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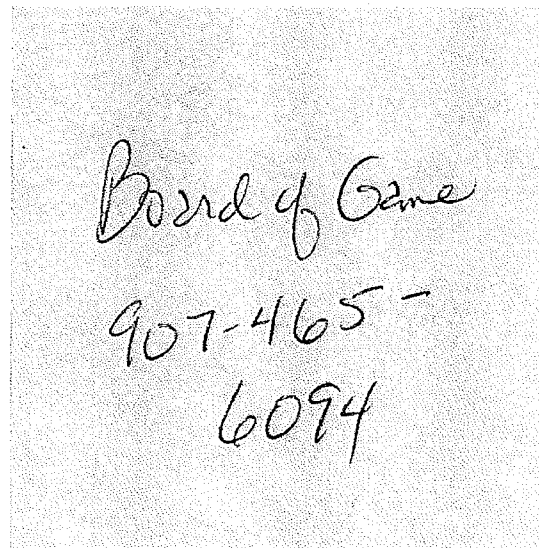
Dear Mr. Chairman and BOG members,

I would like to express my support for proposal # 207.

I am a lifetime Alaskan. In 1973 my father, Red Beeman, purchased a rudimentary hunting camp in unit 19C, which he improved and operated in the succeeding years. We also wintered in the area, and I have spent many years trapping and hunting in this country. More than most, I know what it was like in those years, compared to what it is like now. Like many, I enjoy sheep hunting: the scenery, the chance of success, the best meat in Alaska. As an "on the ground hunter", what I do not enjoy is knowing the mountain valley I have spent a day walking into has been repeatedly looked over by numerous aircraft, both before and during the season. And the same with the next valley and the next. I don't always connect with a ram, and that's OK, but what I want is a fair chance and I don't feel I've got that when compared to the aircraft spotting fraternity. I'm very supportive of aircraft used for transport to/from the field. This is what aircraft are supposed to be used for in the hunting world.

Rather than go to a statewide drawing for dall sheep, I urge the board to try proposal 207. It is no news to anyone that aerial spotting of game is much more efficient than than ground pounding, so proposal 207 will put more mature sheep on the mountain for everyone. Lastly, I'm sure the Dept. of Law will have to work diligently to craft wording that will stand a court challenge, however remember that a similar situation occurred with commercial salmon spotting. Where there is a will, there is a way.

Thank you,  
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