

PROPOSAL 231

5 AAC 92.057. Special provisions for Dall sheep and mountain goat drawing permit hunts.

Limit nonresident permit allocation to 10%, for the Unit 8 goat drawing permit hunts DG471, DG472, DG473, DG474, DG476, DG478, and DG479 as follows:

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

Nonresident allocation for goat draw permits DG471, DG472, DG473, DG474, DG476, DG478, and DG479 should be capped at 10% of the total number of permits issued.

This would not only limit the competition in the field for resident hunters, but it will also increase the odds of drawing a permit by taking excess applications out of the drawing pool if/when the 10% cap is reached for nonresident permits.

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

The Issue:

Nonresidents are drawing upwards of 20% of the goat drawing permits for hunts DG471, DG472, DG473, DG474, DG476, DG478, and DG479.

Why it matters:

These hunts offer residents of Alaska a great opportunity to hunt goats with a healthy population and high odds of success at a decreased overall cost due to these units being a shorter flight from the city of Kodiak or accessible from the road system.

Bush plane flights have risen astronomically over the last several years and a flight to the south end of Kodiak to hunt RG480 is running over \$4,000 round trip. The draw units are half the cost for a flight and two of them can be hunted off the Kodiak road system. Goats are big animals and yield a decent amount of meat. Deer can also be harvested concurrently on these hunts, giving residents more opportunity to fill their freezers.

Goat hunts statewide are strictly monitored and are managed exclusively via registration and drawing permits. Registration permits on the mainland are prone to small quotas and early closures. Draw permits on the mainland typically see less than a dozen permits issued making them extremely hard to draw.

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

No

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