

IDENTIFY INFORMATION GAPS/NEEDS THAT COULD BE ADDRESSED THROUGH A PRESENTATION?

Read the website

< WG.

- Biologist in room to answer questions - verify claims of members

PREPARE, PRESENT DATA IN A WAY THAT CAN BE UNDERSTOOD. SIMPLE!

TOO MUCH DATA (its not there, expensive, time consuming) WILL KILL the SWG.

Update to the "Sheep Populations, hunters, & harvest." from ADFG

(ON GOING) 2015 SHEEP DATA NEEDS TO BE PRESENTED (HARVEST NUMBERS)

- Spatially explicit abundance and harvest data over time

Historical data on harvest and participation by year user group, and mountain range, and all other

Historical data on biological makeup of harvest and mountain range populations.

Need area-specific S+I data long term

SEGMENT GROWTH RATES OF HORNS, AND DEGREE OF CURL OF HARVESTED SHEEP.

STATEWIDE Combined GMEU Sheep Harvest Statistics

How many Rams Left on the Range. After Hunting Season.

IS THERE A LONG TERM NEGATIVE IMPACT ON HEALTH OF HARVESTING FULL CURL ONLY? IS HEALTH DECLINING BECAUSE OF MANAGEMENT FOR ABUNDANCE AND MAXIMUM HARVEST?

Reliable and timely Federal subsistence harvest data

ANALYSIS OF WHAT the Harvest Data SAY

Number of Hunters = Res. Non-Res } Per ANCLA Present.

REPORT EXISTS ON WEB  
UPDATE ALSO THERE  
TONY  
BY MTN RANGE Participation NATALIE

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REQUEST PRESENTATION  
ON LEGAL SHEEP  
SURVIVABILITY BY JOE  
WANT

DO WE HAVE THE  
SAME SURPLUS OF SHEEP  
AS WE HAD IN PAST  
YEARS

TONY  
→ MINE  
DATA  
• 13C, MTN  
RANGE,  
→ BY 4 YR  
CATEGORIES

NEED PARTICIPATION  
NUMBERS FOR RESIDENT  
VS NON RESIDENT IN  
EACH GMU

- Hunter and guide use -  
Concentration / spatial  
distribution

Complete Discussion on  
the 13D-14A Sheep Allocation  
Experiment To include:  
Population status, Harvest #'s  
Resident - Non Resident %'s

• CAN WE  
GENERALIZE?  
• RESULTS?  
• TONY

• WHAT #  
CAUSES  
BIOLOGICAL  
CONCERNS?  
• TRIGGER  
POINTS?  
• WHEN DON'T  
WE HAVE A  
SURPLUS?

~~13D~~  
• GUIDE USE  
AREAS  
→ HOW WORK?  
• COMMERCIAL BOARD  
• Henry  
• Ryan → Refugees  
• Laurel

ACCESSIBILITY  
→ NOT  
UNDERSTANDING  
HOW DIFFICULT  
TO GET THERE.

WE NEED COMPARATIVE  
DATA BETWEEN STATE  
MANAGED & FEDERAL  
MANAGED AREAS

WOULD PREDATOR  
CONTROL INCREASE  
SHEEP POPULATIONS

• WEBSITE  
→ 2 REPORTS  
• MTN RANGE  
SPECIFIC

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• Kevin  
will arrange

Disease Data/  
information

Briefing on disease  
transmission from  
domestic animals to  
wild sheep



Analysis of validity and bias inherent in pre and post scaling (self-report vs. pro report) harvest data

Dept acknowledges overcrowding → aesthetic grounds

Briefing on other (non-diverse) biological factors affecting sheep populations

CAN THE presentation of our counting be documented

• Available online  
• What is overcrowding?  
(No to Todd)

Fed. Parks → control.

RESOURCE EXTRACTION IMPACTS ON SHEEP

CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES → B.O.G.

• SAME CAUTIONS GIVEN TO GROUP

• WASTE OF TIME AS BOARD WILL GET LEGAL ADVICE ANYWAY

• DECLINING SHEEP #s DOCUMENTED  
• PARK SERVICE PRESENTATION KUMI

LOCATION SPECIFIC SEASONAL TIME SPAN OF DATA  
~~POPULATION DATA~~

• MODEL COULD BE DONE SPECIFIC REGION, NOT VALID STATE-WIDE.

POPULATION DATA MODEL INTO FUTURE

REGIONAL DATA ON PROPOSALS.

