

Opening the Dall sheep season to residents earlier than non residents is not good game management and will actually increase the harvest of sheep. Guides cannot hunt when clients are in the field, but they are residents and if they are not guiding clients, many of them will be personally hunting Dall sheep for their own trophy. And they will have a higher rate of success than the clients they guide and residents combined, as they are professional guides, better physical shape and better shots.

Dall sheep is not a subsistence animal, they are too difficult to hunt, too costly to get to sheep areas, and not enough meat on the animal to make it worth it. Most residents who hunt them are after the horns, and are trophy hunters after a trophy animal.

Dall sheep numbers can be increased for both residents and non residents alike, instead of drawing permits, Dall sheep should be managed as brown bear once were. One full curl Dall ram every 4 years for both residents and non residents.

Spotting from aircraft during sheep season should be illegal for both residents and non residents. It is a totally unfair chase and most sheep would not be taken if they were not spotted from the air first. This all too common practice among residents and guides is decimating our Dall sheep populations state wide.

The second kindred hunting should be taken out of the hunting regulations, if they are not a resident, then they should have to employ a licensed guide. It should be illegal for a non resident to be able to hold an Alaskan guide license. Period.

Dall sheep hunters both residents and non residents should have to pay for sheep tags. Non resident tags should be increased to \$800 and residents sheep tags should be \$150.

These simple common sense proposals will increase our Dall sheep population, giving plenty of opportunity for both residents and non residents alike. It will maintain our Alaskan standards for good game management, fair chase hunting, and increase our high standards for Alaskan guides. These recommendations will provide more money for our state fish and game. And it is not biased, but in the best interest of resident sheep hunters, non resident sheep hunters, a viable guide industry, hunting ethics of fair chase, more income to Alaska, and most importantly, to the majestic Dall sheep in Alaska.

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