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### **Portion of Katlian River watershed on Baranof Island in Unit 4 to reopen to mountain goat harvest**

The Sitka District Ranger, under authority delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board, is taking action to reopen a portion of the Katlian River watershed to the harvest of mountain goats. The area includes drainages flowing into the north side of the main fork Katlian River upstream of the Hogan Lake outlet creek and drainages flowing into the south side of the Hogan Lake system, but excluding Mt. Katlian. The opening will be effective at 12:01 a.m. Saturday October 1, 2016 and will remain in effect through the remainder of the 2016 season which ends December 31. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has issued a concurrent opening in the same area. Recent aerial surveys indicate that the goat population has recovered from declines associated with three consecutive harsh winters between 2006 and 2008 and that a harvestable surplus of goats is now available in the area covered by this special action. Biologists have set a harvest quota of five males or one female. This special action is necessary to allow hunters additional opportunity where new information indicates a harvestable surplus is available.

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

Maps and descriptions of goat management 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](mailto:jpkoller@fs.fed.us).

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

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