

Proposal 103

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

Re-open Unit 19C to resident general sheep hunting opportunity, keep nonresidents on a draw permit system as follows:

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

Change the current 19C Dall Sheep hunting regulations as follows:

-Residents: One ram with full-curl horn or larger, RSXXX, [NO OPEN SEASON], Aug 10-Sept 20
Registration permit for residents, capped at (15) rams taken by full-curl horn or larger, broomed or broken on both sides or 8 years old or larger.

-Non-Residents: One ram with full-curl horn or larger, DSXXX, [NO OPEN SEASON], Aug 10-Sept 20

Drawing permit for non-residents and 2DK, capped at (5) total draw permits with up to (1) draw permit allocated to 2DK

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

The Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee would like to see a change to the current regulations for Dall Sheep in unit 19C to allow for a registration permit hunt for residents. Due to no biological concerns with full-curl management implementation, coupled with a conservatively capped registration permit, opportunity to hunt 19C would be granted to all resident sheep hunters. The Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee has always supported resident hunting opportunity, and this would allow for a hunting opportunity to resume after the recent closure to both residents and non-residents. We would ask for a (7) day reporting period for the registration permit, giving time for hunters to leave the field and promptly report whether successful or unsuccessful.

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

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