

PROPOSAL 112

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

Create a registration archery only hunt for goat in Units 7 and 15, prior to general registration hunts as follows:

What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say?

RG*** 1 goat by Bow and Arrow only, by permit available in Anchorage, Palmer or online

October 25-October 31 may be announced

Alternative date could be November 1-7 which would shift the general registration hunts to November 8-15.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

I would like to see the Board of Game increase archery goat hunting opportunity by allowing for an archery registration hunt prior to the general registration hunt in situations where registration hunts following the draw hunts are deemed appropriate.

It's my understanding that if the harvest numbers in DG331-352, DG364, DG365 and DG352-363 are low enough in a given hunt area, corresponding RG hunt(s) will be opened. The DG hunts have an open season from August 10 through October 15 and the RG hunts, if opened, start November 1. The 15 day window between the DG and RG hunts likely allows ADF&G to receive hunt reports (10 day reporting requirement if successful).

This proposal supports creating a short archery-only registration goat hunt between the closure of the DG and the opening of any RG hunts that are deemed appropriate. This could be any time window that ADF&G feels is appropriate but November 1-7 might be a good option that would essentially split the existing registration hunt. Another option, if feasible would be to have it from October 25th until November 1.

Either way, this is similar to how the registration archery hunts in unit 14 precede the registration general hunt. This proposal would follow that precedent by increasing hunter opportunity. At the same time, based on very low archery success rates in existing registration hunts, these archery hunts are very unlikely to have any meaningful impact on goat populations or on the hunting opportunity of the following general season hunt.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee?

No

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