

# James Cooney

Hello,

My name is James Cooney and I live in Eagle River, Alaska. One of the main reasons I choose to live in the State of Alaska is because of the ease in which it allows its residents to harvest fish and game resources, so that we can live a healthy organic lifestyle. Having the opportunity to harvest fish and game in the State of Alaska, also eases the burden of higher costs of groceries. For these reasons, the conservation of wild sheep, goat and muskoxen are important to me, so that all Alaskans, both today and tomorrow, can enjoy the State's wild game resources.

For reasons listed above, I support Movi testing of all domestic sheep and goats, regardless of age, prior to import to the State of Alaska, in order to protect Alaska's wild sheep, goat and muskoxen populations. Testing must be done through an accredited diagnostic laboratory, to ensure incoming domestic sheep and goats are clean, prior to arrival in the State. Lastly, I support adding Movi to the Reportable Disease List, requiring same-day reporting.

The long-term cost of losing wild sheep, goat and muskox in the State of Alaska due to the presence of Movi, far outweighs the upfront cost of ensuring domestic sheep and goat entering the state are free from Movi. Our state has a chance to not only protect our wild game resources through this change in regulations, but also set the precedence for other states to do the same - paving the way for domestic sheep/goat owners and wild game enthusiasts to work together on solutions to the Movi challenge.

Thank you for your time,  
James Cooney