

PROPOSAL 149

5 AAC 92.057. Special provisions for Dall sheep and mountain goat drawing permit hunts.

Create separate Dall sheep permit draw for second-degree-kindred hunters in areas that limit the number of nonresident hunters as follows:

The newly created 2DK permits would be as follows:

Unit 13D - DS365- East - 1 permit 2DK only. This is one of 7 nonresident permits for the 13D area.

Unit 14A - DS385- Friday Creek 2nd hunt-1 permit 2DK only. This is one of 5 nonresident permits for 14A.

Unit 14C- DS336- Ship Creek 1st hunt- 1 permit 2DK only. This is one of 8 nonresident rifle permits. This would eliminate DS236.

Unit 14C- DS340- Areawide Archery only. 1 permit 2DK only. This is one of 4 archery only nonresident permits.

Delta- DS313- First hunt- 1 permit 2DK only. This is one of a possible 7 nonresident permits.

Delta- DS314- Second hunt- 1 permit 2DK only. This is one of a possible 7 nonresident permits.

Tok- DS302- First hunt- 1 permit 2DK only. This is one of a possible 5 nonresident permits.

Tok- DS303- Second hunt- 1 permit 2DK only. This is one of a possible 5 nonresident permits.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Less than 15% of nonresident sheep hunters are second degree of kindred (2DK) hunters statewide, (hunting with a relative) but yet there is no limit to the amount of nonresident permits that they can draw in most of the draw permit areas. The Tok area is the exception, and they can draw up to 50% of the possible nonresident permits there. This large number of permits that 2DK sheep hunters can draw is greatly disproportional to their percentage of participation in sheep hunting statewide. 2DK sheep hunters also have to compete with guided hunters in the draws with no guarantee of getting any permits at all.

My solution is to create a separate draw for 2DK hunters in draw permit areas that limit the amount of nonresident hunters. Only 2DK hunters could apply for them and they could not apply for the other permits allocated to nonresidents. These permits would be taken from existing nonresident permit allocation and would not create any new nonresident permits or allocation. The areas these permits would be created for would be Units 13D, 14A, 14C, Tok management area and Delta controlled use area. There will be only one 2DK permit in Unit 13D, 14A and two in Unit 14C but 1 will be for archery only because of the very limited number of permits allocated to nonresidents in these areas. These permits will be in a 300's series to identify them as 2DK permits. All other current sheep permits are in either a 100's or 200's series format. If ADF&G can arrange for the 2DK applicants to be able to apply as partners with their relative that would be desirable. By

passing this proposal the board will stabilize the sheep draws in these areas for both groups of hunters, guided and 2DK and guarantee a very fair allocation to 2DK hunters. I ask the Board of Game to create a policy that no more than 20% of allocated nonresident permits be issued to 2DK hunters in the future using this proposal as a guide.

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