Where do most proposals come from?  
→ Identify potential problem areas?

Specific vs statewide problems?

Tony.

Ratio of success between residents & non-residents

EFFORT BY HUNTERS, INCLUDING GUIDED, UNGUIDED... AND SUCCESS RATES.

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WORK TOWARD UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING KEY ISSUES REGARDING FUNDING.

IS THERE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A TIMELY LETTER TO THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING THE LICENSE INCREASE BILL?

LICENSE FEES FOR A SHEEP TAG FOR NON-RESIDENTS SHOULD BE INCREASED.

AGREE

LICENSE FEES FOR A SHEEP TAG FOR RESIDENTS SHOULD BE INCREASED.

SLIPPERY SLOPE FEES FOR ALL SPECIES.

VALUE - FREE TAG IS SHAMEFUL  
→ "FREE RIDE" → NOT A LOT BEING ASKED

SUBSISTENCE HUNTING

WE COULD HELP MAKE UP DIFFERENCE IF NON-RESIDENTS ARE REDUCED

ECONOMIC BURDEN ARGUMENT FROM RESIDENTS FROM URBAN AREAS IS NON-EXISTENT.

CHALLENGE OF PAYING A FEE FOR THOSE POOR  
→ CAN BE EXEMPTED.

STATE DOESN'T ENFORCE LICENSE FEES ACROSS STATE  
→ NOT CAPTURING ALL MONIES POSSIBLE.

NOT ABOUT THE MONEY.

WHERE WOULD THE MONEY GO?

BRING MORE FUNDS IN & FUNDS USED FOR PREDATOR CONTROL  
→ TAG FEE - \$20.00  
→ PIECE FOR INTENSIVE MGMT.

RURAL VILLAGES NEED MONEY →

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~~TRAIL DELTA~~

→ FEE FOR THE DRAW HUNTS, NOT AFFECTING RURAL AREAS.



WORK TOWARD UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING THE KEY ISSUES REGARDING 207.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF 207?

~~PROTECTS~~ LEVELS PLAYING FIELD ALL USERS.

levels playing field for hunters with different access.

"Evens the playing field" hunters w/ plans vs. w/o

Fairness?

brings residents in line with commercial services language for guides

Prop 207 directly addressed an identified issue

AIRCRAFT CAUSED CONFLICTS  
→ SURVEY + COMMENTS OVER THE ISSUE DISTURBING HUNT → QUALITY OF HUNT.

ACs - SOME WERE IN FAVOUR SOME AGAINST.

It woke up Resident hunters & they participated.

SUBSISTENCE HUNTERS PUT AT DISADVANTAGE IF AIRCRAFT USED TO LOCATE ~~LARGE RAMS~~ SHEEP

SPOTTING SHEEP WITH AIRCRAFT PRESENTS SAFETY HAZARD

Traditional Aircraft access opportunities have been maintained in the proposal

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Pro  
207 Provides a misdemeanor penalty for Spotting Sheep. Affectively enforced Guide ethic regulations that are in place currently.



discouraging aerial spotting  
encourages fair chase

**PRO:**  
207 Resolution  
It prevents unethical  
hunting - buzzing to spot  
sheep.

Promotes Fair-chase Hunting

LOCATING SHEEP WITH  
AIRCRAFT IS REGARDED  
BY PUBLIC AS UNETHICAL  
HUNTING

Addresses fair chase  
issues

Tries to address abuses.  
using aircraft - ethical  
issues

Reduces In-field  
Conflicts

Less hunt disturbance  
for hunters on ground  
better quality hunt  
on ground

Avoids scaring sheep  
that hunters may be  
stalking from the ground.

SPOTTING SHEEP UP  
CLOSE MAY INTERFERE  
WITH HUNTERS ON THE  
GROUND

Better quality experience  
fewer overflights

Maybe reduced  
harvest?

Reduced sheep hunting effort  
By Resident Airplane Hunters  
in 2015 + Reduced Success  
Rate.

Conserves Larger  
Rams

**PRO**  
Good conservation  
measure for Dall Sheep

Less hunters

IF 207 Remains in effect  
Compromise: No Sheep Spotting  
8-10 thru 8-25 - Since up to  
70% of Sheep Killed + Hunters gone  
AFTER 8-25 then conflict is  
gone.

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Reduces stress on Sheep



WHAT ARE THE DISADVANTAGES OF 207?

