

## Stuart Rader

I am a long time Alaska resident(1956). I am an avid sheep hunter, conservationist and was a registered or assistant guide for about 15 years. I have been a member, board member and/or banquet committee member of both the Alaska Chapter of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep(FNAWS) or the Wild Sheep Foundation Alaska Chapter (WSF) for approximately 30 years. I spend time, money and emotional energy on sheep conservation and management. I vote and I testified at the committee hearing when Con Bunde proposed the Alaska governor's permit program which eventually lead to the creation of the Sheep CIP. I was one of the FNAWS representatives who interfaced with the ADF&G representatives to determine how the Sheep CIP money was spent. I am interested primarily in sheep conservation and management but I am also concerned about the conservation and management of two related Caprinae species, mountain goats and musk ox. All three species can and will be adversely affected by the importation and introduction of M Ovi infected domestic sheep and goats into Alaska. The impact of M Ovi on wild sheep in other states and providences has been dramatic. It has wiped out populations or lead to the management organizations involved having to kill off whole herds of Rocky Mountain Big Horn Sheep to prevent further spread. I very strongly support M Ovi testing of all domestic sheep and goats regardless of age, prior to importation into the State of Alaska. I also strongly support M Ovi testing through AAVLD accredited diagnostic laboratories and adding M Ovi to the Reportable Disease List and requiring same-day reporting. We have an opportunity, duty and obligation to protect wild Caprinae species from the spread of M Ovi from domestic sheep and goats. Doing anything less is unacceptable. Thank you for your consideration of this issue. Cam Rader