

**PROPOSAL 55**

**5 AAC 85.040. Hunting season and bag limits for goat.**

Divide the goat drawing permit hunt DG720 into three separate permit hunts as follows:

I would propose the DG720 permit be split up into three different permits with smaller hunt areas and separate quotas. The new structure could look as follows:

DG720 = Area east of the Richardson hwy to include the Tonsina Controlled Use Area,

DGXXX = Unit 13D west of the Richardson hwy to east side of Tazlina Glacier, and

DGXXX = Unit 13D Tazlina Glacier west to Coal Creek drainage (remainder of current DG720 area).

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** DG720 receives about 2,000 applications per year but only eight permits were issued for 2024. With such a large hunt area, it should be able support a harvest of more than eight goats. Only a small portion of DG720 is road accessible, which probably sees the highest hunter effort and therefore harvest. To offer more permits, better opportunity to hunters, and most likely better population management, DG720 should be split into three separate permits consisting of smaller hunt areas with separate quotas.

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee?** No.

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