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### **Public Invited to Participate in Dall Sheep Hunting Work Session on February 13, after Wasilla Board of Game Meeting**

(Wasilla) – The Alaska Board of Game will hold a public work session focusing on Dall sheep and sheep management statewide in Wasilla on Friday, February 13, at 6:30 p.m., during the evening of the first day of the board's Central/Southwest Region meeting. Both the Dall sheep public work session and the regional board meeting will take place at the Best Western Lake Lucille Inn at 1300 West Lake Lucille Drive.

The Friday evening public work session will provide a forum for public exchange and input to the board on current and proposed changes to Dall sheep hunting regulations including, but not limited to:

- Statewide, region-wide and unit-specific limited draw permits and registration permits for residents and nonresidents, motorized access restrictions, resident early seasons, bag limit changes, harvest caps for nonresidents, reduced seasons for nonresidents, archery hunts, youth hunts, and guide-client agreement requirements.
- The Department of Fish and Game's Dall sheep management plans and draft operational plans and strategy.
- Evaluation of whether a need exists to develop a Dall sheep working group.

The work session is accessible via teleconference at 1 (844) 586-9085. Audio for the meeting is scheduled to be streamed online at [www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov).

On Friday, February 13, prior to the public work session, at the board's regular meeting during Oral Reports, the department will present a report entitled *Dall Sheep Populations, Hunting and Harvest Trends*, and University of Alaska Fairbanks Assistant Professor of Wildlife Ecology Todd Brinkmann, PhD., will present a report entitled *Dall Sheep Hunter Survey Responses*, both of which are posted on the Board of Game website provided below.

The day following the work session, the board will also take public testimony on all proposals scheduled for the Central/Southwest Region meeting including sheep hunting proposals. The deadline to sign up for oral public testimony is 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 14. Written public comments will be accepted at any time during the meeting, up until the time the board deliberates on the proposals. Written comments are limited to 10 single-sided pages, and may be submitted by hand at any time if 20 copies are provided. Individuals who cannot attend the meeting may submit comments via fax to (907) 465-6094.

Sheep-related proposals before the board at the February 13-20 Central / Southwest meeting include:

- Two new board-generated proposals (Nos. 207 and 208).
- Public proposals (Nos. 106-124 and No. 137).

For more information about the public work session or the regional board meeting, including the agenda, list of oral reports, the sheep hunting and all other proposals and more, contact ADF&G Boards Support Section at (907) 465-4110, or visit: [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=02-13-2015&meeting=wasilla](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=02-13-2015&meeting=wasilla).

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