

Note: Proposal 211 was accepted by the Board of Game as an Agenda Change Request for consideration at the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region meeting scheduled for March 2024.

PROPOSAL 211

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

5 AAC 92.050. Required permit hunt conditions and procedures.

Change the hunt area boundary for Unit 1A goat hunt RG002 and accompanying permit issuance requirements – as follows:

5 AAC 85.040(a)(1)

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Remainder of Unit 1(A) and Remainder of Unit 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 Unit 1(A) **and Remainder of Unit 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 Remainder of Unit 1(B)**; for those hunters who harvested their first goat in the Remainder of Unit 1(A) **or Remainder of Unit 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 Remainder of Unit 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.

WHAT IS THE ISSUE YOU WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO ADDRESS AND WHY?

During the 2023 Southeast Region 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.

If the board does not address the boundary issue, 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 the existing hunts 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.

The level of confusion caused by the regulations as adopted in 2023 was unexpected and the department has no conservation concerns with expanding the two-goat bag limit hunt area to include the small portion of Unit 1B directly north of the existing RG002 hunt area.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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