

ACR #8 – Change the boundary of the RG002 hunt area to align with the existing RG001 hunt area.

SUBMITTED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

CITE THE REGULATION THAT WILL BE CHANGED IF THIS ACR IS HEARD.

Alaska Administrative Code Number 5 AAC 85.040 and 5 AAC 92.050.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM YOU WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO ADDRESS? STATE IN DETAIL THE NATURE OF THE CURRENT PROBLEM.

During the 2023 Board of Game meeting in Ketchikan, the Board adopted Proposal 43. The proposal allowed for a second goat to be harvested by resident hunters in a portion of Unit 1A. The proposer intended for the proposal to apply to the entire RG001 hunt area, however as written the proposal only applied to Unit 1A. The Board did not amend the proposal, and the new hunt opportunity was implemented in a way that has caused confusion. Changing the boundary of the new two-goat bag limit hunt, RG002, to align with the existing RG001 hunt area will reduce confusion for hunters.

WHAT SOLUTION DO YOU PREFER?

5 AAC 85.040(a)(1)

Units and Bag Limits

Resident Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)

Nonresident Open
Season

Remainder of Units 1(A)
and 1(B)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

2 goats by registration permit
only; the taking of nannies
with kids is prohibited

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NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 goat by registration permit
only; the taking of nannies with
kids is prohibited

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5 AAC 92.050(a)(4)

(K) a second mountain goat registration permit for the Remainder of Units 1(A) **and 1(B)** may only be issued if the goat harvested with the first registration permit was a billy harvested in the Remainder of Units 1(A) **or 1(B)**; for those hunters who harvested their first goat in the Remainder of Unit 1(A) **or 1(B)** with a registration permit, the pursuit of a second goat cannot occur in the trend count area of the original harvest; resident hunters looking to pursue a second goat in the Remainder of Unit 1(A) **or 1(B)** with a registration permit may

receive a second registration permit after presenting the harvest record or sealing documents from their first harvest to the ADF&G office in Ketchikan.

STATE IN DETAIL HOW THIS ACR MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

A. To correct an error in regulation.

N/A

B. To correct an effect of a regulation that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted.

This unforeseen consequence of the proposal created unnecessary complexity to the regulations and confusion for hunters.

C. Does the request identify a biological concern for the population or a threat to meeting objectives for the population?

No

D. Does the request identify an unforeseen, unexpected event or effect that would otherwise restrict or reduce a reasonable opportunity for customary and traditional wildlife uses, as defined in AS 16.05.258(f)?

No

E. Does the request identify an unforeseen, unexpected resource situation where a biologically allowable resource harvest would be precluded by delayed regulatory action and such delay would be significantly burdensome because the resource would be unavailable in the future?

No

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THIS PROBLEM IS NOT SOLVED PRIOR TO THE REGULAR CYCLE?

Prospective resident goat hunters will continue struggling to understand which permit is necessary for the area they desire to hunt. Resident hunters who may be hunting near the border of this hunt must carry two permits and ensure they are complying with the correct permit conditions depending on which side of the mountain they harvest a goat from. Resident hunters hunting their second goat with an RG002 permit must be extremely careful to harvest their second goat from the RG002 side of the ridge.

STATE WHY YOUR ACR IS NOT PREDOMINANTLY ALLOCATIVE.

Allocation is not an issue because the bag limits for residents and non-residents will not change.

IF THIS REQUEST IS ALLOCATIVE, STATE THE NEW INFORMATION THAT COMPELS THE BOARD TO CONSIDER AN ALLOCATIVE PROPOSAL OUTSIDE OF THE REGULAR CYCLE.

N/A

STATE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE ISSUE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS ACR.

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STATE WHETHER THIS ACR HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BEFORE, EITHER AS A PROPOSAL OR AS AN ACR, AND IF SO, DURING WHICH BOARD OF GAME MEETING.

This ACR has not been considered in a previous Board of Game meeting.