

PROPOSAL 93

5 AAC 92.171. Sealing of horns and antlers.

Change the sealing requirement for Dall sheep horns from permanent to nonpermanent as follows:

To continue sealing ram horns, the department should mirror the CITES sealing requirements already in place and used for grizzly bears and several furbearers. A plastic seal similar to the CITES seals, can be placed on the skull of harvested rams at the time of sealing. A plastic seal was used on ram horns when sealing was first implemented in 2004.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Repeal the requirement to PERMANENTLY seal (plug) ram horns. There is no scientific or enforcement reason to permanently plug ram horns. I have witnessed several sets of ram horns being permanently disfigured by improper handling during the current process of drilling a hole in the horn and in-planting the permanent plug. Several areas in the state require mountain goat sealing and no permanent seal/plug is used during the process to accomplish the same goal of sealing ram horns.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee? This proposal was developed in coordination with several like-minded sheep hunters.

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