutat Bay and Disenchantment Bay; and south of Russell and Nunatak Fjords	No Open Season (General hunt only)	No Open Season
1 goat by registration permit only, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited		

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The remainder of Unit 5(A) mountain goat seasons, other than those previously closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotton
Commissioner
By delegation to:
Roy Churchwell
Area Management Biologist



JUSTIFICATION:

Aerial surveys conducted during 2006-2011 in this area indicate a significant decline in goat numbers. The following are survey results by year: 2006 (122 goats), 2007 (66 goats), 2008 (57 goats), 2009 (48 goats), 2010 (6 & 12 goats, respectively), and 2011 a total of 58 goats observed (50 adults and 8 kids) between Harlequin Lake and the Hubbard Glacier. The department and the US Forest Service conducted a survey September 2016 and observed 19 total goats (16 adults, 3 kids). The consistently low number of goats detected suggests the areas' goat population remains depressed. Any harvest of goats in this area could have long term negative effects on the health and hinder recovery of this population. Due to the vulnerability of goat in the area, managers consider it necessary to close this season before the season opens.

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