

PROPOSAL 138

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

Restrict aircraft use for locating Dall sheep for hunting, for all open seasons as follows:

Change the time that aircraft may not be used to locate Dall sheep in order to cover all open sheep seasons as follows:

(8) a person who has been airborne may not take or assist in taking a big game animal and a person may not be assisted in taking a big game animal by a person who has been airborne until after 3:00 a.m. following the day in which the flying occurred, and [FROM AUGUST 10 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20] aircraft may not be used by or for any person to locate Dall sheep for hunting or direct hunters to Dall sheep **in any area where there is an open sheep hunting season** [DURING THE OPEN SHEEP HUNTING SEASON], however, aircraft other than helicopters may be used by and for sheep hunters to place and remove hunters and camps, maintain existing camps, and salvage harvested sheep.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The way this regulation is currently written, hunters may still use aircraft to locate Dall sheep during sheep hunting seasons that fall outside of the August 10 through September 20 time frame. This change would include every sheep season regardless of when it is held including any new sheep seasons that may be enacted in the future.

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