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Winstanley Lake Trend Count Area Closed to Mountain Goat Hunting in Unit 1A

(Ketchikan) – Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Ketchikan announce a closure to the mountain goat hunting season under the state registration permit hunt RG001, for the Winstanley Lake trend count area (TCA). The closure is for the Winstanley Lake trend count area (TCA) bounded by a line originating where Behm Canal and Rudyerd Bay intersect, east through Rudyerd Bay, then south through the south arm of Rudyerd Bay, east up the drainage to Big Goat Lake, east through Big Goat Lake to the lake's eastern end, then south into Wilson Lake at the GPS point 55.523506, -130.552186, southwest through Wilson Lake to the outlet of Wilson River, south through the center of the Wilson River to the head of Wilson Arm, southwest through Wilson Arm to Smeaton Bay, west through the center of Smeaton Bay to Behm Canal, north to the point of origin. See attached map.

An Emergency Order (1-11-22) was issued that closes the mountain goat season in the Winstanley Lake trend count area on Saturday, 1 October 2022 @ 11:59 pm.

Management of goats on the mainland of Unit 1A is allowed as a percentage of the most recent sightability corrected aerial survey in each trend count area TCA. The maximum allowable percentage of harvest for the mainland is 4% and decreases on a sliding scale according to the population size. The maximum percentage of nannies in the harvest is 30% of the allowable take, which is also based on a decreasing sliding scale. The department conducted an aerial survey in the Winstanley Lake TCA on 14 September 2022. A total of 44 goats were seen of which 6 (16%) were kids. With the sightability correction factor the total estimated population is 66 goats. According to the management plan, this allows for the harvest of 1 goat. Two nannies and two billies have been harvested. The maximum number of goats allowed to be harvested has been surpassed. Therefore, its justified to close the Winstanley Lake TCA for the remainder of the regulatory year.

The remaining area of registration mountain goat hunt RG001 and all other mountain goat hunting regulations in Unit 1A remain unchanged and are not affected by this Emergency Order.



Legend

- ▭ Trend count areas
- Alaska Game Management Units

