

PROPOSAL 230

5 AAC 92.990(a)(30). Definitions.

Change the definition for "full-curl horn" as follows:

Change 5 AAC 92.990 "full-curl horn" of a male (ram) Dall sheep from "at least eight years of age" to "at least seven years of age" as determined by horn growth annuli.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The evaluation of a legal Dall sheep ram in the field under the current full-curl rule can be a complicated and risky endeavor for many hunters. According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) *Division of Wildlife Conservation Dall's Sheep News – Research and Management Update, Winter 2017 – Why Full-Curl Management* (at the bottom of page 6), "The primary reason that the regulation eventually ended up at full curl, however, is that some influential hunters and guides wanted bigger sheep on the mountain. There has also been an ongoing, inaccurate perception that too many rams are being harvested." According to the above statement from ADF&G, this proposed change to 5 AAC 92.990 would allow hunters a little more margin of error when judging a legal ram in the field without harming Alaska's wild sheep resource.

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