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## Federal Subsistence Board

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# NAKWASINA RIVER WATERSHED ON BARANOF ISLAND IN UNIT 4 IS CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF MOUNTAIN GOATS

## SPECIAL ACTION: FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD

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

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Special Action No: 13-MG-03-16

Issued at: Sitka Alaska, September 22, 2016

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m. Friday September 23, 2016

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2016 unless superseded by subsequent special action

### **EXPLANATION:**

This Special Action closes the Nakwasina River watershed near Sitka, Alaska to the harvest of mountain goats.

**REGULATION:** 36 CFR 242.26(i)(13)(i) and 50 CFR 100.26(i)(13)(i) are amended to read:

#### Unit 4 - Mountain Goat

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| 1 goat by State registration permit only.   | Aug. 1 - Dec. 31 |
| The watersheds of Blue Lake, Medvejie Lake, southern portion of the Katlian River and Harbor Mountain/Indian River are closed to the harvest of mountain goats. | Aug. 1 - Dec. 31 |
| The Nakwasina River watershed is closed to the harvest of mountain goats.   | Sep. 24- Dec. 31 |

Federal Subsistence Board by delegation to /s/Perry Edwards  
Perry Edwards  
District Ranger  
Sitka Ranger District

September 22, 2016

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Based on aerial surveys, historical harvest and vulnerability to harvest, biologists have set a maximum guideline harvest objective of five male goats and/or one female goat in this area. As of Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, five males have been harvested. Continued mountain goat harvest in these areas would be detrimental to the long term conservation of the mountain goat population in Unit 4.

A public hearing to discuss the 2016 Baranof Island Mountain Goat Management Plan was held on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Sitka, Alaska. The ability to teleconference was provided so residents of other affected communities could participate. Members of the public who attended were not opposed to conserving mountain goats on Baranof Island through closures guided by the management plan. The 2016 management plan is similar to the 2015 plan with distinct male and female guideline harvest levels by zones on Baranof Island. Nanny harvest is more restrictive than billy 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 Baranof Island will remain open for goat hunting unless closed by past or future special action.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

**RADIO**

KHOO Radio-Hoonah Community FM Radio; KINY radio – Juneau; KTOO radio – Juneau; KCAW radio – Sitka; KIFW radio - Sitka

**NEWSPAPERS**

Sitka Daily Sentinel; Juneau Empire

**GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS**

Hoonah Indian Association; City of Hoonah, Mayor; City of Tenakee; City of Sitka; Sitka Tribe of Alaska; Stephen Bethune, ADF&G Division of Wildlife Conservation Sitka, City of Pelican, City of Angoon, Angoon Community Association; Michael Bangs, Southeast Regional Subsistence Advisory Council Chair; Earl Stewart, Forest Supervisor; Jeff Bryden, Subsistence L.E.O; Carol Lagodich, Tongass Public Affairs-Ketchikan; Gregory Kent Cummins, Public Affairs Officer, USFS – Ketchikan; Deborah Coble, Office of Subsistence Management - Anchorage; Thomas Whitford, Subsistence Program Leader, USFS-Anchorage; Terry Suminski, Tongass Subsistence Program Leader, USFS-Sitka; Alaska Department of Public Safety.