

PROPOSAL 44

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

Extend the goat season in Unit 1A Remainder as follows:

Extend the current goat season in the Remainder of Unit 1A for RG001 from its current season to allow the month of January to harvest of goats.

Season dates: August 1–January 31 for RG001

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? To extend the current registration goat hunting season in Unit 1A (RG001) to January 31.

The current mountain goat season runs from August 1st to December 31st in Unit 1A Remainder. Extending the season to January 31st would allow 31 additional days to harvest goats within the unit which residents could take advantage of after the deer seasons end on December 31st.

This season would be for both resident and nonresident hunters.

Allowing the season to be extended would allow trappers who pursue furbearers in areas inhabited by goats to hunt goats opportunistically.

Allowing the season to be extended would be beneficial to the local residents as it offers an alternative source of game meat after the deer season is over in Unit 1A.

The most current harvest and effort information from the Department of Fish and Game website done in 2017 states that there were 107 permits issued for RG001 which 66 of those applicants did not hunt.

A solution would be to implement a block management process with goats so that certain drainages may be shut down, but not the entire hunt.

This proposal would advocate for the harvest of goats by local people, but also allow the nonresident and nonlocal hunters to harvest goats during this time of year.

Note all nonresident hunters must be accompanied by a guide or immediate family.

PROPOSED BY: Ketchikan Fish and Game Advisory Committee (HQ-F22-017)
