PROPOSAL 51

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

Remove the bag limit restriction of one sheep every four years for nonresidents over the age of 60 hunting in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region as follows:

For all Units in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region, the bag limit for Dall sheep for nonresidents over 60 years of age should be one ram of legal horn for that area every year and not every four years.

The nonresident should be 60 years or older at the time of harvest of the ram.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? At 60+ years of age a hunter most likely doesn't have many sheep hunts left and restricting nonresident participation is costly to the State of Alaska at \$160.00 per license and \$850.00 per sheep tag, not to mention the other expenditures the hunter incurs coming and going to Alaska.

The one sheep every four years for a nonresident hunter was a concession by the guide industry founded during the Sheep Working Sessions a few years back and of no biological necessity or consequence.