

**PROPOSAL 83**

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

Modify the bag limit for sheep in the RS595 hunt in Unit 26C as follows:

**Change the RS595 hunt stipulations to match the RS380 language for rams.**

RS595 Three sheep by permit available online at <http://hunt.alaska.gov> or in person in Fairbanks and Kaktovik beginning September 13, **however rams must be 3/4 curl horn or smaller, excluding rams with both horn tips broken.** The use of aircraft for access to hunt sheep and to transport harvested sheep is prohibited in this hunt except into and out of Arctic Village and Kaktovik airports. No motorized access from the Dalton Highway.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** RS595 subsistence sheep hunt, Unit 26C. In recent years, this hunt is being taken advantage of by those looking for a trophy ram, who can fly to Kaktovik and rent snow machines to access sheep country. It is legal also for a hunter who harvests a ram in the fall hunt to participate in this subsistence hunt.

Many don't believe it was the Board of Game's intent to allow this; there is a similar subsistence hunt in Unit 19 (RS380) with the same season dates October 1 – April 30, and for that hunt the board has stipulated that any rams must be ¾ curl horn or smaller. The rationale for this ¾ curl or smaller when the RS380 hunt was passed by the board was that we did not want to take legal rams out of the population that would otherwise be available for the fall general hunt. The same rationale should apply for the RS595 hunt.

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