

Emperor Goose (*Ligliqpak*)

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 Bird 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. Most Emperor Geese breed on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, but some nest along Kotzebue Sound or migrate through on their way to nesting areas in eastern Russia.

Emperor Geese overwinter along the Aleutian Chain, Alaska Peninsula and Kodiak Island.

Hunt wisely

Why is the Emperor Goose vulnerable to overharvest?

- Emperors haven't been hunted for 30 years and may be less wary of hunters and decoys
- Family groups stay together and may even circle back over a hunter to look for each other
- 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. This hunt is open to rural residents.

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



2017 Fall/Winter Hunt

Starting September 1, 2017 there will be a fall-winter hunt of Emperor Geese, open to all Alaska residents.

A harvest quota of 125 Emperor Geese is in place for Northwest Alaska under the fall hunt. Bag limit of 1 emperor goose per hunter per season. Permits and harvest reporting are required.

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

How can you help to conserve Emperor Goose Populations?

- Target single birds instead of flocks to reduce injuries or unintentional mortalities.
- Don't harvest entire family groups (see "hunt wisely")
- Take juveniles (grey heads) instead of mature breeders (white heads) if you can.
- Limit your take - as Elders have taught, hunt for the future.
- When eggging, take only 1-2 eggs per nest and leave the rest.

Quyana (thank you very much)!

More Information

Interested in learning more about the Emperor Goose or want to become involved with the Northwest Arctic Migratory Bird Council?

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	Spring/Summer Subsistence Harvest	Fall/Winter Hunt
Emperor Geese Hunting Dates	April 2, 2017 – June 14, 2017 July 16, 2017 – August 31, 2017 Egging: April 2 – June 14	September 1 – December 16, 2017
Limit	Traditional and customary hunt (no bag limit); Recommended take – only what you need	Northwest Arctic Harvest Quota = 125 birds Limit = 1 bird/hunter/season
Who Can Hunt?	Permanent residents of rural areas (see regulations booklet for map) AND some residents of excluded areas if invited by tribal council in writing <i>example: a son who grew up in Buckland and now lives in Wasilla may be invited to help his elderly parents hunt</i>	All Alaska Residents
State Hunting License	State hunting license* required for all hunters 18 and over	State hunting license* required for all hunters 18 and over
Permit	No special Emperor Goose permit required	Registration permit required* Unlimited free permits will be given out ADFG Kotzebue: 1-800-478-3420
State Duck Stamp	State Duck Stamp* required (unless you're under 18, 60 years or older with lifetime license, disabled veteran, or qualify for a low income license)	State Duck Stamp* required (unless you're under 18, 60 years or older with lifetime license, disabled veteran, or qualify for a low income license)
Federal Duck Stamp	Not required if you are a permanent resident of the Northwest Arctic Region or if you are a federally qualified subsistence user from another area of Alaska	Not required if you are a permanent resident of the Northwest Arctic Region or if you are a federally qualified subsistence user from another area; required for other AK residents
Reporting	No reporting requirement Possible hunter or household surveys	72 hour reporting requirement by phone: 1-800-478-7468 or online: www.adfg.alaska.gov Hunt will close by Emergency Order when the 125 bird quota is met.
Means	No lead shot for shotguns You may use Shotgun, Rifle or Archery	No lead shot for shotguns Shotguns only, with no more than 3-shell capacity (plugged); no rifle or archery

* = available from Alaska Department of Fish and Game, online, or at local license vendors