

**PROPOSAL 204**

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

Close resident and nonresident hunting for Dall sheep in Unit 19C, for five years as follows:

<b>Units &amp; Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
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Unit 19(C) RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 ram with full-curl horn or larger, by youth hunt only; or	<b><u>No Open Season</u></b> [AUG. 1 - AUG. 5]	
1 ram with full-curl horn or larger; or	<b><u>No Open Season</u></b> [AUG. 10 - SEPT. 5]	
1 sheep with 3/4-curl horn or less; the take of rams with both horns broken, lambs, or ewes with lambs, is prohibited; by registration permit only	<b><u>No Open Season</u></b> [OCT 1 – APRIL 30 (Subsistence hunt only)	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 ram with full-curl horn or larger, every 4 regulatory years, by youth hunt only; or		<b><u>No Open Season</u></b> [AUG. 1 - AUG. 5]
1 ram with full-curl horn or larger, every 4 regulatory years		<b><u>No Open Season</u></b> [AUG. 10 - SEPT. 20]
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**The closure will expire after five years, and the hunts will open for the 2028/2029 regulatory year.**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** During the November 17, 2022, Board of Game (board) meeting, the board agreed to generate a proposal to close sheep hunting to residents and nonresidents in Unit 19C for five years, to be scheduled for consideration at the March 2023 board meeting.

The impetus for the proposal follows public input at the March 2022 board meeting expressing concern about sheep populations in multiple areas of the state, and recent survey and harvest information provided to the board by the Department of Fish and Game at the October 19, 2022, informational meeting on Dall sheep, indicating a decline in population and harvest. The board expressed interest in hearing more details from the department at the March 2023 meeting upon consideration of the proposal.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Board of Game

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