

HUNTING-TRAPPING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. R1-4-23

Issued at Douglas, Alaska
July 25, 2023.

Effective Date: July 31, 2023.

Expiration Date: 30 June 2024
(unless superseded by a subsequent
emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident goat hunting seasons (RG026) in that portion of unit 1D bounded by the Canadian Border on the west, the Tsirku and Takhin Rivers on the north, the Kicking Horse River/Garrison Glacier on the east, and Glacier Bay National Park on the south. This order takes effect at **11:59 pm, Sunday, July 31, 2023.**

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Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR GOAT, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting goat in Unit 1(D):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
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Unit 1(D), that portion bounded by the the Canadian Border on the west, the Tsirku and Takhin Rivers on the north, the Kicking Horse River/ Garrison Glacier on the east, and Glacier Bay National Park on the south.

No Open Season
(General hunt only)

No Open Season

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.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Carl Koch
Douglas Assistant Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Biologists observed 63 goats (54 adults, 9 kids) during an aerial survey conducted on September 28, 2016. Subsequent surveys have resulted in lower numbers of observed goats. On September 17, 2019, under conditions similar to the fall 2016 survey, 57% fewer goats (25 adults, 2 kids) were observed. On September 5, 2020, a total of 29 goats (25 adults, 4 kids) were counted. On September 8, 2021, under good survey conditions, only 28 goats (27 adults, 1 kid) were observed. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area, an emergency order (41-4-23) is being issued effective at 11:59 pm, Sunday, July 31, 2023.

DISTRIBUTION:

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