

Dall Sheep Management in the Chugach Range of Alaska

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Abstract: The past 20 years showed a steady decline in the number of animals taken in game Management Units 14A and 13D of the Chugach Range of Alaska. Changes in rams available for harvest, hunter success rates, and guided non-resident hunting pressure have created conflicts among user groups. In spring 2007 the Board of Game changed the hunting season in 14A and 13D from a general season hunt to a draw hunt to address these concerns. Sheep harvest data, survey information, hunter participation rates and hunter success rates for these areas were considered relative to historic trends and anticipated future hunting pressure. I will discuss the issues as they relate to the changes in management strategies and the associated controversy.

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