



RHAK PROPOSAL 158 – Clarification and Intent

The intent of proposal 158 is for the Board of Game to take over the allocation of sheep to guided nonresident hunters in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).

Currently, ANWR managers determine that allocation, and we firmly believe the state (i.e. the Board of Game) should have wildlife management and allocation authority for all of our wildlife resources.

Where there are currently exclusive guide concessions in ANWR in areas with sheep, guides have contracts that place limits on the number of sheep clients they can run and the maximum number of sheep those clients can take. What we are asking for is for the Board of Game to take over the authority for that allocation, keep it the same as what guides with concessions in ANWR currently are limited to.

Since “draw” permit hunts on federal lands with concessions are not really “draw” permits, we suggest that these be registration permits for nonresident guided hunters only, with an up-to allocation the same as what guides currently have under their prospectus and contract with ANWR.

So, if a guide with a concession in ANWR can currently run a max of 7 sheep clients, the board would create a registration permit for that guide concession area that allocates up to 7 permits to nonresident guided hunters only,

The emphasis of this proposal is so that the board, if necessary, has the authority to place stricter limits on nonresident guided sheep hunters if those limits are necessary down the line.