

PROPOSAL 222

5 AAC 85.065. Hunting seasons and bag limits for small game.

Align the ptarmigan hunting season for all of Unit 13 and reduce the bag limit to five per day as follows:

In order to provide a hunting opportunity for a period of time in Unit 13 where few exist, move all of Unit 13 to August 10 to March 31st, and have a bag limit of five per day.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Ptarmigan hunting seasons, Unit 13: The changes in the ptarmigan seasons have led to decreased outdoor opportunities in the spring. It was reduced from March 31st to February 15th a couple of years ago. This change didn't make any sense, as ptarmigan numbers are good in Unit 13. As someone who spends over 300 days a year in the field across all parts of Unit 13, the reduction in hunting season doesn't make sense. The late February, all of March season was great opportunities for hunters of all ages to participate in the sport when almost all other hunting is shut down. If there is a proven and documented study that shows the numbers are down, then it would be better to address the issue with a reduction from ten per day to five per day.

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