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CONS  
DISCRIMINATES AGAINST PRIVATE PILOTS

Singles out Sheep hunters  
(it should apply to all species)

Targets a narrow segment of the Sheep hunting Public

Imposes restrictions on everyone before addressing allocation issues. (Restricting non-Residents).

Unfairly restricts one user group.

May negatively affect resident hunters more

Airplane use is not inherently BAD. Some small #s of conflicts Drive the PASSAGE OF 207 Hurting the 95% OF CONSCIOUS PILOTS.

Exacerbates crowding on August 10<sup>th</sup>

207 INCREASES CROWDING DURING BEGINNING OF SEASON

Gives Non Res Advantage over Residents.

207 IS A BARRIER FOR RESIDENT OPPORTUNITY

Pilot concern with safety falsely accused of Spotty

Safety

1 dead pilot is 1 too many

Could lead to risky flying behavior

HUGE SAFETY ISSUE FOR PILOTS

207 IS A SAFETY CONCERN FOR PILOTS

Other options for 207 were not explored.



Difficult to Enforce

CON

REGULATION DOES NOT REFLECT INTENT

OPEN TO INTERPRETATION. NEED TO CLARIFY

Subjective/and interpreting Making it UNENFORCEABLE.

Prop 207 language has been portrayed as Vague

Enforcement was not in support.

Trouble enforcing

Could cause unfair legal burden

Fairness is Not a valid Argument.

AN EXAMPLE of public condems in the BOB process

No Biological Reasons to implement.

Adds cost due to pre-season scouting requirement

Makes taking very large rams more difficult

BOG didn't use their criteria for board-generated proposals.

Wide-spread opposition (public/ACs) but BOG passed anyway.

Board Generated

No Public support  
MAJORITY of ACs oppose 207

BOG is painting Aircraft hunter as unethical hunters

BOG passed with overwhelming opposition to 207/BOG was divided

BOG VIOLATED THEIR OWN POLICY FOR BOARD GENERATED PROPOSALS

BOG GENERATED 207

WILL NO public INPUT

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UNILATERAL BOG DEC

BOG generated proposal - wrong process

WAS THERE ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS / ORAL REGARDING THIS ISSUE?



## 207 DISCUSSION

BEFORE 207 RESIDENT HUNTER'S SUCCESS WITH PLANES (2014) → 37% SUCCESS.  
AFTER 207 (2015) → 32% SUCCESS.

NO ONE WAS CHARGED UNDER 207 IN 2015.

→ ONE WAS INVESTIGATED.

• 2015 WORST WEATHER EVER  
• SINGLE DATA POINTS

# HUNTERS-RESIDENTS  
LARGE DECLINE LAST YEAR

# HUNTERS CHANGED THEIR BEHAVIOUR AND CHOSE NOT TO HUNT BECAUSE OF 207.  
→ DON'T KNOW #s

224 COMMENTS

184 - RESCIND  
27 - SUPPORT

PEOPLE THAT SUPPORT THINGS LESS LIKELY TO VOICE COMMENTS

B.O.G. COULD REDISCUSS 207 BECAUSE IT IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FROM THE WORKING GROUP.

LEGALLY CAN LOOK AT IT  
→ NO PROBLEM  
→ EVERY AC CAN MAKE COMMENTS

HUNTER ETHIC ISSUE  
→ THEN EDUCATE PEOPLE/PILOTS THAN LEGISLATE THEM.

BUZZING SHEEP

• IF FLY LOW ENOUGH AND AFFECT SHEEP BEHAVIOUR.

JUDGING SHEEP

→ FULL CURL

AFFECTING GROUND HUNT

INTENTIONAL ASPECTS

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IN SOME AREAS OF THE STATE ALLOCATION TO NON-RESIDENTS SHOULD BE REDUCED.

STRONGLY DISAGREE

DISAGREE

NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE

AGREE

STRONGLY AGREE

WHY SHOULD NON-RESIDENT ALLOCATION NOT BE REDUCED?  
→ DISADVANTAGES?  
→ DESIRED RESULTS?

WHY SHOULD NON-RESIDENT ALLOCATIONS BE REDUCED?  
→ ADVANTAGES?  
→ DESIRED RESULTS

Helps Preserve the Tradition of Guiding in AK.

GUIDED Non Residents less likely to voluntarily reduce their take in times of shortage on state, BLM & Private lands.

Guided hunters increase predator take.

