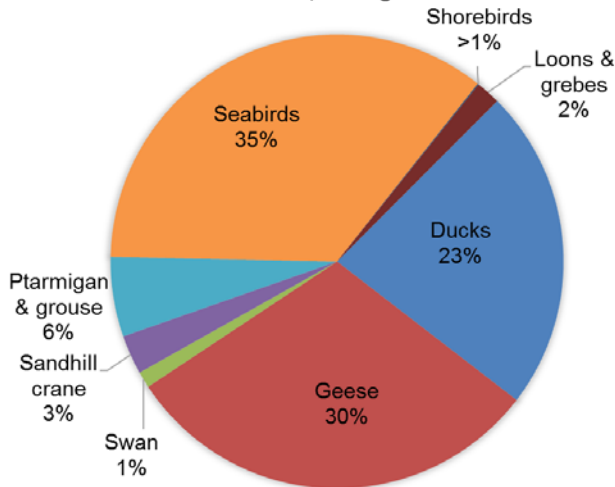


Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council (AMBCC) Subsistence Bird and Egg Harvest Survey Bering Strait-Norton Sound



The AMBCC is comprised of representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), and the Native Caucus, which includes Alaska Native representatives from 10 subsistence regions in Alaska. The Bering Strait-Norton Sound Migratory Bird Council and its representative at the AMBCC represent the Kawerak region. The AMBCC provides recommendations on harvest regulations and other topics related to the harvest and conservation of migratory birds.

Subsistence Bird Harvest, Bering Strait-Norton Sound



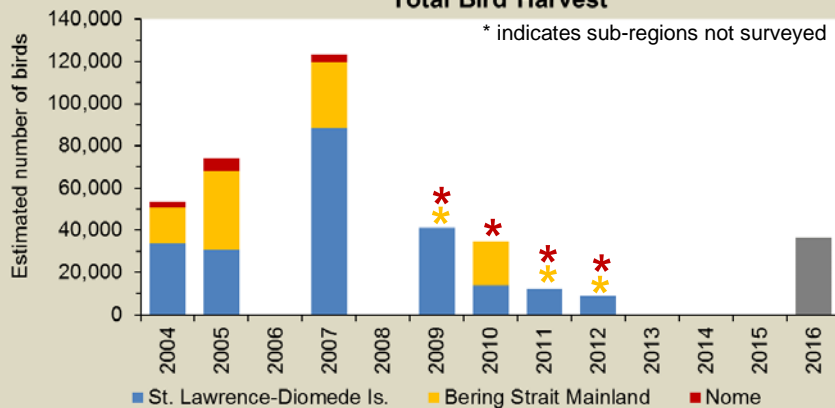
The AMBCC conducts bird and egg harvest surveys to document the importance of birds to subsistence communities and to inform harvest management and bird conservation. Harvest data collection relies on collaboration among the FWS, ADF&G, and Alaska Native organizations, tribal councils, and local surveyors. Communities and households are randomly selected for the survey. **If your household is contacted by a surveyor, please complete the survey even if your household did not harvest birds or eggs. Quyanaq!**

In 2004–2016, the average Alaska-wide subsistence harvest of migratory birds was about 370,000 birds/year. Including ptarmigan and grouse (non-migratory), the Alaska-wide harvest of birds is about 400,000 birds/year. Harvest in the Bering Strait-Norton Sound region (about 72,000 birds per year on average) represented 18% of this total. The birds harvested in the largest numbers in the region were: Canada geese, northern pintail, murres, auklets, brant, and snow goose.



