

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 nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese or allow for a second lottery for Units 9, 10, and 17 as follows:

My suggestion is to consider a strict program that allows the 2021 program to include the list below. Nonresident allotment at 100% on valid AK license holders in a few areas throughout the Aleutian Islands including Cold Bay. The anticipated number would be less than 500 total harvests.

Resident allotment at 100% for first time harvesters, 75% for 2nd time harvesters and 50% on 3rd time harvesters.

1st timer up to two tags at 100%

2nd timer up to 1 tag at 100%

3rd timer up to 50% of them receiving 1 tag

500 harvests to nonresidents

500 harvests to 1st timers

200 harvests to 2nd timers

125 harvests to 3rd timers

1325 total harvests

Emperor goose population density 175,000

3/4 of 1% would be the impact on the population.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? As a waterfowl guide and enthusiast, I have sat back and watched the decline and rise of species. I have been watching and studying the emperor goose trends for over a decade. Knowing I would never have an opportunity to harvest one I continued to press onward. I have registered three times since the acceptance of the tag lottery draw and still been unsuccessful. The issuing of more tags per year to nonresidents will not even put a small statistical change of the overall population of these majestic winged species.

If you just sit back and calculate the number of nonresident hunters that would harvest an Emperor goose, well it is microscopic at best. The resident harvest allotment outside of “real” subsistence is microscopic as well. The math and statistical relevance of increasing the nonresident as well as the resident harvest rates combined is not enough to endanger the growth and prevalence of the Emperor goose. All that apply receive a tag. Thank you for your tune and consideration

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