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### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE SHEEP WORKING GROUP OCTOBER 2024

This is a place to start our conversations

- 2025 sheep season in 19-C complete closure for residents and non-residents. This will give the ADF&G staff a chance to prepare for the next step.
- 2026 and 2027 sheep season in 19-C drawing permits for residents and non-residents sun-set after the 2027 season. ADF&G staff divide 19-C into 3 or 4 hunt drawing areas possibly by GUAs. ADF&G staff determine the number of permits in each of the proposed hunt drawing areas. The draw to be 80% residents and 20% non-resident tag allocation. Second degree of kindship, 2DK to come out of the non-resident 20%.
- 2028 season will hopefully have Guide Concession Area program in place that will greatly reduce the non-resident harvest component. With any luck from better winters and lighter harvest the sheep population could be back on track to a recovery to a more stable population. At this time resume full curl management with open harvest ticket hunting for both residents and non-residents. If there is no Guide Concession Area program in place ADF&G staff and the BOG can reassess.
- The sponsor of a 2DK sheep hunt required to notch their harvest ticket along with the non-resident hunter just as the BOG saw fit for the youth hunt.

#### STATE-WIDE SHEEP REGULATION SUGESTIONS

If the resource is truly to be put first it's time to share the sacrifice.

- Extend the time duration that non-residents can harvest a ram to one every 6 years.
- Residents harvest one ram every 4 years.
- To make up for lost state revenue increase non-resident tag fees to \$1200.
- To make up for lost state revenue implement a \$250 tag fee for residents.
- The resident sponsor of a 2DK non-resident hunter notch their tag along with hunter.
- Eliminate the youth hunt, it served its purpose when sheep in Alaska were abundant. Dall sheep is the pinnacle of trophies that many Alaskans residents hope to harvest. There are plenty of other youth hunt for our young Alaskans to get started with.