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Cold Storage zone on 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 Cold Storage zone to the harvest of mountain goats. The closure will be effective at 11:59 p.m., Wednesday November 22, 2017 and continue through the remainder 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 zone. Based on aerial surveys, historical harvest and vulnerability to harvest, biologists have set a maximum guideline harvest objective of two male goats or one female goat in this zone. As of Monday, November 20, two male goats have been harvested. Continued mountain goat harvest in this area would be detrimental to the long term conservation of the mountain goat population.

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>.

For interviews and information to be used for publication, contact the Tongass Public Affairs Officer at 907-228-6201.

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