Aligns with intent of law  
ALIGNS W/ INTENT OF LAW

Allows more opportunity for Alaskans to hunt with out-of-state family

RESIDENTS PRIORITY

SHEEP NOT ONE OF THOSE SPECIFIC ANIMALS

Economics to the State Economy and ADF&G (license Fees)

To Reduce Conflict in the field.

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To Reduce the total sheep kill.



More sheep available  
on the mountain

Declining populations  
in some areas

Reduce overcrowding

Less harvest  
More Sheep

Reduced Competition  
for Residents

Residents may have  
a higher success rate

Less Large Rams  
taken

The ADF&G insists  
there is no conservation  
concern. We shouldn't  
second guess them.

Economic loss to  
the guiding industry

Lose \$2,000 per  
nonresident hunter  
~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ from Fish &  
Game Fund

40-60% of legally  
harvestable rams left  
on the mountain

Less Funding  
ADF&G

Less \$ to economy of AK

Less Guiding Opp.

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Why penalize nonresidents  
when ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ there are 3  
times more residents  
than nonresidents?

LOSS OF RESOURCE  
MAY JUSTIFY  
LOSS OF \$\$

RESIDENT COULD  
MAKE UP  
DIFFERENCE.

HAVE FAITH IN  
ADF&G THAT  
THEY WON'T LET  
RESOURCE CRASH.

• DO FEES PAY  
FOR SHEEP MGMT?  
• DO YOU INCLUDE  
ADDITIONAL MATCH?

MANAGE MORE  
CONSERVATIVELY  
IF NO \$\$ TO DO  
RESEARCH



To give residents  
a priority when hunt  
opportunity declines

Disfranchises a segment  
of the broader hunting public  
to prioritize a local preference  
- fairness issue on Nat'l level

Potential increase in resident  
permit numbers to make up  
for lost non resident success

COULD BE MORE  
OPPORTUNITIES.

Economics - loss of  
funding for state +  
wildlife mgmt  
business

Increased resident hunter  
morale - well, some  
of them anyway

Fewer Hunters  
Non Residents

Trickle down  
Neg. Economic  
impact

GUIDES ARE  
ALASKANS, NOT  
ALIENS.

More sheep  
may be left  
on Mountain.

Takes away  
opportunities

Low sheep  
population

Loss of  
Mgt. Money

Give Res.  
Priority

Pushing  
People to other  
areas.

Quality of  
sheep increase

Loss of  
livelihood

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Larger rams taken  
by guided nonres  
hunters = more value \$\$

Increase price of  
non resident guided  
sheep hunt

Any documentation  
that sublegal take  
would be lower at  
higher populations?

Less resident  
sub legal take  
(non resident too?)

Decreased revenue  
for F&G and the  
whole state economy

Market will bear  
costs.

- Assistant Guides  
→ some are not  
Alaskans
- they should take the brunt

Less Competition  
for hunters reason

Negatively impacts  
viability of guide  
operations

- Inter-state commerce
- Non-resident guides  
pay more than resident  
guides
- 3/4 Alaskan residents  
guides.
- Guides decreasing in #s

More legal  
rams on mountain  
More older rams  
with lower take

Curtails non resident  
opportunity

Losing guides by  
attrition.

- Licensing about  
22 / yr vs 700  
several yrs ago

Creates a  
perception of  
bias towards residents

Small operations  
→ Guide about  
5 or so.

- Big operation - 30  
hunters

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MAY REDUCE CROWDING

MAY HELP RELIEVE SOME

RESIDENT VS NON-RES FRICTION

PRESERVES THE OPPORTUNITY  
FOR RESIDENTS

MAY ALLOW A ~~DECLINING~~  
HERD TO RECOVER

MIGHT MAKE  
MARK HAPPY!



PREVENT NEGATIVE  
IMPACT ON GUIDE/  
OUTFITTERS

WILL NOT  
REDUCE FUNDING  
TO ADF\$6

DOES NOT DECREASE  
OPPORTUNITY

SAFETY NET  
GUIDES PROVIDING EMERGENCY  
SUPPORT TO RESIDENTS

WILL MAKE VIRGIL HAPPY



SOME MATURE RAMS  
MAY BENEFIT 'CAUSE  
FEWER TAKEN.

BENEFIT RESIDENT  
HUNTERS BY REMOVING  
COMPETITION.

MORE SHEEP  
AVAILABLE TO RESIDENT  
HUNTERS.

FINANCIAL IMPACT ON  
ALASKA RESIDENTS: GUIDE,  
TRANSPORTERS, TAXIDERMISTS,  
ETC.

