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Leg-hold and conibear traps should be tagged with name and license number of owner. Reason being to identify, and report to ADF&G, any traps that are left sprung or unsprung in field after the close of trapping season. This tagging would also allow individuals to report traps that are set in areas closed to trapping.



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It's very disturbing that currently none of the members of this 7 member board are from Southeast Alaska, and none of the present board members were on the board when these regulations originally passed. I can't ever remember not having any representation from SE Alaska on this board.

I am adamantly opposed to the archaic use of bait to attract bears in order to shoot them. Cowardly lazy hunters.

Hunting and trapping the wolves on Douglas Island is also just so lazy hunters don't have to work hard on getting a deer. It is not like it is a subsistence area and important to put food on the table.

So NO to both issues, NO to bear baiting and NO to wolf hunting on Douglas Island. Who is running this state anymore ? Really!



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I would like to voice my support for Lauri Jemison's proposal to reinstate trapping identification.

Being able to properly identify hunting traps that are being attended and have illegally been left behind neither presents an undue hardship nor places a greater burdern on trappers than any other hunter/fisher in Alaska.

As a hiker, outdoorsperson, and dog guardian, I would appreciate any and all efforts to hold hunters accountable for their gear, behavior, and practices. Trapping identification benefits and protects hunters and the outdoor community, including its wild animals.



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Do not allow expansion of bow hunting for goats to include the mountains surrounding Juneau. Once the goats find out they are threatened they will leave the area, and local residents and tourists will no longer be able to view goats from down in town.



Submitted By

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I would like to vote yes to extend the hunting season for deer on Mitkof Island and surrounding areas. It doesn't make sense that we're the only area with such short seasons. I am a fisherman and the 2 weeks isn't enough time to get a deer. I need to provide for a family of 5 and more time would be extremely beneficial to our winter stocks.



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I fully support the proposal to reinstate the requirement for identification tags for traps and snares in Southeast Alaska: "In Unit 1–5, trappers are prohibited from using a trap or snare unless the trap or snare has been individually marked with a permanent metal tag upon which is stamped or permanently etched the trappers name and address or the trapper's permanent identification number." Trappers need to be held to a similar standard as shrimpers and crabbers. Should there be an issue with their gear, Alaska State Troopers need to be able to easily enforce trapping regulations and seasons. I personally have witnessed problems with traps and urge you to support this change. Thank you.

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I oppose the proposal to expand the archery only permit hunt area in Unit 1C. I believe that ample opportunity to hunt goats in this manner already exists and that mountain goats, particularly in the Mendenhall River drainage, do not need this added pressure.



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It is imperative that trappers put their name and license number on their traps. I have caught an injured bald eagle that had been caught in a trap outside of trapping season. I sent the eagle to the Sitka Raptor Center, the bird was unable to be saved and they had to put the injured bird down. This is just one example of a reason why it is important to know who owns the trap.

Additionally, I hike a lot with my little dog, and have found numerous traps out of season that were set. These traps could have killed my dog and I would like to know who has set traps in or out of season that could kill or injure pets.

Please reinstate the regulation requiring all trappers to put their name and license number on the traps.



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Regards to hunting closures around Greens Creek Mine.

I have actively hunted this area since 2006. I also worked for Greens Creek Mine from July 2008 to October 2014. During that time I heard about more deer being hit by mine traffic than collected by hunters. I have used bikes and trailers for access several years. Typically I don't run into other groups of hunters. When I do they are Greens Creek employees communicating with mine traffic.

If the mine wants to close the area around the Hawk Inlet port I don't see the problem it's private property.

The mine site is 8 1/2 miles from the road junction and the Hawk Inlet port. If the mine wanted to close an area within a 1/2 mile of the mine and mill site that would be reasonable. Closing everything around the road is unacceptable.

This past year the mine had some unfortunate bear problems. Closing hunting in the area will only increase the bear issues.



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I would like to vote yes to extend the hunting season until November 15th. I've hit a few deer in the past year, and by opening the season longer could help our drives out the road. We have FAR too many deer lingering around town and on the sides of the road. Opening the seasons around Petersburg, could also help locals fill their freezer for the cold winter nights. Please consider extending the season!



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Proposal for GMU 3 Mitkof Island Sitka black-tail season.

I am proposing that the Sitka black-tail rifle season on Mitkof Island be extended 2 more weeks, which would make the season October 15th - November 14. Or change the dates of the current season from October 15th - October 31st, to Nov 1st - 14th.

The current season on Mitkof Island makes it very hard to hunt Sitka black tail. 9/10 times we the residents of Petersburg get stuck with our deer season in the pre Rut phase. I took this next paragraph from an expert Sitka black tail hunter and I believe he is correct. "The deer disappear during this time. I believe that the bucks are resting and determining the last of the dominance hierarchy. The does wean their fawns and their hormones must be changing towards estrus. Movement is limited or at night. If I take a good buck during this time I believe it to be a great accomplishment"

Why is our season during the hardest time to find a Sitka black tail? Most of us are hunting to fill the freezers and feed ourselves and loved ones. It should not have to be a great accomplishment to feed our family. I am not proposing a change to the number of deer allowed it is 1. I am asking to get the season changed so 9/10 times we are hunting the chasing stage and the Rut.

Thank you for your time

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Dear Board of Game,

I have been a Juneau resident since 1982 and appreciate the beauty of our environment. I am lucky to still be able to hike mountains and watch wildlife. There is nothing so thrilling as to summit a mountain or hike a ridgeline and watch goats and bear.

