

PROPOSAL 40 – 5 AAC 92.057. Special provisions for Dall sheep and mountain goat drawing permit hunts. Allow nonresidents that have successfully harvested a Dall sheep in the last three years to apply for Dall sheep permits annually as follows:

I propose that if any hunter currently under the “one sheep every four regulatory years” restriction be allowed to apply for and be included in the drawing for Dall sheep drawing permits. This will need to be an additional section under 5 AAC 92.057, to provide clarity in this unique situation.

If this proposal is accepted by the Board of Game, there are several important points to consider:

The majority of the time, as proven by my friends and family, this will simply result in monetary donation and funding to ADF&G, as the odds remain low of actually drawing a permit. Denying this proposal would result in some lost revenue to ADF&G.

An option for the board to consider on this proposal:

If a permit is successfully drawn within this window, the hunter will only be issued the permit if he or she voluntarily gives up all other big game hunting rights in Alaska that year. This would allow for a dream hunt to occur, while reducing competition for all other hunts.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I would like to address the inability of a few nonresident hunters to apply for highly coveted Dall sheep permits. According to the most recent Drawing Permit Hunt Supplement, the odds of successfully drawing a permit for Dall sheep remain very low. The majority of these permits have drawing odds between zero and five percent. Except for the lucky few, these tags for most people are either once-in-a-lifetime, or never-in-a-lifetime. Therefore, everyone should be able to apply for these highly coveted tags.

The only people who are excluded from this, I believe, are those nonresidents who successfully harvested a sheep in Alaska in the prior three years. Residents who have successfully taken sheep are not excluded from applying. Just because a hunter has had success in the past, he or she should not be excluded from a potential opportunity of a lifetime.

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