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An Agenda Change Request (ACR 13) has been submitted to the Alaska Board of Game requesting to change 5 AAC 85.055 Hunting seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep. The proponent is asking the board to use the guided and second degree of kindred (2DK) nonresident allocations listed in Proposal 149 at the March 2022 statewide board meeting, and to issue at least one permit for each of the rifle permit hunt areas in Unit 14(C).

With respect to the board's Agenda Change Request (ACR) acceptance criteria (5 AAC 92.005):

- A. The department is unaware of any error in regulation.
- B. The statewide proposal adopted in March of 2022 resulted in unforeseen changes to nonresident sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 14C for the 2023 regulatory year.
- C. The department is unaware of any biological concerns for the population in this area.
- D. The department is unaware of any unforeseen or unexpected events that would otherwise restrict or reduce a reasonable opportunity for customary and traditional wildlife uses as defined in AS 16.05.258(f).
- E. The department is unaware of any unexpected resource situation that would cause a biologically allowable resource harvest to be precluded by delayed regulatory action.

At the March 2022 Statewide board meeting the board adopted Proposal 149 which limited nonresident sheep hunters accompanied by resident relatives to no more than 20% of the permits allocated to nonresidents in specified hunt areas. In the proposal, the proponent provided specific examples detailing how he would like to see the guided and 2DK nonresident permits allocated between hunt areas. The board adopted the proposal on a 6-1 vote however the examples were not explicitly adopted as part of the board's action.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting for Unit 14C regulations is during winter/spring of 2025/2026. If the board accepts this ACR, the department recommends the proposal come before the board at its March 2023 meeting in Soldotna because the board will be addressing other Unit 14C sheep proposals. Unit 14C is entirely within the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area.

Sincerely,

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