

PROPOSAL 221

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

Lengthen the season for the RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8, to start August 1 as follows:

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

Open season for RG480 runs from August 1-March 31.

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

I propose that the start date of RG480 be modified from August 20 to August 1. To begin, according to a AF&G biologist I spoke with, there is no biological evidence for the start date to be later than August 1.

In addition, an August 1st start date would provide an amazing opportunity for young hunters and parents to hunt goat prior to the start of a new school year. I imagine many Alaskans would appreciate the expansion of a quality hunt option prior to the start of the school year so that young hunters can enjoy the experience of a mountain goat hunt without missing school and sporting events.

Lastly, this change would align with the start of deer season in Kodiak, which would give hunters more options for harvesting goat or deer on an early season hunt.

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

I developed the proposal in coordination with the many parents of young hunters who are always looking for high quality hunting opportunities prior to the start of the school year. An early season mountain goat hunt in Kodiak that would not require stude

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