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Disclosure

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Proposal 51, 2016

- A guide required species under AS 16.05.407(a) taken by a nonresident personally accompanied by a resident relative under AS 16.05.407(a)(2) will count as the bag limit of both the nonresident and the resident relative who accompanies the nonresident.

Proposal 51

- Submitted by APHA for the 2016 Statewide Meeting
- Passed with a 2 year delayed implementation
- Is a statewide proposal
Proposal 51, 2016

- Limits nonresident next of kin (NOK) participation to dall sheep, brown/grizzly bear and mountain goat statewide; Residents have to punch their tag

Proposal 51

- Do we need to restrict nonresidents for mountain goat statewide?

Proposal 51

- Do we need to restrict nonresidents for brown/grizzly bear statewide?

Proposal 51

- Do we need to restrict sheep hunting for nonresidents statewide?
Sheep populations

- Why such a decrease?
  - Weather?
  - Predators?
  - Loss of Habitat?
  - Disease?

Sheep Population

- What can we do?
  - Weather – No
  - Improve Habitat - Unlikely
  - Predators – Unlikely
  - Shoot less sheep

Alaska Hunting Regulations

- Nonresidents are allowed to hunt when there is enough game to allow everyone to participate. When there isn’t enough game, nonresident hunters are restricted or eliminated first. If more restrictions are necessary, seasons and bag limits may be reduced or eliminated for some residents.
Board of Game

- Passed proposal that restricts nonresident harvest of sheep to 1 in 4 years

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Nonresident Sheep Harvest

- NR
- Guided: 84%

APHA

- Agree with them on the following:
  - Nonresidents need to be restricted
  - Restriction should be statewide
Conclusion

- Is it fair to restrict residents to taking 1 NOK and having to sacrifice his or her tag but allow guides to take unlimited numbers of hunters on state land and keep their tag?
- Is it fair to require residents hunting with their NOK to hire a guide so they both can harvest a guided species?

Conclusion

- ALL nonresidents should be restricted and not just the small NOK pool
- Sheep should be restricted statewide for nonresidents
- This is purely an attempt by APHA to decrease competition and increase personal profits
- Should be a stepwise approach

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