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Disclosure

- Resident Hunters of Alaska (RHAK) president
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 - SCI
 - RMEF
 - WSF
 - ABA

Proposal 51, 2016

- A guide required species under AS 16.05.407(a) taken by a nonresident personally accompanied by a resident relative under AS 16.05,407(a)(2) will count as the bag limit of both the nonresident and the resident relative who accompanies the nonresident.

Proposal 51

- Submitted by APHA for the 2016 Statewide Meeting
- Passed with a 2 year delayed implementation
- Is a statewide proposal

Proposal 51, 2016

- Limits nonresident next of kin (NOK) participation to dall sheep, brown/grizzly bear and mountain goat statewide; Residents have to punch their tag



Proposal 51

- Do we need to restrict nonresidents for mountain goat statewide?

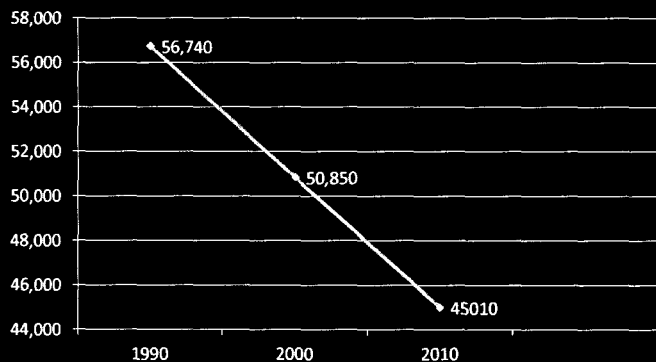
Proposal 51

- Do we need to restrict nonresidents for brown/grizzly bear statewide?

Proposal 51

- Do we need to restrict sheep hunting for nonresidents statewide?

Sheep populations



Sheep population

- Why such a decrease?
 - Weather?
 - Predators?
 - Loss of Habitat?
 - Disease?

Sheep Population

- What can we do?
 - Weather – No
 - Improve Habitat - Unlikely
 - Predators – Unlikely
 - Shoot less sheep

Alaska Hunting Regulations

- Nonresidents are allowed to hunt when there is enough game to allow everyone to participate. When there isn't enough game, non-resident hunters are restricted or eliminated first. If more restrictions are necessary, seasons and bag limits may be reduced or eliminated for some residents.

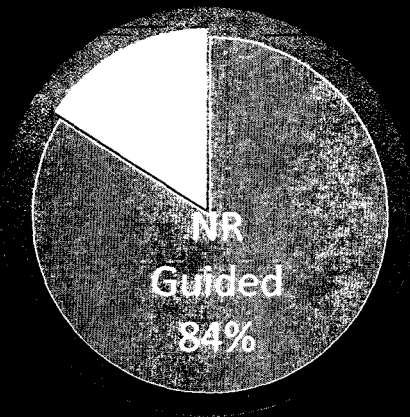
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- Passed proposal that restricts nonresident harvest of sheep to 1 in 4 years

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Nonresident Sheep Harvest



APHA

- Agree with them on the following:
 - Nonresidents need to be restricted
 - Restriction should be statewide

Conclusion

- Is it fair to restrict residents to taking 1 NOK and having to sacrifice his or her tag but allow guides to take unlimited numbers of hunters on state land and keep their tag?
- Is it fair to require residents hunting with their NOK to hire a guide so they both can harvest a guided species?

Conclusion

- ALL nonresidents should be restricted and not just the small NOK pool
- Sheep should be restricted statewide for nonresidents
- This is purely an attempt by APHA to decrease competition and increase personal profits
- Should be a stepwise approach

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