



## Federal Subsistence Board

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### PORTIONS OF UNIT 1C ARE CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF MOUNTAIN GOATS

#### TEMPORARY SPECIAL ACTION: FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD

Under authority of: 36 CFR §242.10 and .19  
50 CFR §100.10 and .19

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Temporary Special Action No: 13-MG-03-23  
Issued at: Juneau, Alaska

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m. Monday, September 30, 2023  
Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday, November 30, 2023 unless superseded by subsequent special action.

#### EXPLANATION:

This Temporary Special Action closes the Sumdum Peninsula, the Mt. Kluchman area, and the Eagle Glacier to Sawmill Creek area in Unit 1C to the harvest of mountain goats.

REGULATION: 36 CFR §242.26(n)(1) and 50 CFR §100.26(n)(1) are amended to read:

#### **Unit 1C – Mountain Goat**

*1 goat by State registration permit only.*

*Aug. 1 – Nov. 30*

*Sumdum Peninsula – Portion of Unit 1C on the Sumdum Peninsula west of Spruce Creek at the head of Windham Bay and over the saddle at the top of the drainage to Endicott Arm*

*Closed*

*Mt. Kluchman - Portion of Unit 1(C); that portion west of the US/Canada Border to East Twin Glacier, and north of the Taku River; commonly referred to as Mt. Kluchman*

*Closed*

*Eagle Glacier to Sawmill Creek – Portion of Unit 1(C); that portion draining into Lynn Canal and Stephens Passage between Eagle River and Eagle Glacier and Sawmill Creek*

*Closed*

Federal Subsistence Board by delegation to     /s/Tristan Fluharty  
Tristan Fluharty  
District Ranger  
Juneau Ranger District  
September 29, 2023

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

**Sumdum Peninsula** - This portion of the Unit 1C Endicott Arm hunt has a small number of goats that can support the harvest of 1 goat point (male goat = 1 point & female goat = 2 points) or 1 animal. As of August 3, 2023, a goat was harvested in this area, and the guideline harvest level was met.

**Mt. Kluchman** - This area can support a harvest of 1-2 goat points that was established for this portion of the RG013 hunt area. As of September 12, 2023, 2 billies were harvested from this area and the guideline harvest for this area has been met.

**Eagle Glacier to Sawmill Creek** - An aerial survey conducted on October 3, 2019 in the area between Eagle Glacier and Sawmill Creek resulted in low goat counts; a total of 42 goats (26% kids) were observed. Surveys in the same area in 2018 found 35 goats (26% kids), in 2016 found 38 goats (12% kids), and in 2015 found 64 goats (42% kids). Goat numbers began declining in the area after the severe winter of 2006/2007 and despite recent mild winters the population has been slow to recover. While goats are not isolated in these areas, historical survey data and recent GPS radio collar information suggest little movement between drainages. Because goats demonstrate high site fidelity, areas with low densities may require longer periods to recover if additional harvest were allowed before the population rebounds. Because few goats were observed on previous surveys area managers consider it prudent to close the season in this area.

A public hearing to discuss goat harvest management strategy was held on September 18, 2023 in Juneau, Alaska. The strategy is to close individual zones of Unit 1C as guideline harvest levels are met by zone. Female harvest is more restrictive than male harvest when applied to the guideline harvest levels. As the guideline harvest levels in each of the zones are reached, those zones will be closed to mountain goat harvest.

The remainder of Unit 1C will remain open for goat hunting unless closed by past or future special action. Future special actions may also be issued to reopen zones if it is determined that those subpopulations could withstand harvest.

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