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Record Comments submitted to BOG on Jan. 10/2015 by Jamie King on behalf of the Upper Lynn Canal Advisory Committee.

BOG Proposal 19- create a resident youth hunt in unit 1D, Tukgahgo Mountain area.

The Upper Lynn Canal (ULC) AC proposed and continues to support creating a youth only goat hunt in unit 1D as a positive management action that will help promote the local hunting heritage and expand opportunities to expose youth hunters to goat hunting. Historically the area of Tukgahgo Mountain was informally reserved as an area that people could take their children mountain goat hunting in an easily accessible area, close to town and off the road system. However, harvest rates and timing data appear to suggest that this informal strategy does not appear to be an effective management strategy. This proposal will also potentially relieve some of the current high levels of hunting pressure surrounding this easily accessible area. The ULC AC would like to see this proposal implemented by creating a registration youth only hunt permit that will only be issued on a first come first serve basis at the local ADF&G office in Haines or in Skagway, and made available to an individual youth only once every three years to five years.

BOG Proposal 20- Expand the resident goat season dates for registration permit hunts RGO23 and RGO24 in Unit 1D.-

The ULC AC proposed and continues to support this proposal, ADF&G staff will be providing more detail comments and suggestions that were developed collaboratively by the AC and ADFG, in hopes of allowing additional late season harvest opportunities for local goat hunters in portions of RG023 and RG024. This could be accomplished by expanding the boundary of RG026 to include RG023 and RG024, thus lengthening the season dates of these areas to Aug 1- Dec. 31. RG023 and RG024 hunt areas are broken down into 5 and 9 smaller geographic areas, respectively, with different GHLs within each hunt area. Expanding the hunt boundary for RG026 to include areas within RG023 and RG024, would provide access later into the season and increase harvest opportunities in areas that have seen very little if any hunting pressure historically.

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