

PROPOSAL 159

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

Create archery only, registration permit hunts for goat in Unit 14C as follows:

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

Create an archery registration hunt that corresponds to DG852-858 and otherwise adheres to the same regulations.

RG***-*** **One goat by bow and arrow only*** *by permit available online at*

<http://hunt.alaska.gov> or in person in Anchorage,

Palmer, and Soldotna beginning Aug 1

November 1-14 (May be Announced)

*certified bowhunters only

- Taking of nannies with kids is prohibited. Taking of males is encouraged.
- Information on sex identification available with permit.
- Nonresident hunters must be accompanied by a guide, see page 10.

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

The goal of this proposal is to create registration archery goat hunts that correlate with DG 852-858 that are opened if game management professionals determine that the population can sustain additional harvest after the draw hunt harvest reports are submitted.

In Units 7 and 15 there are registration goat hunts that follow the correlating draw hunt seasons. These hunts are carefully managed and when post-draw hunt populations can sustain additional harvest registration hunts are opened and have proven popular with many local hunters who otherwise would not have the opportunity to hunt mountain goats in this region.

Creating something similar in Unit 14C would have the same benefit of expanded opportunity and because of the nature of the hunt would not create a risk of over harvest. These hunts would only open if it was determined that the area could sustain additional harvest and a strict quota could be created for the new registration hunt. Making these hunts archery only would further reduce the chance of over harvest while still maintain opportunity for all. (Virtually any hunter capable of hunting mountain goats can do so with a bow and arrow and would just be accepting additional challenge of a true fair chase hunt.)

Similar to the Unit 7 and 15 hunts, at least a 10 day buffer should be applied after the existing draw hunt to accommodate for receipt and analysis of DG harvest reports. The draw hunts end on 10/15 and the new archery registration hunt would start on 11/1.

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

No.

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