

PROPOSAL 174

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

5 AAC 92.057. Special provisions for Dall sheep and mountain goat drawing permit hunts.

Reduce the resident sheep harvest to one ram every other year in the general harvest hunt areas in Units 7 and 14C. Additionally, limit the application period to every other year and change the nonresident permit allocation as follows:

What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say?

Reduce resident Dall Sheep harvest to one ram every other year in the general harvest areas.

Reduced draw tags from being allowed to apply for a tag every year in 14C and 7 to every other year only regardless of harvesting a ram or not.

Reduce nonresident tag allocation to 5% for 14C and 7.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

Populations are ever dwindling and this would still allow for maximum resident hunter opportunities while reducing overall harvest.

Change the Units 14C and 7 draw unit applications to an every other year system for residents.

You can currently technically get a tag in the draw and harvest a ram and apply for the sub unit next to the same area and harvest another ram if you get another tag the next season. By changing the draw to only allow for one tag to be drawn every other year and not allowed to apply for another tag the next year again the overall harvest of the fewer numbers of sheep available will be reduced while at the same time still allowing for hunter participation and harvest.

We need look no further than current ADF&G research and observation to know that change needs to be made to increase conservation. This conservation can be done while still allowing resident hunter participation.

An available tag reduction for nonresidents would further increase resident hunter opportunities and participation, which is identified in the state constitution, residents first.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee?

One other individual.

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