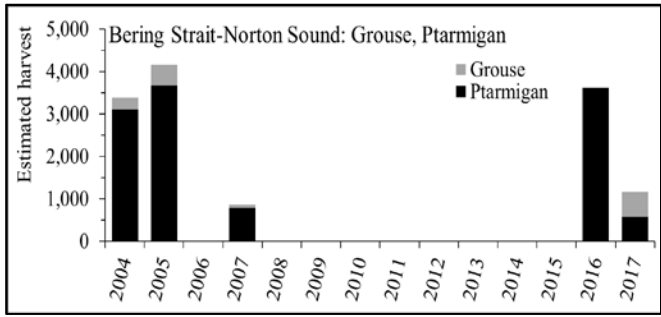
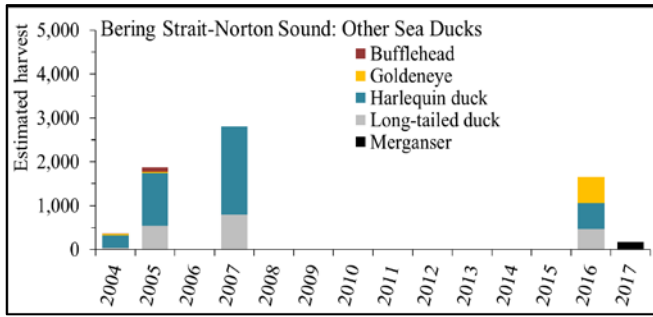
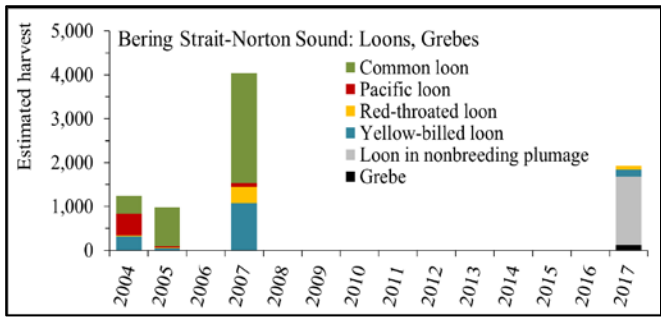
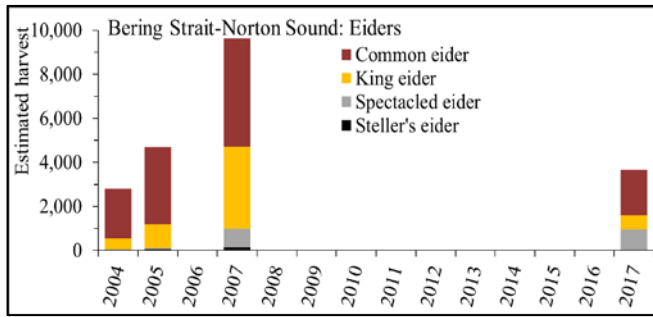
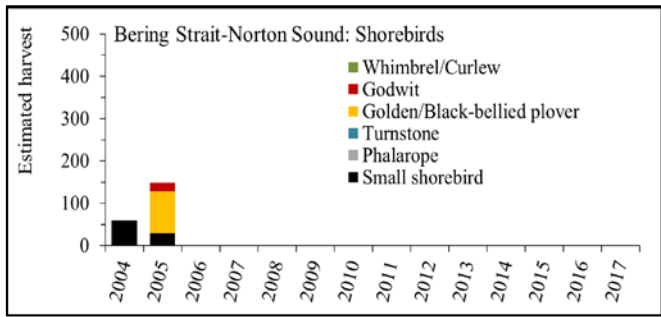
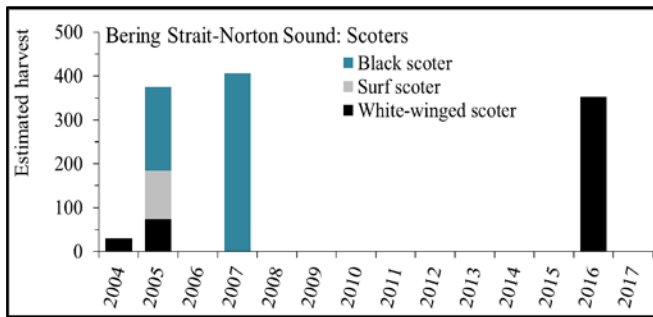
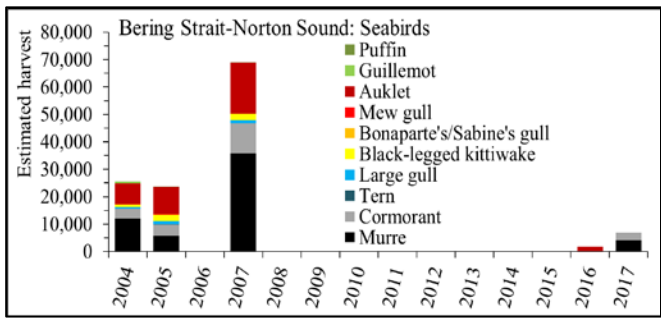
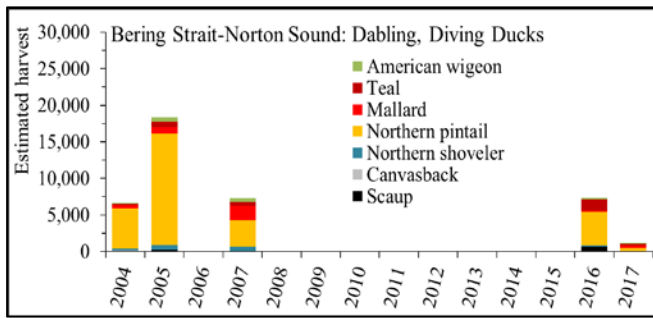
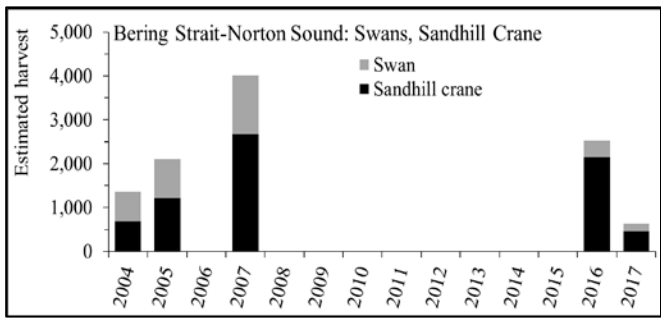
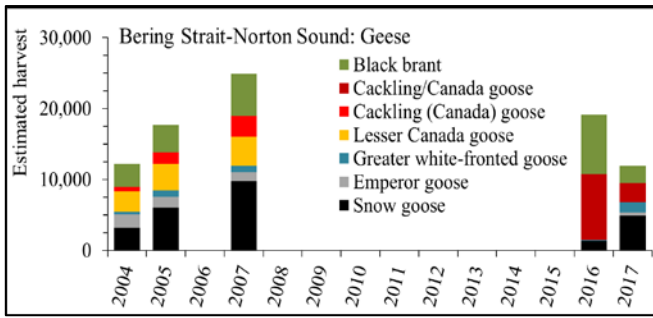
The average Alaska-wide egg harvest was about 200,000 eggs per year. Harvest in the Bering Strait-Norton Sound region (about 90,000 eggs per year on average) represented 45% of this total. Eggs of murres, gulls, and common eider composed most of the regional egg harvest.

