

PROPOSAL 26

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

Restrict hunters who take nanny goat in Unit 1C from hunting goat in Unit 1C for the following four regulatory years, and require nonresidents to forfeit nanny goats taken as follows:

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

The regulation would be changed to read the following: "if a nanny is taken in subunit 1 C, the hunter is prohibited from hunting any goats in subunit 1C the following four regulatory years and nonresident hunters would be required to forfeit their nannies to the Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game."

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

Restrict hunters who take nanny goat in Unit 1C from hunting goat the following regulatory year in Unit 1C as follows: The regulation would be changed to read the following: "if a nanny is taken in subunit 1C, the hunter is prohibited from hunting any goats in subunit 1C for the next four regulatory years."

Proposal to sustain the nanny goat population in Guide Use Area (GUA) 01-05, Unit 1C.

This proposal is for RG013 Unit 1C remainder, is for resident and nonresident hunting with a specific interest in Tracy and Endicott Arms. The area is managed by a point system and The Tracy/Endicott Arms area currently has a total of 37 harvest points annually. One harvested billy goat represents one point and a one harvested nanny goat represents two points.

There has been a steady increase in the nanny goat harvest in the Tracy/Endicott area. Nineteen nannies were taken between 2014 and 2021, and 10 of those were taken during the 2019 and 2020 season. In regulatory years 21 thru 24, there was 10 nannies taken just in the Tracy and Endicott, having an unnecessary impact of the overall harvest. This is a significant increase in the past two years and if this trend continues there could be a long-term negative effect on the goat population as a result of over harvesting of nanny goats in this Unit. For example, in 2023, there was three females harvested in one small portion of the Tracy/Endicott area. In addition, if the total harvest points are reached prior to the end of the hunting season, an Emergency Closure of the area occurs which is detrimental to all hunters in that area. It is an unnecessary loss of harvest to goat hunters.

We would like to copy the proposal that was done in Haines area as a model (Proposal 32),

The implementation of this proposal will benefit the overall goat population in RG013 Unit 1C remainder by reducing the number of nannies taken. This results in fewer Emergency Closures and promotes good conservation practice by all hunters.

It could also be helpful to change the mandatory ADF&G harvest reporting from five days to three days to the ADF&G.

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

With input from local ADF&G biologists, and a review by the Juneau/Douglas Advisory Committee. Other big game guides in the area and ADF&G, via the same proposal which was already passed (Proposal 32).

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