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Advisory Announcement

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CLOSURE TO MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNTING BETWEEN THE KICKING HORSE RIVER AND DAVIDSON GLACIER (RG026)

(DOUGLAS)- The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announces the western shore of the Chilkat Inlet, from the Kicking Horse River/ Garrison Glacier south to the northern border of the Davidson Glacier (see map below) is closed to mountain goat hunting. An emergency order (R1-3-23) was issued to close the goat hunting season in this area at **11:59 pm on Friday, July 31, 2023**.

Biologists observed 48 goats (42 adults, 6 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, observed 40% fewer goats (25 adults, 4 kids). During a survey conducted on September 5, 2020, a total 34 goats (26 adults, 8 kids) were counted. On September 8, 2021, survey conditions were better than during 2019 and 2020 surveys when 34 adults and 7 kids were observed. Population estimates indicate that numbers remain low. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area, an emergency order is being issued.

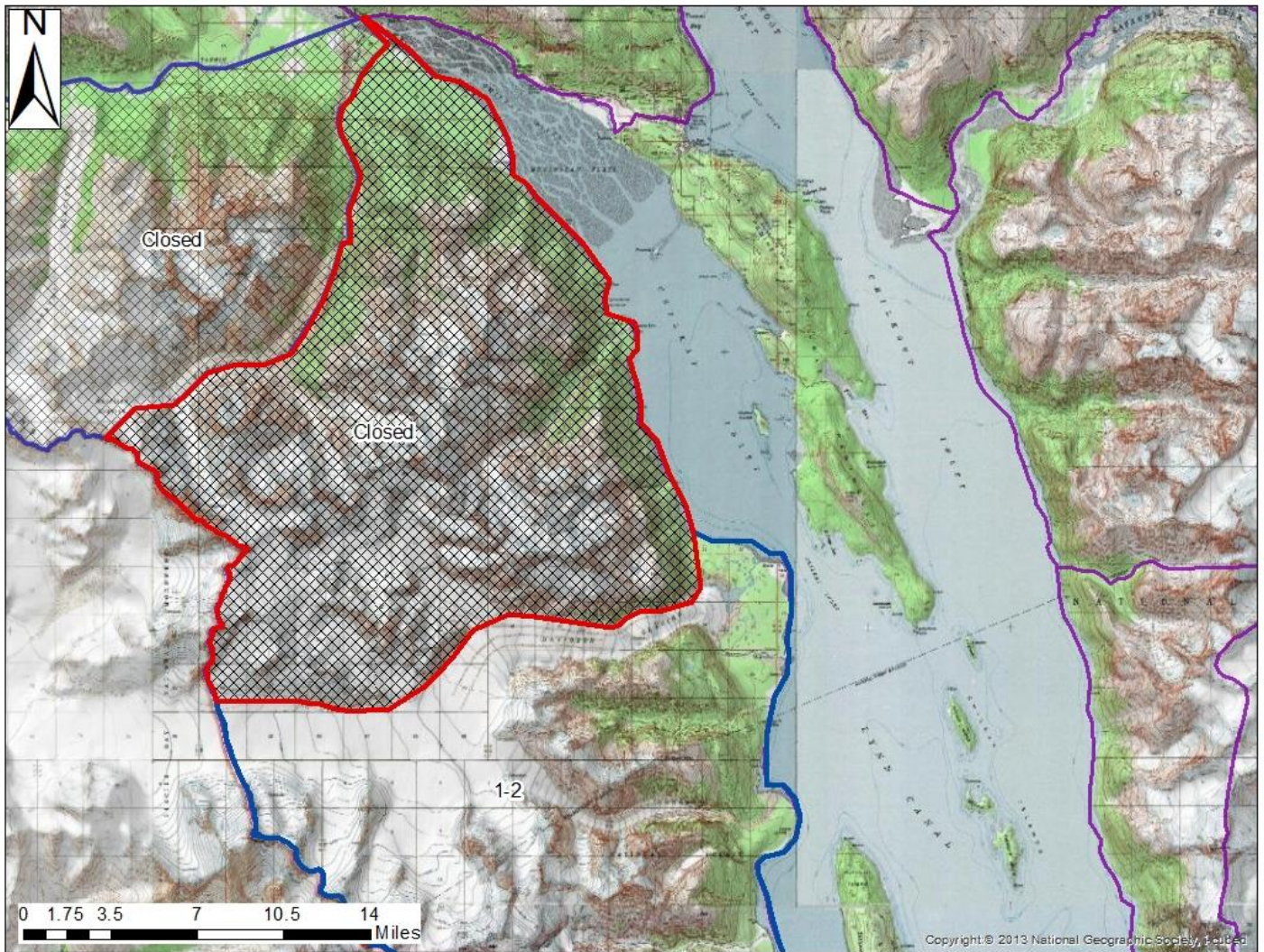
Those portions of Unit 1D not affected by emergency orders will remain open until the harvest guidelines are reached or the seasons come to their scheduled conclusions.

Hunters with questions about goat hunting can contact Carl Koch, in the Douglas Area Office at 907-465-4329.

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