

**PROPOSAL 62**

**5 AAC 85.040(3). Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.**

Separate the early and late season registration goat hunts for the Seldovia and Port Graham hunt areas in Unit 15C as follows:

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
<p>(3)</p> <p>Unit 15(C), that portion beginning at the mouth of Jackalof Creek, then southwesterly along the shore of Kachemak Bay to the mouth of the Port Graham River, then southeasterly up the Port Graham River approximately 6 miles, then southerly up the south fork to the divide, then easterly across the divide to the main drainage that flows into Windy Bay, then southeasterly down the creek to Windy Bay, then easterly along the shoreline to the mouth of Rocky River, then northerly up the Rocky River and Windy River to the divide separating Windy River from Jackalof Creek, then across that divide to Jackalof Creek, then down Jackalof Creek to the point of origin</p>	<p>Aug. 10—Oct. 15 [NOV. 1—NOV. 30]</p>	<p>No open season.</p>
<p><b><u>1 goat by registration permit only; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited;</u></b> <b><u>or</u></b> <b><u>1 goat by registration permit only; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited;</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Nov. 1—Nov. 30</u></b></p>	<p>No open season.</p>
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 the tip of the Kenai Peninsula and  
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**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Currently, the early and late season registration goat hunts for both the Seldovia (RG364) and Port Graham (RG365) areas are listed in regulation with season dates of August 10 – October 15 and November 1 – November 30. The intent of this proposal is to clearly differentiate between the two registration hunt seasons for each hunt (RG364 and RG365), which will allow for independent management of each. This will create separate hunt numbers for early and late season hunts, rather than the current system, which uses the same hunt number for both. Under the current regulation, permits for the later season in each hunt area may be over or under issued because harvest reports from the early season hunt have not been received prior to opening the late season. To resolve this issue, separating the hunts in regulation will allow the Department of Fish and Game (department) to identify the early season and late season hunts as distinct hunts and manage them for full permit allocations.

The Board of Game (board) has made a positive customary and traditional use finding for goats in these hunt areas within Unit 15C and found that 7–10 goats are reasonably necessary for subsistence. The board will also need to determine if the proposed regulations continue to provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence.

In addition to the regulatory change proposed here, the department will be adjusting the date of issue for the early season registration permits in this hunt (Unit 15C, RG364) from the current issuance date in mid-July to an earlier date in mid-June. Permits for the early season hunt are available in person in Seldovia only. The new issuance date will fall in the regulatory year prior to the hunt taking place, but is intended to increase participation in the registration permit hunt. Late season permits will remain available online, and in Anchorage, Palmer, Homer and Soldotna department offices.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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