

PROPOSAL 72

5 AAC 92.108. Identified big game prey populations.

Establish intensive management (IM) findings for sheep populations, and population and harvest objectives, in the Southcentral Region as follows:

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

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Population	Finding	Population Objective	Harvest Objective
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Sheep			
GMUs 7 and 15 (Kenai Peninsula)	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx
GMU 14(C) (Chugach Mountains)	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx

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

At the March 2025 Statewide Board of Game meeting in Anchorage, the board adopted a proposal to establish sheep as an intensive management species. This proposal was submitted as a way for the board to codify if the Dall sheep populations in the Southcentral region have a positive or negative IM finding, and if positive, to establish the population and harvest objectives. The department submitted another proposal for the board to consider this cycle to set an average annual historic human harvest value for sheep for use in considering if sheep populations are important for providing high levels of human consumptive use. Once established, the board will need to evaluate each individual sheep population and determine if the population has a positive or negative intensive management finding. If a population is determined to have a positive finding, the board can then set a population and harvest objective for each population.

The proposed sheep populations listed (Units 7 and 15, Kenai Peninsula and Unit 14C, Chugach Mountains) may also be changed by the board. Deer and moose are listed in 5 AAC 92.108 by subunit, and caribou by herd, however the board has never had to address how sheep populations would be captured in 5 AAC 92.108, and there is more than one way to do so. The department will make a recommendation to the board for the best description of each sheep population prior to the board taking action on this proposal.

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

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