



Agenda
Managing Desert Bighorn Sheep in Texas: Challenges of the 21st Century
May 14-15, 2025
Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas



Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Arrival & Welcome Reception



 The Hotel Ritchey, Downtown Alpine
 6:00 to 9:00 PM

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Registration, Check-In & Breakfast



 Morgan University Center at Sul Ross State University
 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Opening Session: Setting the Stage

 Morgan University Center at Sul Ross State University
 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM



- Welcome Remarks
 - Introduction: Dr. David Yoskowitz, Executive Director, TPWD
 - Speaker: TPWD Commissioner Paul L. Foster
- The Texas Landscape & Conservation Efforts
 - Speaker: Clay Brewer
- Landowner Perspectives on Desert Bighorn Sheep Management
 - Speakers: Chris Stahl / Kai Buckert / Allen Smith
- The State of Desert Bighorn Sheep in Texas
 - Speaker: Froylan Hernandez, TPWD

Session 1: *Mycoplasma Ovipneumoniae* (M. Ovi) and Disease Risks



 Morgan University Center at Sul Ross State University
 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

- Understanding Mycoplasma Ovipneumoniae in Desert Bighorn Sheep
 - Speaker: Dr. Peri Wolff
- Case Studies Across the West
 - Speakers: Dr. Peri Wolff / Mike Cox, Nevada Department of Wildlife

Lunch Break



-  Morgan University Center at Sul Ross State University
-  12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

Session 2: The Aoudad Challenge

-  Morgan University Center at Sul Ross State University
-  1:15 PM - 2:45 PM



- Aoudad in Texas: Distribution, Economics, and Cultural Impact
 - Speaker: Jose Etchart, TPWD
- Disease Transmission Risks from Aoudad
 - Speaker: Dr. Walt Cook, Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVDMML)
- Aoudad Ecology & Competition with Desert Bighorn Sheep
 - Speaker: Dr. Justin French, Borderlands Research Institute (BRI)

Session 3: Management Strategies

-  Morgan University Center at Sul Ross State University
-  3:00 PM - 4:45 PM

- "Test and Remove" Strategy
 - Speakers: Frances Cassirer and Hollie Miyasaki, Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- Use of Holding Facilities for Disease Control
 - Speakers: Rusty Robinson, Utah DWR
- Bridging the Gap Between Wildlife Biologists & Disease Specialists
 - Speaker: Dr. Peri Wolff
- Texas Desert Bighorn Sheep Health Action Plan
 - Speaker: Froylan Hernandez, TPWD
- Closing Remarks
 - Speaker: Dr. David Yoskowitz, Executive Director, TPWD

Evening Reception

-  Museum of the Big Bend
-  5:30 - 7:30 PM

Friday, May 16, 2025

Departure