

Regionwide and Multiple Units

PROPOSAL 70

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

Restrict hunters who take a nanny in Units 6, 7, 14C, or 15 from hunting goats in Unit 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15 for five regulatory years as follows:

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

If a nanny is taken in Units 6, 7, 14C, or 15, the hunter is prohibited from hunting any goats in Units 6, 7, 8, 14C, or 15 for five regulatory years.

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

Change the penalty for shooting a nanny from only prohibiting the hunter from hunting that area to all of the areas in Southcentral (Unit 6, 7, 8, 14C, and 15).

Currently if you shoot a nanny in Unit 6, you are only prohibited from hunting Unit 6 for five regulatory years. You could still hunt goats in Units 7, 8, 14C, or 15.

If you shoot a nanny in Unit 7 or 15, you are prohibited from hunting goats in Units 7 and 15 for five regulatory years. You could still hunt goats in Units 6, 8, & 14C.

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

PROPOSED BY: Bradley Golden (OI-F25-153)

PROPOSAL 71

5 AAC 92.106. Intensive management of identified big game prey populations.

Establish an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep to consider if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use as follows:

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

5 AAC 92.106. Intensive management of identified big game prey populations. For purposes of implementing AS 16.05.255(e) - (g), the Board of Game will

(1) consider the following criteria when identifying big game prey populations that are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use:

(A) harvest size: the average annual historic human harvest meets or exceeds values as follows:

(i) caribou: 100;

(ii) deer: 500;

(iii) moose: 100;

(iv) sheep: **XX**

(B) accessibility to harvest;

(C) utilization for meat: a population that is used primarily for food; and

(D) level of hunter demand: as reflected by total hunter effort, number of applications for permits, or other indicators;

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

At the March 2025 Statewide Board of Game meeting in Anchorage the board adopted a proposal to establish sheep as an intensive management species. The board now needs to set an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep for use in considering if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use. Once established, the board can evaluate each individual population and determine if the population has a positive or negative intensive management finding, and if positive, the board can then set a population and harvest objective for each population.

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PROPOSED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

HQ-F25-046

PROPOSAL 72

5 AAC 92.108. Identified big game prey populations.

Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the Southcentral Region as follows:

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

5 AAC 92.108. Identified big game prey populations.

Population	Finding	Population Objective	Harvest Objective
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Sheep			
GMUs 7 and 15 (Kenai Peninsula)	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx
GMU 14(C) (Chugach Mountains)	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx

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

At the March 2025 Statewide Board of Game meeting in Anchorage, the board adopted a proposal to establish sheep as an intensive management species. This proposal was submitted as a way for the board to codify if the Dall sheep populations in the Southcentral region have a positive or negative IM finding, and if positive, to establish the population and harvest objectives. The department submitted another proposal for the board to consider this cycle to set an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep for use in considering if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use. Once established, the board will need to evaluate each individual sheep population and determine if the population has a positive or negative intensive management finding. If a population is determined to have a positive finding, the board can then set a population and harvest objective for each population.

The proposed sheep populations listed (Units 7 and 15, Kenai Peninsula and Unit 14C, Chugach Mountains) may also be changed by the board. Deer and moose are listed in 5 AAC 92.108 by subunit, and caribou by herd, however the board has never had to address how sheep populations would be captured in 5 AAC 92.108, and there is more than one way to do so. The department will make a recommendation to the board for the best description of each sheep population prior to the board taking action on this proposal.

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PROPOSED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game HQ-F25-047

PROPOSAL 73

5 AAC 92.044. Permit for hunting black bear with the use of bait or scent lures.

Define the terms "permenant dwelling", "publically maintained trail/road", and "developed recreational facility" for the purpose of bear baiting as follows:

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

Rewording the phrase “ permanent dwelling” as "dwelling"to be defined as: “a structure or part of a structure that is used as a home, residence, or sleeping unit that is publically maintained through use of public funds or privately owned- this includes permitted trapper cabins.

I request the board to define publically maintained trail or road as a trail or road that is maintained with the use of public funding through an agency or private organization and meant for public use.

Define Developed Recreational Facility:

(A) includes a shooting range, developed boat ramp, campground, picnic area, rest area, visitor information center, swim beach, education center and developed ski area;

(B) does not include trails or latrines more than one quarter mile from a road;

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

Currently in the bear baiting regulations in Alaska there are no definitions to permanent dwelling, publicly maintained /road trail or recreational facility.

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Yes many hunters and the board and enforcement all agree these terms need clarified

PROPOSED BY: Caleb Martin (OI-F25-160)

PROPOSAL 74

5 AAC 92.130. Restrictions to bag limit.

Count a wounded bear against a hunter's bag limit regionwide as follows:

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

Make it illegal across all units to wound a brown bear and not cut your tag for the season. Making all uniformity across these units.

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

Currently only part of Southcentral is it illegal to wound a bear and shoot another. While the Kenai Peninsula has the closest regulation brown bear hunt in Alaska.

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

PROPOSED BY: Caleb Martin (OI-F25-158)

PROPOSAL 75

5 AAC 92.XXX. New regulation.

Require an online trapping education course for trapping in the Southcentral Region as follows:

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

Requirements for trappers before trapping in Units 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 14C, 15, and 20:

If you were born after January 1, 1986 and are 18 years or older, you must have successfully completed a basic trapper education course in person or on-line before you trap in the unit areas listed above.

If you are under 18 years of age, you must have either successfully completed the basic trapper education course in person or on-line or be under the immediate supervision of a licensed trapper who:

- a) is 18 years of age or older and has successfully completed a basic trapper education course in person or on-line OR
- b) was born on or before January 1, 1986.

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

There are such minimum standards for trapping in this state that it allows many instances of inappropriate placement of these traps in and around populated areas. Basically, anyone who becomes, or is, a resident, can trap with or without knowledge, experience, or even minimum guidelines for education.

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

No

PROPOSED BY: Michael Knapp (OI-F25-078)
