Emergency Order No. 01-03-15
Issued at Douglas, Alaska
August 6, 2015

Effective Date: August 7, 2015
Expiration Date: 30 June 2016
(leaving unexpired 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 1C between the south side of Blackerby Ridge and the north side of Salmon Creek Reservoir above the 1000 foot contour. This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Friday, August 7, 2015.

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Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR GOAT, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting mountain goats in Unit 1(C):

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<td>Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</td>
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<td>Aug. 1-Aug. 7 (General hunt only)</td>
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Unit 1(C), that portion between the south side of Blackerby Ridge and the north side of Salmon Creek Reservoir, above the 1000 ft contour and east to Observation Peak.

1 goat by registration permit only, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited bow and arrow only

The remainder of Unit 1(C) mountain goat seasons, other than those previously closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to: ___
Stephanie Sell
Area Management Biologist
JUSTIFICATION:

An aerial survey conducted on September 25, 2014 in the area between Blackerby Ridge and the Salmon Creek Reservoir resulted in low goat counts; a total of 22 goats were observed (17 adults, and 5 kids). A combined guideline harvest objective of 1-2 points (male goat = 1 point & female goat = 2 points) was established for the hunt area between the south side of Blackerby Ridge and the north side of Salmon Creek Reservoir, above the 1000 foot contour and east to Observation Peak. As of Thursday, August 6, 2015, one male goat has been harvested in this area for a total of 1 point. Due to the vulnerability of goats in this area, and because the guideline harvest level has been met, an emergency order (01-03-15) is being issued to close the goat hunting season in this area at 11:59 pm on Friday, August 7, 2015.

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