

**Dall Sheep Working Group Meeting  
January 30 & 31, 2016  
Wedgewood Resort, Fairbanks, Alaska**

***Meeting Summary***

The Dall Sheep Working Group met in Fairbanks, January 30 & 31, 2016 at the Wedgewood Resort. Thirty-eight working group members were present along with agency staff and members of the public. (See attendance list on pages 3 and 4.) The meeting was facilitated by Dr. Alistair Bath. He began the meeting by providing highlights from the December meeting. Afterwards, and throughout the meeting, the working group was divided into small groups of four to six members and each group was asked to provide comments/answers to questions and topics raised by Dr. Bath. The discussion topics are listed below and more detailed information can be found on the flip chart pages produced during the meeting which are available at: [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=sheepcomm.wgmeetinginfo](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=sheepcomm.wgmeetinginfo).

Topics of discussion:

- What should sheep management look like in 30 years? (See flip chart pages 4-13.)
- Establishing core values for sheep management. (pages 14-20)
  - Education
  - Quality of Experience
  - Sustainability of population for diverse uses, in part by maintaining a diverse age range
  - Access, for both hunting and for non-consumptive use
  - Opportunity to hunt
  - Ensuring continuance for food and for cultural/familial traditions
  - Maintaining adequate funding for scientific sheep management
  - Stable habitat
  - Resident use priority
- Do we have these core values today? (pages 18-19)
- Establishing a vision statement. (pages 20 and 46)
  - **Promote Alaska's Dall sheep management through funding, research, habitat conservation and the application of sustainable harvest goals to enhance quality opportunities for current and future generations.**
- What are the obstacles to achieving the vision? (pages 21 – 25; blue dots indicate biggest obstacle to overcome; red dots indicate biggest obstacle that something can be done about.)
  - Potential loss of habitat
  - Closed areas for hunting
  - Quality experience
  - Increase demand of the resources
  - Allocation Issues

- Predator Management
  - Funding limitations
  - Focus and scale of management
  - Conflicts between user groups
  - Weather
  - Disease
  - Lack of sheep management staff
  - Unwillingness to ADF&G to accept outside help
  - Lack of data
  - Overcrowding
  - Access issues including restrictions to use of aircraft (BOG proposal 207)
  - Concession plans
- Why is allocation an obstacle to achieving the vision? (pages #26-28)
  - Why is the lack of data an obstacle to achieving the vision? (pages 29-30)
  - Identify information gaps and needs that could be addressed through a presentation. (pages 31-33)
  - Work towards understanding and addressing key issues regarding funding.
    - License fee increases for sheep tags for residents and nonresidents (page 34)
  - Work towards understanding and addressing key issues regarding BOG proposal 207 restricting the use of aircraft for sheep hunting. (pages 35-39).
  - Reduced allocation for non-residents in some areas of the state. (pages 40-41)
    - Why should allocation not be reduced? What are the disadvantages and desired results? (pages 40-45)
    - Why should non-resident allocations be reduced? What are the advantages and desired results? (pages 40-45)
  - Reasons for holding a third working group meeting. (page 45)

A majority of members agreed the working group scheduled another meeting for February 20-21, 2016 in Anchorage. The working group requested a variety of information from ADF&G for the February meeting (pages # 32 & 33), and a report offered by the AK Wild Sheep Foundation on disease transmission in the lower 48 states.

## ***Meeting Attendance:***

### Sheep Working Group Members

Nate Turner, Board of Game  
Stosh Hoffman, Board of Game  
Dave Brown, Board of Game  
Teresa Sager Albaugh, Alternate, Board of Game  
Doug Larsen, Territorial Sportsmen, Inc.  
Kevin Kehoe, AK Wild Sheep Foundation  
Rob Stone, Alaska Airmen Association  
Al Barrette, Tanana Valley Sportsman Association  
Jack Frost, AK Bowhunters Association  
Brett Barringer, SCI Alaska Chapter  
Aaron Bloomquist, APHA  
Kneeland Taylor, AWA  
Leif Wilson, BGCSB  
Henry Tiffany, BGCSB  
Virgil Umphenour, Eastern Interior Regional Advisory Council (RAC)  
Gloria Stickwan, Southcentral RAC  
Mark Richards, AK Backcountry Hunters & Anglers  
Karen Gordon, AOC  
Mike McCrary, Air Carriers Association  
Ed Soto, public member  
Lou Bradley, public member  
Ivan Clark, public member  
Joe Want, public member  
Dave Lorring, public member  
Laura Philips, National Park Service  
Ryan Mollnow, USF&WS, National Wildlife Refuge system, Alaska  
Mike Kramer, Fairbanks Advisory Committee (AC)  
Jack Reakoff, Koyukuk AC & Western Interior RAC  
Matt Snyder, Upper Tanana Fortymile AC  
Coke Wallace, Middle Nenana River AC  
Jacob White, Delta AC  
Frank Neumann, Anchorage AC  
Israel Peyton, Mat Valley AC  
Doug Malone, Homer AC  
Enoch Mitchell, Noatak/Kivalina AC & Northwest Interior Region RAC  
Pierre Lonewolf, Kotzebue Sound AC  
Raymond Stoney, Lower Kobuk AC  
Louie Commack, Upper Kobuk AC

### Staff and Public

Ted Spraker, Board of Game  
Bruce Dale, Director, Division of Wildlife Conservation, ADF&G  
Natalie Weber, Program Coordinator, ADF&G

Daren Brunning, ADF&G  
Tony Hollis, ADF&G  
Brad Wendling, ADF&G  
Laurie Boeck, ADF&G  
Nissa Pilcher, Interior Region Coordinator, ADF&G  
Sgt. David Bump, Alaska Wildlife Troopers  
Suzanne Worker, Office of Subsistence Management  
Steve Aurther, US Fish & Wildlife Service  
Kumi Rattenburg, National Parks Service  
Marcy Okada, National Parks Service  
Marvin Dubetz, AK Bowhunters Association  
Jim Kowalsky, Alaskans for Wildlife  
John Maxwell  
Theresa Woldstad  
Leonard Jewkes  
Wayne Heimer  
Caleb Herkstroeter  
Louis Barton  
Mike Turner  
Brad Sparks  
Thor Stacy, Alaska Professional Hunter's Association