

PROPOSAL 78

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

Create a fall season, archery registration permit goat hunt within the RG248 hunt area in Unit 6D, with a bag limit of one billy as follows:

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

Make an additional registration permit within the RG248 hunt area to include an early season archery hunt. Permits would be available at ADF&G offices and online. The season would be September 10th-20th, with a bag limit of 1 billy. Online goat quiz required to receive a permit. The regular RG248 season would continue unchanged, later in the season. This hunt would provide hunters with a set time frame to hunt, as making it archery only with a billy only bag limit, would greatly decrease the success rate overall and likely, extending the season to its entirety.

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

Not enough road accessible goat hunts exist outside of drawing permits. Draw permits are getting harder to draw with decreased numbers of tags and increased interest. In addition to limited hunting opportunity, nanny harvest poses a problem when a hunt's duration is based on "Goat Points" and harvesting nannies closes a hunt sooner.

This type of management strategy makes it extremely challenging for goat hunters trying to set their schedule months in advance to go on a hunt. Especially goat hunters who are not interested in harvesting a nanny.

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

No

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