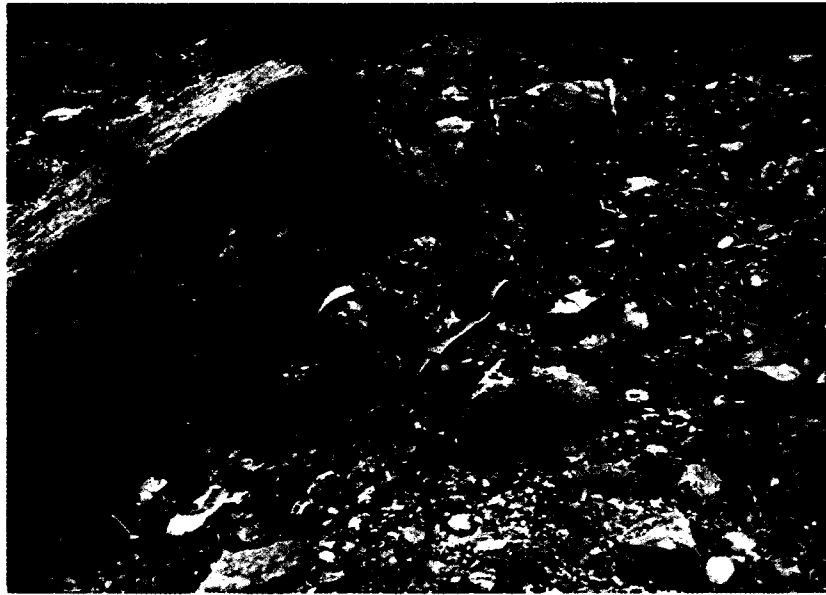




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Mark Richards  
Chairman Alaska Chapter  
Backcountry Hunters & Anglers



*Submitted by Mark Richards*



***“Currently, overcrowding of guides on State lands combined with decreasing wildlife populations is stimulating social disorder between hunter user groups and biological harm to our wildlife which leads to establishment of the restrictive drawing permit hunts. This is especially so in SouthCentral AK which is the venue for the next Board of Game meeting.” - Bobby Fithian APHA 2008***

*“And here’s something else that I’m really concerned about. Is that, there’s a difference in having guides competing with guides, that’s one issue, but the way I look at it as a BOG member, and a real state’s rights sort of guy, is that this really puts a lot of competition on residents. Because guides are well equipped, they have large camps, wall tents, a string of horses, aircraft, they’re set up, I mean this is their business. For your average hunter that goes in there for a long weekend or a week or whatever, those guys, those residents have a tough time dealing and getting game in places where you have a lot of guide competition.”*

**- BOG Chairman Ted Spraker 2013**

**How we Inform the Public**

**“80% of All Sheep Hunters  
Are Residents”**

**So if crowding is a problem, just  
what user group is causing it?**

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*In subunit 20A nonresident sheep hunters make up 36% of hunters and take 62% of the total harvest.*

**Comprehensive Solutions Needed**  
**To include hunting license and tag fee increases for both residents and non-residents**

**The last hunting license and tag fee increase was in 1993**  
**DWC is short-funded and unable to utilize matching P-R funds**

**Thank you to all Board members  
And F&G and Board support  
Staff!**

