

PROPOSAL 53

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

Establish a resident, archery only sheep drawing hunt in Unit 13D as follows:

Create an archery only resident Dall sheep drawing hunt for Unit 13D that includes both Units 13D West and East into one hunt area. Season dates would be October 1-15th and the bag limit would be a full curl ram. It is understood that sheep numbers are down in these areas so the Department of Fish and Game may only want to issue 1-5 tags until populations begin to recover. Archery hunting for full curl rams is very low success < 5% but provides archery hunters the opportunity to hunt without the competition of rifle hunters who can shoot rams at ever increasing distances. As an item of note an additional proposal was submitted in the statewide regulations that would NOT allow the use of aerial scouting during these season dates.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Limited archery only sheep hunting opportunities.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee? No.

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