

**PROPOSAL 109 – 5 AAC 85.055. Hunting seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep.** Change the “any ram” bag limit to “full-curl ram” for the Dall sheep permit hunts in Units 13D and 14A as follows:

Change the legal animal of harvest to a full-curl ram for these existing draw hunts:

Subunit 13D West

DS 160

DS 260

Subunit 14A Metal Creek

DS 170

DS 175

DS 270

DS 275

Subunit 14A Friday Creek

DS 180

DS 185

DS 280

DS 285

Subunit 14A Carpenter Creek

DS 190

DS 195

DS 290

DS 295

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Any ram hunts cost the Department of Fish and Game (department) more money to manage and necessitate fewer tags. Any ram hunts have the potential for higher impact on sheep populations, so they require more intensive management by the department to prevent over utilization. The high impact of any ram hunts leads the department to lower the number of tags awarded in order to maintain a sustainable harvest. The result of changing any ram hunts to full-curl hunts would be saving both department funds and staff time. Additionally, it would allow more hunters to participate in these coveted draw hunts.

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