I recently heard there is a proposal to open areas around Juneau to bow and arrow hunting of goats. The thought of this is appalling. A beautiful animal at risk of dying due to human greed/trophy has no place in our community. Also over half a million tourists come to our town each year and probably a quarter of them hike out to Nugget Falls to enjoy the view of the glacier, falls and goats up on the ledge. This summer, a friend dying of brain cancer took a flight seeing tour and fulfilled his dream of seeing goats on a ridge!

Please consider the desires of thousands of Juneau residents who prefer to take pictures and watch these majestic animals through their spotting scope over the few bow hunters desires to bag an animal.

Sincerely,

Judy Oyama Neary



From: Jim Noel
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Re: Proposed change in archery hunting regs for goats
Date: Wednesday, December 26, 2018 6:39:42 PM

I'm writing in opposition to opening the area between the Mendenhall River and Taku Inlet to archery hunting of goats. This area includes popular viewing spots for goats, including Mendenhall Lake and Mount Juneau/Roberts. Goat populations in these locales have only recently recovered from overhunting in the 1980s. Allowing hunting now may once again reduce the population to minimal numbers.

There are plenty of alternative hunting opportunities in the more remote parts of the Juneau area to accommodate goat hunters. The mountains and drainages north of Mendenhall river, for example, are open to hunting and accessible from the road system.

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Good morning ADF&G,

I would like to voice my support for Lauri Jemison's proposal to reinstate trapping identification. I don't see how it would create an undue hardship to affix identification to their traps, and it allows more accountability for illegal activity. Crabbers and long-liners have to identify their buoys. Hunters and fishermen have to have their hunting and fishing license on us at all times to be able to identify us participating legally in the managed taking of our wildlife. It is applying the same logic of being able to validate our legal behavior both actively on our person, and also passively on gear left unattended. Having trappers identify their gear keeps them consistent with our other enforced requirements.



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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a strong proponent for reinstating the identification tags for traps and snares in Alaska. Hunters and trappers should be held accountable for unnecessary and inhumane suffering of a defenseless animal. We are better than this as a State.

Sincerely,

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i disagree with closing down public lands post the times the bus is on the road give the hunters more info honestly after this summer you need some thinning on the bear population, your gun free zone has cost a kid his life , it never should have happened the aggressive bears should have been shot at the first sign of a problem!



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I have voted to put ID tags of some form on all traps in the Southeast areas. The country here is steep, very overgrown with dense brush and the trappers use the trails that all the hikers use. Hikers with dogs often allow their dogs free range when away from populated areas. Some dogs range further from where their owners are and are at risk of running into a trap. If there is a notice on the trail section where trapping is occurring, that hiker then can make sure they keep their dog closer and under more control.

There are also numerous times that trappers leave their equipment out past the trapping closure times and unfortunate incidents occur with either a dog or wild animal. The troopers have no way of knowing whom to contact to tell them to remove their gear or in the case of illegal, incidental trapping, whom to go after for their infraction.

I know sometimes a person can forget where they've placed all their gear and in those instances, a courtesy call can remind them to retrieve their traps before they run into trouble. As a crab fisherman commented to me, "We have to label our crab and shrimp pots with our permit numbers, why not land trappers as well?!"

I fully agree.



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I oppose the proposed elimination of the regulations regarding hunting of mountain goats on Mt. Juneau, bear baiting, and hunting wolves on Douglas. I have lived in downtown Juneau for 37 years, and am frequently hiking in the areas of Mt. Juneau, Mt. Roberts, and Douglas island. Obviously, it's thrilling to see these animals, and I want them to be protected for our enjoyment. But it's not just for us; this past summer I kept running into groups of out of state tourists, independent travelers, who had flown in after having read online about Juneau as a hiking destination. I probably met seven or eight separate groups of tourists who were staying for a week or so to hike our trails, and they were quite happy with their experience here. They were not cruise ship passengers who spend 3 hours in town and buy t-shirts. They come here because they no longer have natural trails and animals. We do, and must protect them.

Thank you.



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I have lived in Juneau for 41 years and many of those years the weather kept me from travelling to Admiralty to hunt deer. I would on those occasions hunt on Douglas Island. On a full day outing I would see 2 to 6 deer. Often they would all be does so I would pass them up. The last few years I have seen less and less deer. This year none. For as long as I have lived here I have been under the impression that all the states game was managed for maximum yield and carrying capacity. It seems to me that is not the case on Douglas Island. One species (the wolf) has received preferential treatment. Are we going to continue to let the wolf population increase until the deer population is so low we have to close Douglas to deer hunting all together? I am a realist and understand that the only user group that can be controlled are humans because other predators don't read and wouldn't follow game regulations if they could. I would like to see the wolf harvest restrictions recinded and the wolves treated as they are in most of the rest of Alaska's game units.

Thank you for your consideration and the oppertunity to voice my opinion.



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All trappers should be required to label their traps with ID, license numbers, and contact information, Shrimp and crab trappers do so. Those that trap land animals should do so too...it is certainly the RESPONSIBLE thing to do! It is very important to identify the owners of traps that catch non-target animals or have traps set out of season or in illegal areas. Similarly, it is important to curb the prolonged suffering endured by many trapped animals, an unnecessary cruelty caused by lazy and irresponsible trappers that give their occupation such a bad name. Without accountability, there is no way to follow up on bad practices (which is probably the whole idea behind this regrettable proposal). But accountability matters!