

**Wildlife Restoration OPERATING GRANT  
FINAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
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**Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
Wildlife Restoration Grant**

**GRANT NUMBER:** AKW-23 FY2018

**PROJECT NUMBER :** P 6.25

**PROJECT TITLE:** Sheep Disease Working Group

**PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:** 1 February to 30 June 2018

**REPORT DUE DATE:** Submit to Coordinator August 24, 2018; due to FAC Sept 1, 2018

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**COOPERATORS:**

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Authorities: 2 CFR 200.328  
2 CFR 200.301  
50 CFR 80.90

This grant supported the facilitation and establishment of a process for user groups and others interested in mitigating the risk of disease pathogen exposure from domestic sheep and goats to Dall sheep, mountain goats, and muskox. This project was undertaken to provide a forum for interested parties to identify and suggestions and ideas to mitigate the risk of pathogen or disease transmission between domestic sheep or goats and Dall sheep, mountain goats, or muskox.

The intent of this project was to provide solutions for wild sheep disease mitigation management. This was to be accomplished through a facilitated work group that addressed a range of issues and concerns expressed by domestic sheep and goat producers in Alaska, the process was to include statewide coordination and discussion among the interested user groups, organizations, commercial interests, the department, and other agencies. This project was to include assistance from non-stakeholder (neutral) experts that can facilitate and guide the process forward.

The original proposed period of performance was not long enough to adequately cover the number of meetings needed. This proposed project period of performance dates were inadequate due to the challenges associated with bringing the user group participants together for all of the meetings given seasonal work schedules and the need to get adequate participation to discuss the issues and make decisions and recommendations.

**I. PROGRESS ON PROJECT OBJECTIVES DURING PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE**

OBJECTIVE 1: Contract facilitator selected and hired no later than 1 June 2018

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: This was not accomplished due to the limited time available and the decision to not select a facilitator based on concerns as described above.

OBJECTIVE 2: Identify and convene a work group with a hired facilitator before 15 June 2018

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: No facilitator was hired and therefore, no meetings were convened.

OBJECTIVE 3: Conduct up to five meetings, with no less than three meetings.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: No meetings were conducted due to concerns as described above.

OBJECTIVE 4: Conduct at least one meeting of the work group to inform the process.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: This was not accomplished due to reasons as described above.

OBJECTIVE 5: Summarize and records possible mitigation strategies with recommendations before 30 June 2018

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: This was not accomplished due to reasons as described above.

**II. SUMMARY OF WORK COMPLETED ON PROJECT TO DATE.**

No work was completed on this project as of 30 June 2018

**III. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT REPORTS AND/OR AMENDMENTS.**

The original proposed period of performance was not long enough to adequately cover the number of meetings needed. The proposed project was amended and submitted as a new grant request under the FY19 Base Operating Budget with a significantly larger proposed period of performance. This expanded time frame is anticipated to address the challenges associated with bringing the user group participants together for all of the meetings. This will ensure that the process has appropriate user participation to discuss the issues and make decisions and recommendations necessary to accomplish the goals and objectives.

**IV. PUBLICATIONS** None

**V. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT** Project continues in FY2019 and will be completed by 30 June 2019.

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**Date:** 30 September 2018