

PROPOSAL 232

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

Establish an allocation for resident and nonresident goat drawing permits for North Kodiak Island in Unit 8 as follows:

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

If this moves forward:

Board of Game established appropriate ratio of opportunity for residents and nonresidents to access North Kodiak Islands goat populations.

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

Kodiak has a very unique situation. We live on a road system adjacent to two goat areas. residents can fly into town and stay in a hotel and take a cab to access hunting area's. This option is available for residents and nonresidents. It's becoming extremely important to guides as well. I feel it's time to explore either a set aside for guides or a ratio of permits available to residents / nonresidents. Draw areas 471, 472, 478 and 479 should be considered for this actions.

These four area's can be accessed by vehicle or 4-wheeler and should have a priority for resident hunters who can access goat country at a reasonable cost. I feel like establishing a criteria of allocation will eliminate potential conflict between guides and resident hunters in the future.

If this proposal moves forward the data will be helpful in narrowing in the proper proportions.

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

Several people have spoken to me about this and what is felt like declining opportunity because of guides loading up the drawing with potential hunters. I feel like it's good policy to try and be ahead of a cure versus behind and trying to catch up. Kodiak is one of a handful of places where you can access goats at a reasonable cost. We should be aware of this and regulate accordingly. I believe most of these are's fall outside of guide area's and are appealing to access for nonresident hunters through the use of a guide. If this is the case we should definitely recognize this and regulate it. Known numbers for each user will establish stability and provide the most opportunity to access goats.

I did not run this through the local advisory Board, but i'm sure a robust conversation from the submittal of this proposal will ensue.

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