Skeena Thinhorn Sheep Update

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Skeena Thinhorn Overview

- Region 6 estimate between 3465-6435 Total
  - 715-1325 Dall's
  - 2750-5110 Stone's
- Average of 107 legal rams harvested annually from Skeena over last 20 years
- Skeena sheep stable to declining (herd specific)

Possible adverse effects on Skeena Thinhorn Sheep

1. Unknown population estimates
2. Predation
3. Unknown mortality
4. Habitat limitations
5. Health
6. Climatic events

Recent Population Surveys

- Mansfield/Primrose herds (6-28) , LEH zone 6-27A – July 2022
- Tatshenshini (6-29) – July 2021
- Atlin East & Atlin West (6-25 & 6-27) – March 2021
- East Jennings & portion of Cassiar (6-24) – March 2020
- Mount Edziza – March 2020

Skeena Thinhorn Harvest Trends

- Over past 20 years, licensed harvest:
  - Non-resident harvest - stable to declining the past decade, until about 2016
  - Resident harvest - increasing trend over this same timeframe
  - Increasing trend in Skeena since 1996
- COS seized/illegal rams = 2020 - *4* rams, 2021 – *6* rams, 2022 - *4* rams