Regionwide Proposals

Region IV – Central and Southwest

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Region IV
Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts

- Crossbows would be allowed as a fourth option in special management hunts & specific GMUs or refuges that have weapons restrictions.

Recommendation:

NEUTRAL - Allocative
Unit 14A

Palmer-Wasilla Management Area
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- Crossbows would be allowed as a fourth option in special management hunts & specific GMUs or refuges that have weapons restrictions.

Recommendation:
NEUTRAL - Allocative
Proposal 72

Region IV – Moose

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Modify general season moose hunts in Region IV

- Creates a seven day archery-only season across the region for moose occurring after the closure of the general season hunt.

Recommendation:

NEUTRAL - Allocative

OPPOSED - To the potential increase in harvest in Units 13, 14, &17.
Proposal 72  

Region IV – Moose

Unit 9
- No general season moose hunt in Unit 9.
- Registration Hunts: one bull moose or one antlered bull (spike-fork antlers, 50-inch antlers, or ≥ 4 brow tines on at least one side).

- No archery-specific hunt.

Unit 11
- General Season: August 20–September 20 (spike-fork antlers, 50-inch antlers, or ≥ 4 brow tines on at least one side).

- No archery-specific hunt.

Unit 13
- General Season: September 1–September (spike-fork antlers, 50-inch antlers, or ≥ 3 brow tines on at least one side).

- No archery-specific hunt.
Proposal 72

Region IV – Moose

Units 14A & B
- **Archery Season:** August 10–17 (spike-fork antlers, 50-inch antlers or \( \geq 3 \) brow tines on at least one side).
- **General Season:** August 25–September 25 (spike-fork antlers, 50-inch antlers or \( \geq 3 \) brow tines on at least one side).

- No late season resident archery hunt.

Unit 16
- **Archery Season:** August 10–17 (spike-fork antlers, 50-inch antlers, or \( \geq 3 \) brow tines on at least one side).
- **General Season:** August 20–September 25 (spike-fork antlers, 50-inch antlers or \( \geq 3 \) brow tines on at least one side).

- No archery-only moose season.
Unit 17

General Season:

- **Unit 17A, 17B & 17C;** September 1–15 (spike-fork antlers, 50-inch antlers or ≥3 brow tines on at least one side).

- **17B remainder;** September 5–15 (spike-fork antlers, 50-inch antlers or ≥4 brow tines on at least one side).

- No archery-only moose season.
## Bull-to-100 Cow Ratios ≤ Objective

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Proposition 73

Region IV – Sheep

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal:
Modify general season sheep hunts in Region IV

- Creates a nine day archery-only season (Aug. 1–10) across the region for Dall sheep where general seasons currently exist.

Recommendation:
NEUTRAL – Allocative; Positive C&T in Unit 11.
# Proposal 73

## Region IV – Sheep

### Dall Sheep ram Harvest in Region IV

**RY2012–16**

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Proposal 74

Region IV – Sheep

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Modifies nonresident bag limit restriction for Dall sheep in Region IV

- Allows nonresidents to harvest a Dall sheep ram more often than once every four years

Recommendation:

NEUTRAL – Allocative; Positive C&T in Unit 11
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4.5% of 3,295 successful nonresident sheep hunters returned to hunt w/in a four-year period between 2005–14
Region IV – Sheep

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Recommendation:
NEUTRAL – Allocative; Positive C&T in Unit 11
Proposal 75
Region IV – Sheep

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Modifies nonresident bag limit restriction for Dall sheep in Region IV

- Allows nonresidents to obtain one general season Dall sheep permit annually if they give up right to hunt other big game species within same regulatory year.

Recommendation:

NEUTRAL – Allocative; Positive C&T in Unit 11
Proposal 75
Region IV – Sheep

Considerations & Challenges:

- Permit issuance & tracking
- Eliminates NR hunting multiple species
  - Includes wolves, wolverines and black bears?
- Enforcement Issues
Proposal 75

Public Proposal

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Effect of Proposal:

Reauthorizes all brown bear tag fee exemptions in Region IV

1. **Opportunistic Harvest:**
   - Unit 9 & 10 – within 2.5 mile radius of communities
   - Units 13 & 16, excluding Denali State Park
   - Unit 11 & 17

2. **Subsistence Harvest:**
   - Units 9B & 17
   - Unit 9E, specified portion draining into the Pacific.

Recommendation: SUPPORT
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Region IV – Central and Southwest