

Proposal 106

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

Re-establish the previous 8/10-9/20 over the counter sheep tag with a full curl, 8 year old or double broken statute 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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What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

Restore the previous BIOLOGICALLY proven management strategy of full curl, 8 year old or double broken to a harvest ticket status. I believe that the previous decision made in 2023 was emotionally driven and not science based. The ADF&G Biologist stated that they did not recommend a closure or a drawing hunt. There was no biological evidence that this was needed, sheep populations ebb & flow with nature and are just currently in a down cycle.

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

I have been very active in talking with local biologists & staying up to date of count survey data. The last two years have shown the sheep on the upward trend & if weather allows should continue to replenish the overall population. This should show no biological conflict to open the season back to over the counter harvest status.

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