UNIT 7 DALL SHEEP DRAWING HUNT CLOSED

EMERGENCY 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-2022-WEA-01
Issued at: Moose Pass Alaska, August 4, 2022

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, August 10, 2022
Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Saturday, September 20, 2022 unless superseded by subsequent Federal special action

EXPLANATION:
This Emergency 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 28, 2022
JUSTIFICATION:
Based on aerial surveys conducted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, there is no harvestable surplus of full curl Dall’s sheep in the Round Mountain and Crescent Lake sheep survey units. Accordingly, Alaska Department of Game did not allocate any state draw permits for the Round Mountain and Crescent Lake hunt areas in 2021 or 2022.

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

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