

## **PROPOSAL 51**

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

Open a resident only sheep hunt in the Chitina River drainage in Unit 11 as follows.

If adopted, the new regulation would appear under the sheep regulations of Unit 11, on page 71 and read as follows:

The area of Unit 11, North of the Chitina River, west of canyon creek, and south of young creek (MacColl ridge): Nonresident: No open season.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Create a RESIDENT ONLY sheep hunt in the Chitina River drainage, specifically the MacColl Ridge complex. MacColl Ridge is an isolated area within Unit 11 that holds a small population of Dall sheep. Due to its close proximity to a hunting lodge that specializes in sheep hunts, the majority of hunting pressure and harvest of sheep on MacColl Ridge is likely from guided nonresidents. In a time with declining sheep populations but high nonresident demand, there needs to be areas of opportunity for resident hunters to hunt sheep without the added competition and pressure from guided nonresidents. This regulation takes very little opportunity from nonresident hunters, as they can freely hunt the remainder of Unit 11.

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee?** This proposal was developed solely by myself.

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