

ATTENTION HUNTERS:

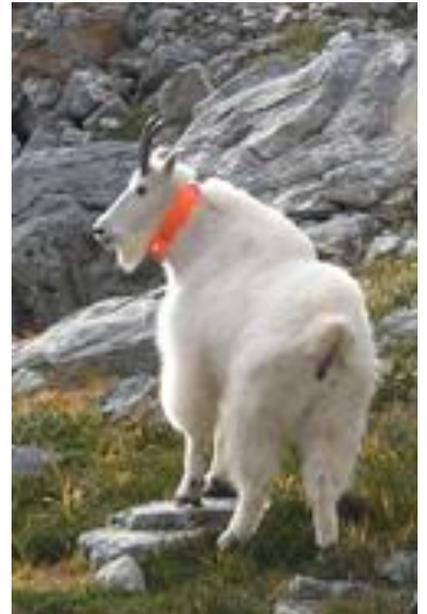
Please Avoid Shooting Collared Mountain Goats!!!

During 2013, ADF&G in cooperation with the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge has radio-collared mountain goats throughout Kodiak Island to investigate movements, distribution patterns, and habitat use to ensure long-term harvest sustainability.

Each collared animal represents an investment of approximately \$5000, as well as a substantial portion of our study sample. While it is legal to harvest a collared animal, we strongly encourage hunters to choose an uncollared animal.

If a collared animal is harvested, hunters are required by regulation to return collars to ADF&G. Please contact us at 907-486-1880 or come by the office at 351 Research Court, Kodiak, Alaska.

Meat from collared animals should be safe for human consumption, but please contact ADF&G (907-486-1880) before consuming meat from a collared animal.



Identification:

- Study animals have bright orange collars and red ear tags and are generally easy to identify but not in all cases.
- The scenario photos below will familiarize you with collared goats and help avoid accidental harvest.
- It is not possible to see collars in some situations. Always make sure you have a clear view of the animal before shooting.



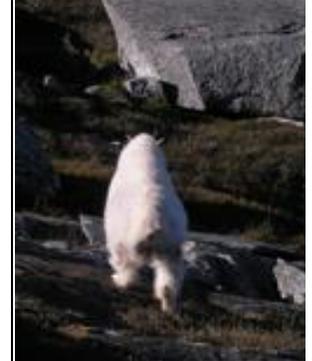
In this close-up view the orange collar and red ear tag are visible on this adult nanny.



From this angle the orange collar is only partially visible.



This goat is traveling uphill and the orange collar is clearly visible from the rear.



This goat is collared! You cannot see the collar from this angle. Always be sure to have a clear view of the head before shooting.



Poor lighting makes this goat's collar difficult to see despite being at close range.



It is nearly impossible to tell this goat is collared because of the lighting conditions. Don't shoot!

How else can you participate in Kodiak's goat management?

Interested successful hunters can voluntarily participate in Kodiak's mountain goat research by submitting a small tissue sample to ADF&G staff for future genetic analyses. Samples will be used to investigate interrelatedness of goat sub-populations throughout Kodiak.

Size of muscle tissue sample to submit:

