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RC for Board of Game
RE: Proposals 207, 208

- 1. Residents: 1 sheep every 3 (2?) years.**
- 2. Non-residents: 1 sheep every 3(2?) years, coupled with a 15(?) % harvest limitation.**

If the Board determines that further hunting restrictions are necessary to improve sheep populations/trophy potential, this may be the best way to accomplish this.

Reasons why this is better than going to a drawing:

1. This would make resident hunters more selective. With a drawing system, you never know when you might get another permit, and would thereby be more likely to make sure you shot something. With my proposal, a person could still hunt the next year if he did not pull the trigger, i.e.: his "closed time" would be self determining.
2. I like to hunt sheep. With a drawing scenario, who knows when I will get a permit? With this proposal, I can hunt every year until I choose to take a ram. I will likely be more selective, resulting in less barely-legal rams being harvested.
3. For non-residents, the situation is different. Unlike many residents, it is rare that a non-resident hunts sheep every year, so just going to a 1 sheep every 3(2?) years scenario, would not really change much for non-residents, and thereby penalize resident hunters comparatively. So we need to do something different to reduce non-resident harvest. Perhaps a harvest limit of 15(?)% would work. (My inserted question marks are because I am attempting to reduce both resident and non-resident harvest equitably, and I'm not sure of the exact current harvest ratios.)
4. The problem with # 3 is that without the specific number of resident hunters that would be quantified in a drawing lottery, I am not sure how we would identify the baseline harvest number needed to determine actual 15(?)% non-resident harvest target. Probably a way to do this--perhaps historical #'s? Ideas??