

## **PROPOSAL 50**

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

Change the sheep draw hunt DS165 in Unit 13D to a general season hunt as follows:

I would propose the board eliminate the sheep drawing permit DS165 and return it to harvest ticket regulations. This aligns that portion of 13D with the current management strategy for sheep hunting.

The new regulation would be:

Unit 13D

East of a line along the west  
side of Tazlina Glacier, Tazlina  
Lake and Mendeltna Creek to  
the Richardson Highway

Resident Hunters: HT: One ram with full-curl horn or larger, Aug.10-Sept. 20

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The issue is restricted hunting opportunity on sheep hunters and the consistency of the current management strategy.

Hunt DS165 was created in 2008 when that portion of Unit 13D was converted from general harvest regulations for sheep to a drawing permit hunt. DS165 is not being managed for trophy potential or hunt aesthetics (like Tok or Delta drawing permits) and prior to being converted to a draw permit, Unit 13D received hunting pressure consistent with Unit 20A which is currently still utilizing general harvest regulations.

Since there is no biological concern with low density sheep numbers and harvesting rams under the full curl regulation, hunt DS165 goes against the current management strategy and is not necessary for conservation purposes.

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee?** No.

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