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Portions of Baranof Island in Unit 4 to close to the harvest of mountain goats

SITKA, Alaska—The Sitka District Ranger, under authority delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board, is closing the following zones to the harvest of mountain goats; The Pyramids, Slaughter Ridge, Indian River, Bear Mountain, Rosenberg Lake, Lake Irina, Indigo Lake, Necker Bay, Lucky Chance, North Kelp Bay, Kasnyku/Takatz, Whale Bay and South Baranof. The closure will be effective Monday, July 31, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. and will remain in effect through the rest of the 2017 season which ends December 31. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has issued a concurrent closure in the same zones. Mountain goat harvest in these zones could have long term negative effects on the conservation of these mountain goat subpopulations.

The remainder of Baranof Island will remain open for goat hunting unless closed by past or future special action.

A map and description of the closed areas are available from the Sitka Ranger District Office and the Sitka area office of ADF&G. Information on Federal subsistence management special actions for the Tongass National Forest can be found at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/news/tongass/news-events>. For additional information, call Subsistence Biologist Justin Koller at 907-747-4297 or email him at jpkoller@fs.fed.us.

Information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program can be found at <https://www.doi.gov/subsistence>

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