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Committee Meeting

Topic: Unit 19C Sheep Working Group

November 17, 2023 – Web Conference

Meeting Summary

The Board of Game committee assigned to form a working group concerning Dall sheep management for Unit 19C, met via web-conference on Friday, November 17, 2023, convening at approximately 10:30 a.m. Members Jerry Burnett, Stosh Hoffman, and Jake Fletcher were present. The committee was chaired by Jerry Burnett who will continue to serve as chair in place of member Hoffman.

The meeting was open to the public to listen via live audio stream. The meeting audio and all meeting material including public comments and a draft charge statement, are available on the meeting information website at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=11-17-2023&meeting=webconference.

Following introductions, the committee received a report by the Department of Fish and Game on Dall sheep population survey results from July 2023. The survey numbers indicate continued decline in the population. The department also provided the latest harvest and hunter effort numbers.

The committee reviewed the draft charge statement, adding clarification that ADF&G would not be a working group member, and that hiring a professional facilitator would be a possibility, but not expected. The charge statement was approved unanimously.

The committee agreed to solicit working group members based on the following representation:

- Unit 19C, fall season Dall sheep resident hunter;
- Unit 19C, winter season Dall sheep subsistence hunter
- Guide with Dall sheep hunting experience in Unit 19C
- Transporter with experience in Unit 19C during Dall sheep season
- McGrath Advisory Committee
- One or more of the following advisory committees: Anchorage, Fairbanks and Matanuska Valley
- Unit 19C private landowner
- Non-hunting user of Dall sheep in Unit 19C.
- Resident of Nicolai if not selected for any of the previous interests.

The committee agreed that if it is discovered a key interest is excluded, a representative for that interest could be added by the committee in the future. Committee members will also be able to invite public testimony for working group meetings to allow other interests and viewpoints to be expressed.

A public notice will be provided to solicit individuals interested in serving on the working group. The committee will meet again towards the end of December or early January to determine the membership.

The committee meeting adjourned at approximately 11:23 a.m.