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ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
Committee Meeting
Topic: Unit 19C Sheep Working Group
August 7, 2023 – Web Conference

Meeting Summary

The Board of Game committee assigned to form a working group concerning Dall sheep management for Unit 19C, held an organizational meeting via web-conference on Monday, August 7, 2023. The purpose of the meeting was to elect a chair and have preliminary discussions about the process for forming the working group. The committee meeting convened at approximately 9:10 a.m. Members Jerry Burnett, Stosh Hoffman, and Jake Fletcher were present. Stosh Hoffman was selected as chair of the committee.

The meeting was open to the public via live video 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=08-07-2023&meeting=webconference.

Committee Charge Statement: The committee supported the draft charge statement with the modification to recognize the board's commitment to the conservation of Dall sheep, and that they are identified as a subsistence priority for Unit 19C. The committee will review and finalize the updated charge statement at the next committee meeting.

Formation of a Working Group: The committee members discussed types of stakeholder interests to be represented on the working group such as resident hunters, subsistence users, conservationists, guides who have operated in Unit 19C, landowners, and advisory committees. To keep the working group at a reasonable size, public testimony will be accommodated to allow other interests and viewpoints to be expressed. Education and current information will be critical to the success of the group, which ADF&G will make readily available.

The committee requested the next meeting to occur the week of November 13, 2023. Public input for stakeholder representation will be solicited. Once the committee identifies those interests, the committee will determine a process for selecting membership.