

PROPOSAL 139

5AAC 92.085 Unlawful methods of taking big game; exceptions.

Restrict the use of aircraft for making multiple, consecutive approaches near Dall sheep for hunting as follows:

Change 5 AAC 92.085(8) by repealing the language in brackets and replacing it with the underlined language.

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(8) a person who has been airborne may not take or assist in taking a big game animal until after 3:00 a.m. following the day in which the flying occurred, and from August 10 - September 20 aircraft may not be used **to make multiple, consecutive approaches near any sheep or group of sheep** [BE USED BY OR FOR ANY PERSON TO LOCATE DALL SHEEP FOR HUNTING OR DIRECT HUNTERS TO DALL SHEEP DURING THE OPEN SHEEP SEASON, HOWEVER, AIRCRAFT OTHER THAN HELICOPTERS MAY BE USED BY AND FOR SHEEP HUNTERS TO PLACE AND REMOVE HUNTERS AND CAMPS, MAINTAIN EXISTING CAMPS, AND SALVAGE HARVESTED SHEEP].

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The aircraft restrictions that apply only to sheep hunting between August 10 and September 20 are not enforceable, not supported by the vast majority of residents who commented since the inception of this rule (2015) and arose from a Board of Game proposal that was improperly offered as there was no biological concern being addressed. I would like to see it replaced with language that is already in definition (harassment).

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