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An Alaska resident has proposed an agenda change request (ACR) for the Board of Game to limit the number of Dall's sheep rams nonresidents can harvest to an average of 65 per year over a three year period. Under the board's ACR policy the board will only accept an ACR:

- A) For a conservation purpose or reason
- B) To correct an error in regulation or
- C) To correct an effect on a hunt that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted

The board will not accept an ACR that is predominately allocative in nature in the absence of new information that is found by the board to be compelling. [5AAC 92.005 a (2-3)]

With respect to the ACR policy acceptance criteria:

- A) The department does not have a conservation concern.
- B) The department is unaware of any error in regulation.
- C) The department is unaware of any unforeseen effects that are the result of regulations concerning sheep hunting and harvest.

The department has no recommendation on the allocative nature of this proposal.

In areas where there are existing conservation concerns or allocation issues the board has adopted different types of hunts to address those issues. Setting a harvest guideline level for nonresidents is purely allocative and is not necessary to address a conservation concern.

The department does not believe that this ACR be accepted based on conservation concerns at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Dale".

Bruce Dale
Director
Division of Wildlife Conservation