



Federal Subsistence Board

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UNIT 7 DALL SHEEP DRAWING HUNT CLOSED

TEMPORARY SPECIAL ACTION: FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD

Under authority of: 36 CFR §242.10 and .19
50 CFR §100.10 and .19

Temporary Special Action No: SRD-2023-WSA-01
Issued at: Moose Pass Alaska, July 18, 2023

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, August 10, 2023
Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Saturday, September 20, 2023 unless superseded by subsequent
Federal special action

EXPLANATION:

This Temporary Special Action closes the Unit 7 drawing permit hunt to the harvest of Dall
Sheep.

REGULATION: 36 CFR §242.26(n)(7) and 50 CFR §100.26(n)(7) are amended to read:

Unit 7 – Dall Sheep

1 ram with full curl or larger by Federal drawing permit

*No Federal open
season*

Federal Subsistence Board by delegation to /s/Ruth D'Amico
District Ranger
Seward Ranger District
July 18, 2023

JUSTIFICATION:

Based on aerial surveys conducted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), there is no harvestable surplus of full curl Dall Sheep in the Round Mountain and Crescent Lake sheep survey areas. Accordingly, ADF&G did not allocate any state draw permits for the Round Mountain and Crescent Lake hunt areas in 2021, 2022, or 2023.

Sheep populations have been on a steady decline on the Kenai Peninsula since the mid 1990s. Factors driving the decline are unclear and are being evaluated.

The Federal public lands in the remainder of Unit 7 remain open for sheep hunting under state regulations through a state harvest ticket unless closed by future Federal special action.

A Public meeting was held by teleconference on June 28th, 2023 and no members of the public attended and no comments were received.

DISTRIBUTION:

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS

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