

PROPOSAL 39 – 5 AAC 5 AAC 92.130. Restrictions to bag limit. Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents and nonresidents as follows:

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Modify the statewide Dall sheep bag limit as follows

(k) Statewide Dall sheep bag limit, unless otherwise provided in 5 AAC 85-92:

One “full-curl ram” ten years old or older annually, however, if the ram taken is under ten years old

	<u>Years off from sheep hunting</u>	
	<u>Residents</u>	<u>Nonresidents</u>
<u>9 year old</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>8 year old</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>7 year old</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>6 years or younger</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Any sub legal</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>lifetime</u>

Sublegal is determined by ADF&G staff and does not require criminal charges.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Virtually all sheep hunters agree that it is advantageous to have more older rams on the mountain. I would ask the Board of Game to implement a "sliding scale" bag limit for Dall sheep statewide, except areas where the bag limit is "any ram". This scale would encourage the take of older rams and greatly discourage the take of any sheep close to sublegal.

An alternative would be to only implement the sublegal portion of this proposal which would be much simpler. Reported sublegal harvest has held steady around ten percent for years. There is also a significant portion of rams that are sublegal that are not charged criminally. These rams could have consequences under this system if the district attorney does not decide to charge or ADF&G decides not to forward for charges. I would suggest a panel of at least three ADF&G employees determine these cases.

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