

**PROPOSAL 86**

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

Change the bag limit for Dall sheep in Unit 14A to full-curl ram as follows:

Change Unit 14A sheep draw permit bag limit from one [ANY RAM] to: **One ram with full-curl horn or larger, both horn tips broken or 8 years old or older.**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** We would like to have the any ram draw permits in Unit 14A changed to full curl permits. This regulation was put into effect in 2008 to try and grow the older ram population but there are currently 53 permits being issued for any ram. With the rise of sheep hunting popularity this has created more harvest of younger rams and less preservation of mature Chugach rams. There has been virtually no increase in the mature ram population during the 13 years that the any ram regulation has been in place. It has failed to do what it was put in place to do. Many areas in Unit 14A used to have an abundance of large, mature rams and we think this is the first step in returning this area to its original abundance again.

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