

PROPOSAL 61

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

Change the start date for the Ptarmigan hunting season in Unit 13B as follows:

Ptarmigan Unit 13B

August 20 - February 15

10 per day - 20 in possession

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Ptarmigan season opening date in Unit 13B.

Ptarmigan season in Unit 13B opens August 10. Unit 13B is road accessible and sees a fair amount of hunt pressure. Much of the high country along the Denali Highway where the majority of the ptarmigan are taken, experience late spring hatches due to snow cover. The results in later hatching chicks that are still peeping when the present season opens August 10.

Birds that small are of marginal use for food. Hunting is enjoyable to be sure, but the primary objective should be the use of animals and birds we take. Thus, our committee feels that an August 20 opening would better address the issue of having a bird worth eating. This is the fifth game cycle our advisory committee has addressed the issue to no avail. We hope that this board would consider our experience and accept our proposal.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee? Paxson Fish and Game Advisory Committee.

PROPOSED BY: Paxson Fish and Game Advisory Committee (EG-F24-030)
