

PROPOSAL WP24-26
UNITS 24A, 26B – DALL SHEEP CLOSURE

Note: The full analysis for Proposal WP24-26 is included in the 2024 Federal Subsistence Board meeting book. However, it did not include the North Slope Subsistence Regional Advisory Council's recommendation because the North Slope Council did not consider this proposal during their fall 2023 meeting. The North Slope Council considered Proposal WP24-26 during their winter 2024 meeting and their recommendation is included below.

SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

Western Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

Support WP24-26. The Council supports the continuation of the closure they originally requested. However, if the counting of annuli is removed as a method of determining legality of harvest, the Council feels this closure would not be necessary. The closure remains necessary, especially with the lack of caribou returning to this area, further depleting available subsistence opportunities. Recruitment is low, and the Council is still concerned with the potential of sublegal take and the continuation of adverse weather events in the winter and spring.

North Slope Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

Support WP24-26. The North Slope Council supported this closure to help recover the sheep population, noting it would not drastically affect any communities in the North Slope region.