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FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE OPENING OF PERMIT HUNTS FOR MOUNTAIN GOAT, CARIBOU, AND SHEEP SPECIAL ACTION FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD

Under Authority of: 50 CFR Part 100.10 and 19
36 CFR Part 242.10 and 19

Special Action No: KNWR20-01

Issued at: Soldotna, Alaska, July 28, 2020

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Monday, August 10, 2020

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Thursday, October 8, 2020

unless superseded by subsequent special action

EXPLANATION: This Special Action opens subsistence permit hunts for Mountain Goat, Sheep, and Caribou on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge in Unit 15. Permits will be issued to winners of a drawing and the hunts will be open beginning Aug 10, 2020 and will continue until the Federal Subsistence Board (FSB) approved dates listed below. Harvest limits were also approved by the FSB and will be listed under special conditions on each permit. Additionally, the open hunt areas will be delineated in the special conditions on each permit and detailed below.

Mountain Goat

Legal harvest is for one goat per permit issued. The harvest of kids or nannies with kids is prohibited. Open season for this hunt is August 10, 2020 through November 14, 2020. One permit will be issued for each of the following sub-units.

DG356 Indian Creek

DG360 Dixon Glacier

Caribou

Legal harvest is one caribou per permit from the Killey River Herd. The hunt area will be Unit 15B, east of a line from the mouth of Bear Creek on Tustumena Lake to Harvey Lake to the mouth of Cottonwood Creek on Skilak Lake. Season dates will be August 10, 2020 through September 20, 2020. Two permits will be issued for 2020.

Sheep

Legal harvest will be one sheep per permit with $\frac{3}{4}$ curl horns or greater. The hunt area will be Unit 15, excluding the Round Mountain area. Season dates will August 10, 2020 through September 20, 2020.

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Kenai National Wildlife Refuge

JUSTIFICATION: These three hunts were proposed, reviewed, and approved by the Federal Subsistence Board in April 2020. There was a delay in publication in the Federal Register and Temporary Delegation of Authority Letters were issued by the Federal Subsistence Board giving the Refuge Manager authority to open and close these hunts prior to publication in the Federal Register. The Refuge Manager has concluded that closing the caribou hunt area west of a line from the mouth of Bear Creek on Tustumena Lake to Harvey Lake to the mouth of Cottonwood Creek on Skilak Lake is necessary to protect the Lowland caribou herd that travel through this area during the hunt period. No records of the Killey River Herd have been documented in this area and this closure does not reduce any opportunity for subsistence hunters to harvest a Killey River caribou. The open sheep hunt area has been restricted to exclude the Round Mountain area. This areas has not recorded a legal harvest under state regulations in the last 5 years and populations in this area are performing poorly. At this time the population cannot support the additional harvest of a $\frac{3}{4}$ curl ram. This closure will be reviewed annually based on aerial surveys. Maps of these closures will be provided to permit winners with their permits.

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