## PROPOSAL 58

## 5 AAC 92.003. Hunter education and orientation requirements.

Require hunter orientation for hunting goat in Southcentral Region units as follows:

All hunters must complete the Goat Hunter Orientation Prior to hunting. Orientation and quiz are available online at XXXXXXXXX.

-Rocky Mountain Goat alliance has a YouTube video and are currently making another revision to assist goat hunters. I have asked the board if they would work with ADF&G biologists on a video and quiz and they are in support.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I believe that there will be a "trickle down effect" from the dwindling sheep numbers, where many sheep hunters will now look to other species. I believe that goat hunting will become more prevalent over the next few years. My concern is that with the increase in goat hunting, there will be an increase in novice goat hunters. This is of grave concern for the harvest of nanny and sub-adult goats. I believe an educational video, such as was done for bear and moose, should be mandatory for all goat hunts.

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