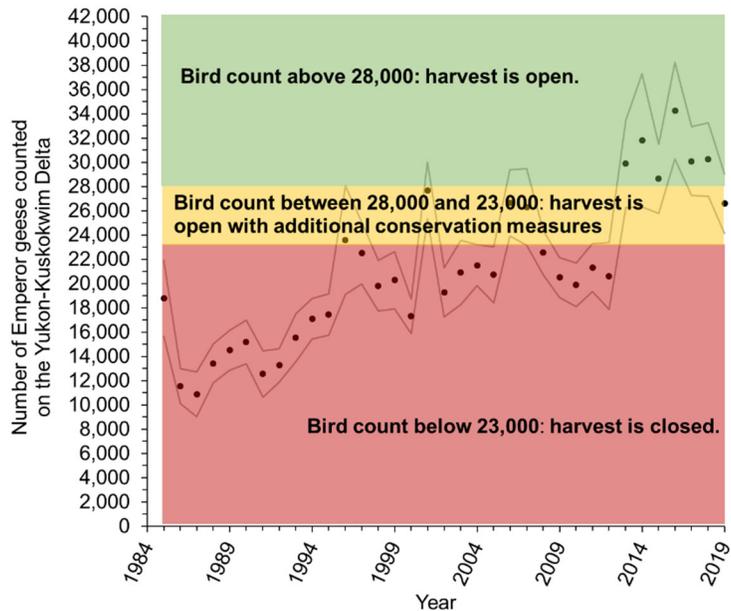


# ATTENTION HUNTERS

## Emperor Geese in Apparent Decline

### *As Our Elders Say, “Hunt for the Future”*

The population has declined to the point where conservation measures are needed to help conserve emperor geese and future hunting opportunities. Although we don't know the exact cause of the decline, our only management tool is to encourage hunters to take fewer emperor geese.



## You Can Help Conserve Emperor Geese and Future Hunting Opportunities:

- Consider harvesting other species of waterfowl.
- Take fewer emperor geese, take only what you need.
- Take one or two eggs and leave the rest, or choose to take none at all. Emperor geese do not re-nest or replace eggs within a season.
- Don't harvest entire family groups.
- Target a single emperor goose instead of flocks to reduce injuries and unintentional mortalities.
- Take young birds instead of adults when possible. Young birds can be identified in the fall by their gray heads. Harvesting adult emperor geese slows population growth because these are the breeders that will raise young.



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  - AMBCC: <http://www.alaskamigratorybirds.com/>
  - Pacific Flyway Council: [http://pacificflyway.gov/Documents/Eg\\_plan.pdf](http://pacificflyway.gov/Documents/Eg_plan.pdf)

