Sheep Hunter Survey

TENTATIVE SURVEY PLAN

Presentation to Board of Game
11 October 2013, Anchorage

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**Purpose**

- Provide a resource for the Board of Game to use when developing regulations for the management and allocation of sheep
- Examine issues, concerns and motivations behind regulation proposals submitted by hunters and others interested in sheep management.

Issues and History

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<td>Hunter concerns about crowding</td>
<td>Proposals to restrict non-resident hunting</td>
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<td>Guide / Transporter / Resident hunter conflicts</td>
<td>Proposals to create additional drawing hunts</td>
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<td>Public desire to change or modify sheep hunt management strategies</td>
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Objectives

- Quantify resident hunter satisfaction with resident vs. guided and next-of-kin nonresident hunter allocation of sheep hunting and harvest opportunity
- Quantify sheep hunting guide satisfaction with resident vs. guided nonresident hunter allocation of sheep hunting and harvest opportunity
- Quantify the relative importance hunters place on each of the following sheep hunt attributes; hunting opportunity, harvest opportunity, trophy potential, burden of regulatory compliance, seclusion, and access
- Quantify the relative importance hunters place on special hunts for youth, seniors, bowhunters, muzzleloaders, spring hunts and late season hunts
- Assess hunter support for management approaches to optimize above attributes

Issue Dimensions

- Trophy Opportunity
- Hunting Opportunity (hunt every year)
- Harvest Success
- Crowding/Seclusion
- Resident/Guided Non-resident competition
- Ease of Entry, Simple regulations
- Accessibility and Cost
- Guide Economics

Seclusion vs Hunting Opportunity

Trophy Harvest vs Hunting Opportunity

Hunting Opportunity vs Harvest Success
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Survey Strategies and Process

- Determine Objectives
- Identify stakeholders
- Identify issues and concerns
- Focus Groups
- Identify target survey audience
- Design survey tool to investigate relative importance of issues and concerns
- Conduct Survey
- Present results to the Board of Game
### Survey Timeline

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<td>Present Survey Plan to the Board of Game</td>
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<td>Work with BOG and others to finalize objectives</td>
<td>November 2013</td>
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<td>Hire contractor</td>
<td>December 2013</td>
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<td>Identify Focus Groups</td>
<td>Jan 2014</td>
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<td>Design / Plan Survey with the contractor; consult with BOG for input regarding survey design</td>
<td>Feb / Mar 2014</td>
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<td>Conduct Survey</td>
<td>Spring 2014</td>
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<td>Finalize results</td>
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*Alaska Range 2013*