

Skeena Wildlife Regulation Change Proposal Form

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Objective of Proposal (describe what outcomes the regulation change is expected to achieve. For example change to bull:cow ratio, reduce crowding of hunters, etc):

- To reduce potential for over-harvest of mountain goats that are easily accessible from the Telegraph Road.

Proposal Description (specific MU's, season dates, bag limits, attach a map if required, # of authorizations, etc):

- Extend the current LEH boundary of 6-22A from current boundary to Glenora.

Proposal Rationale (provide supporting survey data*, scientific literature, and/or traditional knowledge):

- Currently, the goats residing in Tuya Canyon are easily accessible by hunters from the Telegraph Road. Harvest has been increasing the past few years, and this is a potential conservation concern given the relatively easy access. As the area becomes more well known the possibility of over-harvest increases.
- In order to correct this, and ensure mountain goats persist in the area, the extension of the boundary is being recommended.

Pros and Cons of Implementing this Proposal (explain how the benefits of this proposal outweigh the costs):

- **Pros:**
 - Reduce the risk to mountain goats that are in a vulnerable location, and maintain this population of canyon dwelling goats.
- **Cons:**
 - Reduces the opportunity for licenced hunting of goats in the area.

Demonstrate how support was achieved for this proposal within your First Nation or stakeholder group (e.g., voting results from members including total number polled, # support, # non-support, # indifferent, etc; concerns raised during discussion; efforts taken to reach as many individuals represented by your group):

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List First Nations and stakeholder groups (other than your own) that you contacted regarding the proposed regulation change (include details of support or not for the proposal):

- Funding for winter 2017 Tuya goat survey came from the Tahltan Guide Outfitters Association

Not yet done, groups to work with include:

- Tahltan Central Council
- Tahltan Guide Outfitters
- Northern Wildlife Roundtable

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