

Note: Emperor geese harvest regulations apply to Units 9, 10 and 17 for the Central/Southwest Region; 18, 22 and 23 for the Western Arctic/Western Region; and Unit 8 for the Southcentral Region. The Board of Game is scheduled to address only the Central/Southwest Region units at this meeting.

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5 AAC 85.065. Hunting seasons and bag limits for small game.

Increase the number of nonresidents permits for taking Emperor geese or set a hunt quota with 24-hour harvest reporting requirement for Units 9, 10, and 17 as follows:

Give a thousand Emperor goose tags out or you have it open as a quota hunt, mandatory 24-hour reporting of the bird to stay inside the 1,000-bird quota. These birds are in such remote areas that are expensive to get too. I guarantee there will be nowhere near the 1,000 birds harvested due to there geographic locations.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? If there is a 1,000 bird quota for residents and they have only harvested 125 birds they need to open up the amount of permits to nonresidents. As long as the 1,000 bird harvest is intact to sustain a healthy population. It should not matter if it is residents or nonresidents harvesting the birds. It would also create revenue for Alaska to have more no residents to come up and hunt spending money to local communities. Creating a chance to take a trophy bird in a conservation program funding for further studies to learn more about Emperor geese.

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