

# Emperor Goose (*Neqlleq*)

## Kodiak Spring-Summer Subsistence Harvest and Fall-Winter Hunt

### Introduction

Thanks to conservation efforts by all hunters and many years of work by the Alaska Migratory Co-Management Council (AMBCC) and the Pacific Flyway Council, the Emperor Goose will be open to harvest in 2017 for the first time in 30 years!

Because of their vulnerability and slow reproduction, harvest of Emperor Geese must be done conservatively and cautiously.

### Emperor Geese are Alaska's Special Bird

Emperor Geese are found only in Alaska and a portion of Siberia. Emperor Geese overwinter along the Aleutian Chain, Alaska Peninsula and Kodiak Island.

From October to April, Emperor Geese can be seen along Kodiak Island beaches feeding on bivalves, algae, and eelgrass.

After departing Kodiak and the Aleutian Islands in April, most Emperor Geese will migrate to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta coast to breed.

### *Pisurluci uswitulunci* (Hunt wisely)

Why is the Emperor Goose vulnerable to overharvest?

- Family groups stay together
- Emperor geese have a later age of first reproduction
- Mature females do not nest every year

### 2017 Spring-Summer Subsistence Harvest

Starting April 2, 2017 traditional and customary hunting for the Emperor Goose will be allowed under spring-summer subsistence regulations.

The Kodiak Roaded Area Closure will be in place for this harvest.

Please see the back page for more information on the requirements of this hunt.



### 2017 Fall-Winter Hunt

Starting October 8, 2017 there will be a fall-winter hunt of Emperor Geese on Kodiak Island.

A harvest quota of 175 Emperor Geese is in place for Kodiak Island. Unlimited permits without charge will be given out.

The Kodiak Roaded Area Closure will be in place for this hunt. Please see the back page for more information on the requirements of this hunt. More details on this hunt will be distributed at a future date.

### How can you help to conserve Emperor Goose Populations?

- Target single birds instead of flocks to reduce injuries or unintentional mortalities.
- Don't harvest family groups

If we hunt respectfully and conservatively, we will ensure a harvest for the future.

### *Quyanaasinaq* (thank you very much)!

Much work has been done by the Kodiak Regional Migratory Bird Co-Management Council. We wish to recognize and thank those individuals who have put forth their time, effort, and dedication to open an Emperor Goose harvest. *Quyanaasinaq* to John Reft, Sonny Squartsoff, the late Iver Malutin, and the late Herman Squartsoff for their work.

### More Information

Interested in learning more about the Emperor Goose or want to become involved with the Kodiak AMBCC?

Please contact:

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Kodiak, AK 99615  
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Spring-Summer Subsistence Harvest

Fall-Winter Hunt

<b>Season Dates</b>	April 2, 2017 – June 20, 2017 July 22, 2017 – August 31, 2017	October 8, 2017 – January 22, 2018
<b>Limit</b>	No limit – traditional and customary hunt <b>Recommended take</b> – 1 bird or what you need	Kodiak Island Harvest Quota = 175 birds Limit = 1 bird/person/season
<b>State Hunting License</b>	State hunting license required	State hunting license required
<b>Permit</b>	No permit required	Registration permit required Unlimited permits will be given out and are free of cost
<b>State Duck Stamp</b>	State Duck Stamp required (except those under the age of 18, 60 years or older, disabled veteran eligible for a free license, and those who qualify for a low income license)	State Duck Stamp required (except those under the age of 18, 60 years or older, disabled veteran eligible for a free license, and those who qualify for a low income license)
<b>Federal Duck Stamp</b>	Not required if you are a permanent resident of the Kodiak Archipelago Region	Not required if you are a permanent resident of the Kodiak Archipelago Region <b>or</b> if you are federally qualified subsistence user
<b>Reporting</b>	No reporting required	24 hour reporting requirement by phone (1-800-478-7468) or online at <a href="http://www.adfg.alaska.gov">www.adfg.alaska.gov</a> Hunt will close by Emergency Order when the 175 bird quota is met.

**The Kodiak Roaded Area Closure remains in place for both Spring-Summer and Fall-Winter hunts.**

**Kodiak Roaded Area Closure**

Kodiak Island Roaded Area Closure: the closed area consists of all lands and water (including exposed tidelands) east of a line extending from Crag Point in the north to the west end of Saltery Cove in the south and all lands and water south of a line extending from Termination Point along the north side of Cascade Lake extending to Anton Larsen Bay. **Marine waters adjacent to the closed area are closed to harvest within 500 feet from the water's edge.** The offshore islands are open to harvest, for example: Woody, Long, Gull and Puffin islands.



**USCG Base Kodiak Closure**

USCG Base Kodiak and portions of Women's Bay are closed to hunting. For more information, please contact USCG Base Kodiak Military Police at 907-487-5555.

<b>Means</b>	No toxic shot Shotgun/rifle/archery No taxidermy	No toxic shot Shotgun only with no more than 3-shell capacity
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