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Proposals: Support 67, Support 210 and 211

Transparency testament: previous ADFG employee and currently married to Glennallen Area Management Biologist.

Prop 67:

I submitted this proposal after hearing local enforcement express concern about sheep salvage in the Wrangells. When there are questions about salvage, the onus is on the State to locate the remains and collect evidence before a citation can be issued. This is logistically difficult in sheep country and requires a large investment of public resources.

Reasoning upon Alaska's strongly held value of salvage, iconic value of the species, and current conservation concerns for sheep; I ask the Board to earnestly consider the pros and cons of such a salvage requirement statewide as well as the Wrangell's.

Prop 210/211:

As it was initially implemented in 2009, the CSH hunt was extremely forward thinking. It recognized the unique pattern of hunting amongst the Ahtna communities and made an allowance for it in regulation. Unfortunately, the Alaska court system found that it was contrary to the common use clause. We now have a hunt structure that makes a complete mockery of conservation and the notion of community. Frankly I find the CSH completely discriminatory towards antisocial hunters such as myself.

I would ask the Board to scrap the CSH hunt as it is currently written in favor of working with Tribes (who may soon be recognized by the State as sovereign governments) to identify an opportunity that respects the original intent of the hunt. It's a monumental task, but it is incumbent upon the BOG to pass regulations that reinforce regional use patterns, not enforce those patterns state-wide.

Respectfully,
Seth Wilson