

PROPOSAL 134

5 AAC 85.055. Hunting seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep.

Change the time frame for which a person can be awarded Mt. Harper sheep drawing permit DS206 in Units 20E and 20D, to one permit every four regulatory years or once per lifetime as follows:

I would ask that the same one per every four years rule or a one per lifetime rule be applied to DS206 as an obvious means to increasing opportunity for those who have never drawn the hunt. I would ask this to be the minimum time allowance for any one individual to win this permit with a consideration for an even longer time period such as perhaps "one per lifetime."

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? For sheep drawing permit 206 (Mt Harper) the current regulations allow for resident individuals to apply (and potentially win) a permit every year. As we continue to see a changing environment adversely affect our sheep populations with a corresponding reduction in permit numbers, the federal government closing areas to sheep hunting, and no points system for Alaskas drawing permits it becomes increasingly difficult for Dall sheep hunters to have an opportunity to harvest a large representation of the species. The one per every four regulatory years rules already applies to areas that have historically held far larger populations of sheep such as the Tok Management Area than occur in the Mount Harper area.

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