

PROPOSAL 116

5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.

Change the regulation to clarify goat hunters in Unit 15C are restricted from taking goat on the Kenai Peninsula for five years if a nanny is harvested as follows:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(3) Unit 15(C), that portion beginning at the mouth of Jakalof 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 Jakalof Creek, then across that divide to Jakalof Creek, then down Jakalof Creek to the point of origin	Aug.10—Oct. 15	No open season.
1 goat by drawing permit only; <u>however, if a nanny is taken in either season, the hunter is prohibited from taking a goat on the Kenai Peninsula for 5 regulatory years;</u> the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited	Nov.1—Nov. 30	No open season.
1 goat by registration permit only; <u>however, if a nanny is taken in either season, the hunter</u>	Aug.10—Oct. 15 Nov.1—Nov. 30	No open season. No open season.

is prohibited from taking a goat on the Kenai Peninsula for 5 regulatory years;

the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited; or

Unit 15(C), that portion beginning at 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 along the southern shore of Windy Bay, then westerly along the shore of the Gulf of Alaska and around the tip of the Kenai Peninsula and easterly to the point of origin

1 goat by registration permit only; **however, if a nanny is taken in either season, the hunter is prohibited from taking a goat on the Kenai Peninsula for 5 regulatory years;** the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited

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What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? At the 2019 Board of Game meeting, the board established a new hunt, DG364, and separated the late season of RG364 and RG365 into RG374 and RG375 to aid ADF&G in the distribution of tags and tracking hunts in these management areas. When these new hunts were established, the board was asked to clarify that the five year no hunting penalty that has been listed in the handy dandy hunting regulations applies to all Kenai hunts. Unfortunately, the codified wording was not clarified. Since 2009, the general public including the communities of Seldovia, Nanwalek, and Port Graham have been under the impression that if a hunter harvested a nanny in these hunt areas, he or she was unable to hunt goats on the Kenai Peninsula for five years. The regulation wording available to the general public has read “If a nanny is taken, the hunter is prohibited from hunting any goats in Units 7 & 15 for 5 regulatory years”. The local communities understand the importance of limiting harvest to billies to preserve the integrity of the hunt and encourage their hunters to do so.

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