

## **PROPOSAL 54**

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

Change the bag limit for the Unit 13D sheep drawing hunts, DS160 and 260 as follows:

R Unit 13D “west of a line along the west side of Tazlina Glacier, Tazlina Lake and Mendeltna Creek” One ram **with a full curl horn or larger, 8 yrs old or two broken tips (broomed)** [ANY RAM] *by permit.*

NR Unit 13D “west of a line along the west side of Tazlina Glacier, Tazlina Lake and Mendeltna Creek” One ram **with a full curl horn or larger, 8 yrs old or two broken tips (broomed)** [ANY RAM] *every four regulatory year by permit.*

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Currently there are low ram populations in permits DS160 and DS260 area, which includes “west of a line along the west side of Tazlina Glacier, Tazlina Lake and Mendeltna Creek”. This needs to align with the rest of Unit 13D’s permit hunts including DS165 and DS265, with a full curl horn or larger, 8 years old or two broken tips (broomed) regulation criteria. This area, “east of a line along the west side of Tazlina Glacier, Tazlina Lake and to Mendeltna Creek to the Richardson Highway”, would then align with the conservation approach of the neighboring permit area as mentioned above. Full curl horn or larger, eight years old or two broken tips (broomed) regulation criteria should be used in areas with low ram populations to secure future healthy ram populations by not harvesting young and immature, non-breeding rams.

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee?** This was developed with the coordination of the Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee. Members of the committee were able to share information regarding this hunt area to develop this proposal.

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