

PROPOSAL 31

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

Lengthen the resident, registration goat hunt in Unit 1C, the Southern end of the Chilkat Range as follows:

Unit 1C Chilkat Peninsula southern portion drainages of the Chilkat Range south of the south bank of the Endicott River:

Residents Only – one goat by registration permit
RG XXX Aug. 1 – Nov. 30

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Later season for goat in the southern Chilkat Range area of Unit 1C.

The resident goat season for the northern area of the Chilkat Range in Unit 1C is by registration permit and starts on August 1st but the resident goat season for the southern area of the Chilkat Range doesn't start until September 1st, which is when storms frequent the area, making access from the coast and hunting much more difficult.

According to ADF&G information, over the past five years there were three - nine goats harvested off of the entire Chilkat Peninsula, with very few nannies taken. Goats have increased on the Chilkat Peninsula from the lows of the past and the current harvest quota is not being met, so we see no reason to continue the later season opener for the southern part of the Chilkat Range.

Concerns over the taking of nannies are still present, and the goat "points" method of decreasing the quota when nannies are taken is still in place. We also recommend imposing a requirement that all goat hunters in Unit 1C must watch and pass the ADF&G goat gender identification quiz: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=quiz.mountangoatquiz>

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