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Federal subsistence goat hunting season to close in a portion of Unit 5A

YAKUTAT, Alaska – Yakutat District Ranger Lee Benson, under authority delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board, is closing the 2019 Federal subsistence mountain goat hunting season for a portion of Unit 5A. The closed area begins on the west shore of Harlequin Lake and the western edge of Yakutat Glacier; then west of Harlequin Lake and Yakutat Glacier to Yakutat Bay and Disenchantment Bay; and south of Russell and Nunatak Fjords. The closure will be effective Wednesday, July 31, 2019, at 11:59 p.m., and will remain in effect until through January 31, 2020. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has issued a closure to the State season for the same area (Emergency Order 01-01-19). Hunters are reminded that the Nunatak Bench area remains closed to mountain goat hunting.

Aerial surveys indicate a decline in the mountain goat population starting in 2006. Additional harvest of goats in this area could have long term negative effects on the health and recovery of this population.

A map of the closed area is available from the Yakutat Ranger District office and the Yakutat Area Office of ADF&G. For additional information, contact U.S. Forest Service Yakutat District Ranger Lee Benson at 907-784-3359.

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

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