

PROPOSAL 98

5 AAC. 92.085. Unlawful methods of taking big game; exceptions.

Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft to locate sheep or direct hunters to sheep as follows:

From August 1 - October 15, aircraft may only be used by and for sheep hunters to place and remove hunters and camps, maintain existing camps, and salvage harvested sheep. A person may not use or employ an aircraft to locate sheep or direct hunters to sheep during the open sheep hunting season.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Aerial scouting for Dall sheep is currently allowed outside of the general season Dall sheep season of August 10 - September 20. Currently all youth hunts and some archery hunts fall outside of these general season dates and therefore aerial scouting during those seasons is allowed. Dall sheep populations are in decline. Restrictions on all aerial scouting during all open seasons will reduce pressure on sheep.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee? No.

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