

Proposal 117 was deferred by the Board of Game from the March 2024 Interior and Eastern Arctic Region meeting. It was previously published as Proposal 91.

PROPOSAL 117

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

Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan as follows:

Unit 19C Sheep Hunting

Guided nonresident bag limit- *management plan recommendation*
Non-guided nonresident bag limit-
management plan recommendation Resident bag limit-
management plan recommendation

Subsistence hunt bag limit- *management plan recommendation*

Youth hunt bag limit- *management plan recommendation*

Guided nonresident season- *management plan recommendation*

Non-guided nonresident season- *management plan recommendation*

Resident season- *management plan recommendation*

Subsistence season- *management plan recommendation*

Youth hunt season- *management plan recommendation*

management plan recommendation

Sheep hunting Methods and Means-

Guided nonresident- *management plan recommendation*

Non-guided nonresident- *management plan recommendation*

Resident- *management plan recommendation*

Youth hunt- *management plan recommendation*

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? This proposal is designed to provide a vehicle to address significant weather driven sheep declines in the western Alaska Range. In response to sheep declines the board has closed nonresident sheep hunting only for nonresidents for a period of five years. This closure is only allocative in nature and will not result in positive conservation outcomes for depleted sheep populations in the affected area.

The Alaska Professional Hunters Association (APHA) supports a more holistic and comprehensive approach to sheep management and conservation. The APHA is on record supporting the development of a western Alaska Range sheep management plan that could be limited to Unit 19C or expanded to other Unit subunits in the western Alaska Range. This proposal is designed to be a vehicle to be amended to incorporate the portions of such a plan that require Board of Game action.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Professional Hunters Association

(EG-F23-259)