LOSE CLIENTS/  
REVENUE WHO WILL  
GO TO CANADA.

LOSS OF OPPORTUNITY  
TO NR USERS.

LOSS OF F+G  
FUNDS FOR 3:1  
MATCH.

GUIDES MAY HUNT  
THEMSELVES w/ NO  
CLIENTS, FOR THEMSELVES  
OR FAMILY.

NEGATIVE FINANCIAL  
IMPACT, TO ALASKA  
+ ALASKANS ~~opportunities~~

LESS \$ AVAILABLE FOR  
S+I = MORE  
CONSERVATIVE MGMT. =  
LESS USER OPPORTUNITY.

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Meet if we can put forward some ideas to B.O.G.

One more shot →

Group is a benefit for future.  
Need a facilitator.  
Accept majority

• Need to see something fleshed out.  
• Momentum  
→ took on big ones.

• Optimistic  
• Need you Alistair.  
• B.O.G. are listening.

Should we move forward?  
→ Yes, let's meet in Feb.  
→ Momentum.

Stay, have meeting in Feb.  
→ pleased with my work.  
• Don't rush through something work.

Develop mgmt plans.  
→ Both proposals, recommendations etc.

• Difficult group to work with.  
• Wait for B.O.G. discussion first in March.

Good idea to have consensus.  
→ protect ideology.

• Appreciate my job.  
• Work with group. Have momentum. Work.  
• Need to compromise.

Go over proposals. Pick a few.  
→

Optimistic. Like to meet in Feb. → Need momentum  
→ Stick with vision.

Let B.O.G. do their job.  
→ Some ideas are in this book. A.C.s will do this.  
→ Trust B.O.G.

Uniqueness - views can be brought here  
→ chance to find unique solutions.  
→ keep this.

• Process is voluntary → if want to work with solutions  
• B.O.G. → give recommendations to Board - working group

NEXT WORKSHOP  
ANCHORAGE, AK  
FEB. 20<sup>TH</sup> - 21<sup>ST</sup>

• B.O.G. set up working group  
→ deeply appreciative of this process.

• How data is going to be presented?  
• Based allocation on subjective ideas or data.

• Learning a lot from process  
• Work on issues.

• Thanks for allowing participation.  
• Need to have additional opportunities to think about issues. B.O.G. listening.

• Majority says meet again.  
• Majority says meet in Feb.

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Promote Alaska's Dall sheep management through funding, research, habitat conservation, and the application of sustainable harvest goals to enhance quality opportunities for current & future generations.

WORK TOWARD UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING THE KEY ISSUES REGARDING ALLOCATION ISSUES IN THE STATE.

WHAT ARE THE KEY QUESTIONS THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED?

WORK TOWARD UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING ISSUES OF POTENTIAL LOSS OF HABITAT.

UNDERSTAND AND ADDRESS POTENTIAL ISSUES OF DISEASE TO WILD SHEEP POPULATIONS FROM DOMESTIC SHEEP AND GOATS.

UNDERSTAND AND ADDRESS THE KEY ISSUES REGARDING WEATHER TO SHEEP POPULATIONS.

WORK TOWARD UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING THE KEY ISSUES REGARDING DECLINING SHEEP NUMBERS.

WORK TOWARD UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING KEY ISSUES REGARDING FEDERAL LANDS BEING CLOSED TO HUNTING.

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WORK TOWARD UNDERSTANDING  
THE DEFINITION OF A  
QUALITY HUNTING EXPERIENCE.

WORK TOWARD UNDERSTANDING  
AND ADDRESSING KEY ISSUES  
REGARDING PREDATOR MGMT.

WORK TOWARD UNDERSTANDING  
AND ADDRESSING THE  
KEY ISSUES REGARDING  
CONCESSIONAIRES.

INCREASE COOPERATION  
AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN  
ALL GROUPS.  
→ DECREASE/MINIMIZE CONFLICTS  
BETWEEN GROUPS.

IMPROVE COMMUNICATION  
BETWEEN ALL INTEREST  
GROUPS AND ADF&G.

DESIGNATE A SPECIFIC  
SHEEP PERSON AS A  
CONTACT FOR ALL GROUPS.

WORK TOWARD UNDERSTANDING  
AND ADDRESSING THE KEY  
ISSUES REGARDING OVER-  
CROWDING.

HOW DO YOU DEFINE  
OVERCROWDING?  
→ WHERE? → WHY?  
→ WHEN? → HOW ADDRESS?

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