

## Attention WMU 444/446 Trophy Sheep Hunters

### Drawn Applicants –Hunting Information

Alberta Fish and Wildlife Division is requesting the cooperation of hunters successful in the WMU 444/446 trophy sheep draw to only harvest animals with a minimum of 4/5 curl horns and older than 8 1/2 years of age. The purpose of this draw is to allow rams to live to a minimum of 8 or 9 years of age to achieve potential horn growth.

Bighorn rams occupying WMU 444/446 have shown an elevated rate of horn growth, commonly achieving the legal 4/5 curl at 4 1/2 years of age. Occupation of coalmines has made these animals vulnerable to harvest.

With the cooperation of hunters we hope to allow these animals to live to an age when natural mortality starts to increase in order to achieve the trophy quality potentials of this population.

