

**PROPOSAL 91**

**5 AAC 92.003. Hunter education and orientation requirements.**

Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting as follows:

Hunters planning to hunt mountain goats in Alaska are required to pass the online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting. [https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=quiz.overview&quiz\\_id=3](https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=quiz.overview&quiz_id=3)

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** It is well established and accepted that the harvest of nanny’s is detrimental to the mountain goat population. According to statistics from ADF&G staff, recent efforts to educate hunters by requiring that they complete a mountain goat gender identity quiz have proven successful in reducing the nanny harvest in those areas. Currently Units 1, 4, 5, 6C and 6D require that hunters complete the Gender Identification quiz found at [https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=quiz.overview&quiz\\_id=3](https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=quiz.overview&quiz_id=3)

There are other areas in the state where there exist mountain goat hunts, both draw and registration, that do not require gender ID education and quiz completion and it is the intention of this proposal to increase the mountain goat gender awareness of hunters by requiring that all registration and draw tags in the state of Alaska include the requirement that the hunter must successfully complete the gender ID quiz prior to hunting. Even in areas like RG480 on Kodiak, where nanny harvest is now required if a second goat is taken, there would be significant benefit to requiring this educational process. It is the hope of this author that this could be a small step in enhancing mountain goat population health and encouraging hunter engagement on goat conservation throughout the state.

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee?** Yes, I have discussed this with one current and one former ADF&G biologist who are in favor of this proposal and believe that it could be a difference in decreasing nanny harvest.

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