

PROPOSAL 222

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

5 AAC 92.171. Sealing of horns and antlers.

Change the bag limit for hunting goat in Unit 8 to one billy only, and require horns be sealed as follows:

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

I recommend changing the hunts in Unit 8 to billy only and reducing RG480 back to one male goat with requirements to seal so we can have better harvest information on this population.

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

The current mountain goat strategy on Kodiak Island is shifting the nanny/billy ratio across the Island. We currently have a long season on the South end to reduce population by 20% and due to federal managers not wanting the animals there, over harvest of billys and lack of sealing requirements, it has been left open despite low abundance of mature males. This has left a disproportionate amount of young goats and nannys to mature males. Even though these were an introduced population, these animals provide value to the economy, one of the only reliable over the counter opportunities and subsistence to locals.

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

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