

PROPOSAL 3

5 AAC 92.085. Unlawful methods of taking big game; exceptions.

Allow the same day airborne take of goats in Units 1-5 as follows:

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

The new regulation would state that same-day airborne hunting for mountain goats is allowed in Units 1-5.

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

Currently same day airborne hunting for mountain goats is illegal in Units 1-5. Allowing same day airborne hunting for mountain goats would increase safety and accessibility. Weather in Southeast Alaska ultimately controls mountain goat hunting. Hunts take place in the remote backcountry of these units with weather being very hard to plan around in small high elevation lakes. Hunters and pilots who make trips into remote lakes would be less likely to take chances getting in or out of lakes in marginal weather if allowed to hunt the same day airborne and it would allow people that are able to get to the hunting areas with reasonable time an opportunity to hunt in nice weather. When planning a mountain goat hunt many are based on a schedule of days off. Being that the weather is able to change so rapidly and unannounced allowing for people to hunt on the same day that they fly increases opportunity and brings cost down for the individual as a 5 day hunt is cheaper than a 10 day hunt.

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

Yes, this proposal was discussed with and agreed upon by the Ketchikan Advisory Committee

PROPOSED BY: Ketchikan Fish and Game Advisory Committee (OI-F25-189)
