

PROPOSAL 83

5 AAC 85.065. Hunting seasons and bag limits for small game.

Extend the spring hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 16 as follows:

Option 1

Unit	Season	Bag Limit
16	August 10 – April 30	10 ptarmigan per day, 20 in possession

Option 2

Unit	Season	Bag Limit
16	August 10 – March 31	10 ptarmigan per day, 20 in possession
16	April 1 – April 30	5 ptarmigan per day, 10 in possession

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I would like to increase the opportunity for hunters in Unit 16 to pursue spring ptarmigan during the month of April. Currently, the season for ptarmigan in Unit 16 ends on March 31. Hunters who wish to pursue ptarmigan during April currently have to travel to Units 1-5, 6A/B/C, 8, 10, 12, and 17- 26 to do so. This would also allow individuals living in the region to take advantage of the longer daylight and improved weather in April to enjoy going out on hunts before or after typical business hours during the week. The extension of the ptarmigan season in Unit 16 by one month would be unlikely to cause a negative impact on the population. In the alternative, any potential negative impact could be mitigated by a reduced bag limit, similar to Units 12, 20, and 25C, for a portion of the season.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee? I developed this proposal myself.

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