Bering Strait-Norton Sound Subregions and Whole Region Total Bird Harvest

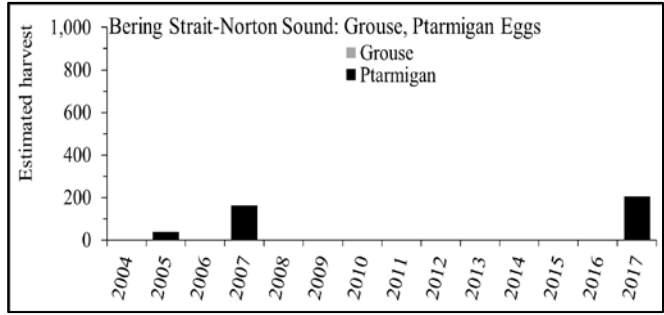
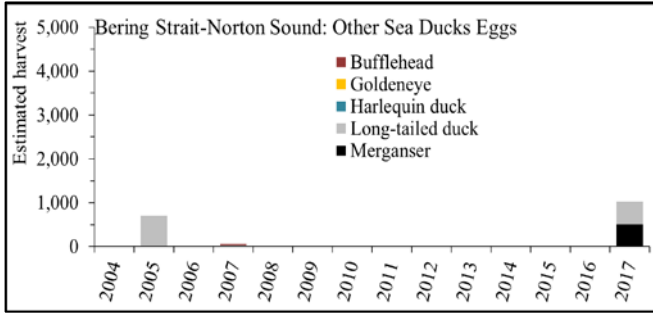
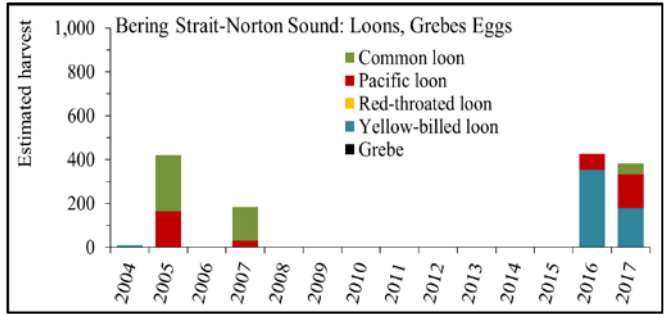
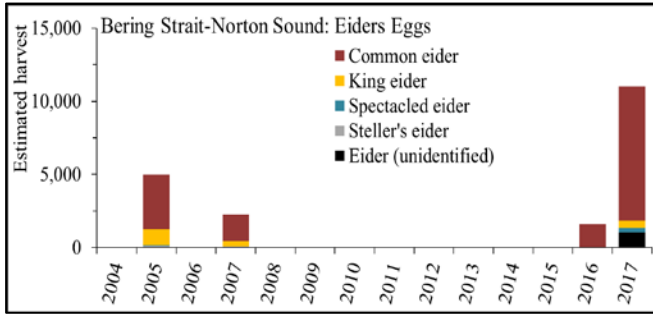
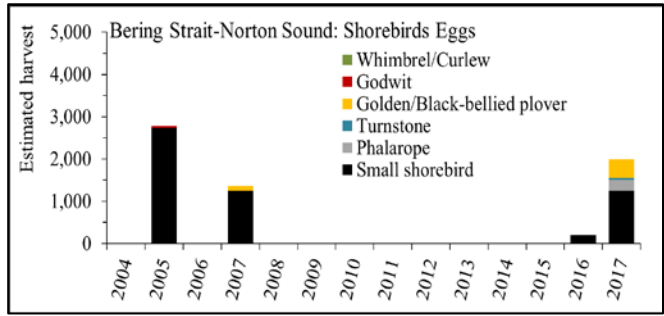
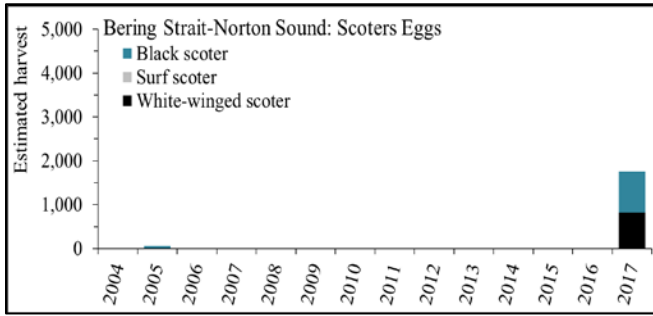
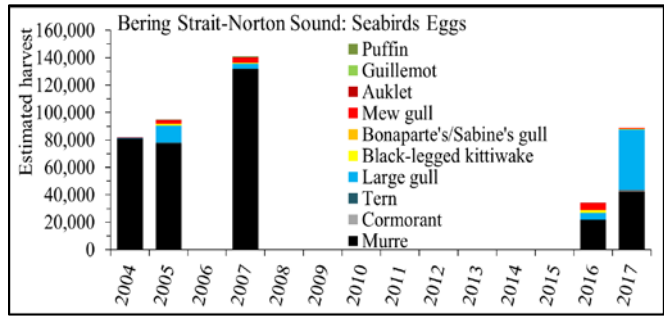
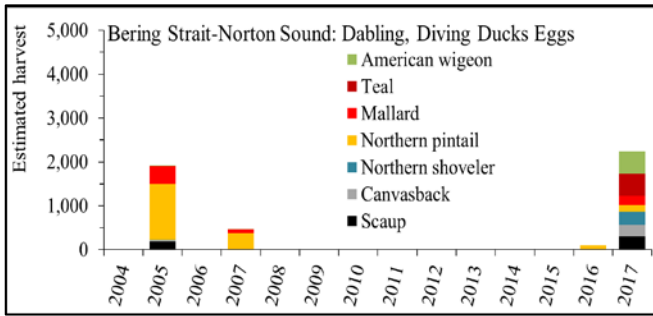
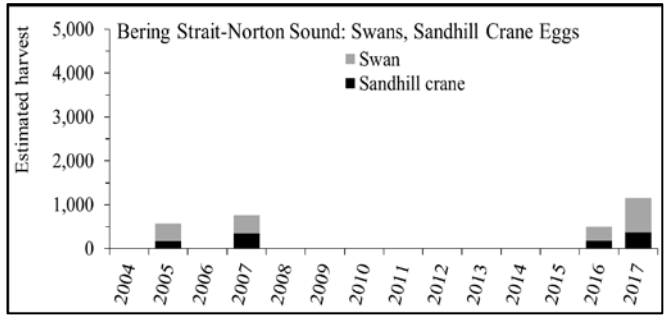
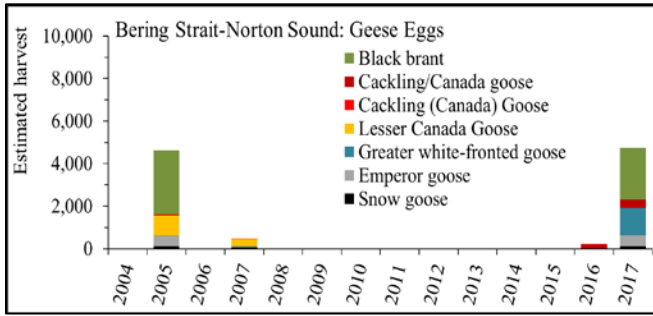


- Harvest estimates represent all households: harvest reported by surveyed households was expanded to non-surveyed households in the region or subregion.
- Not all subregions were surveyed in each survey year.
- Starting in 2016, because of changes in the sampling design, estimates are generated only at the regional and Alaska-wide levels.

Regional Bird Harvest

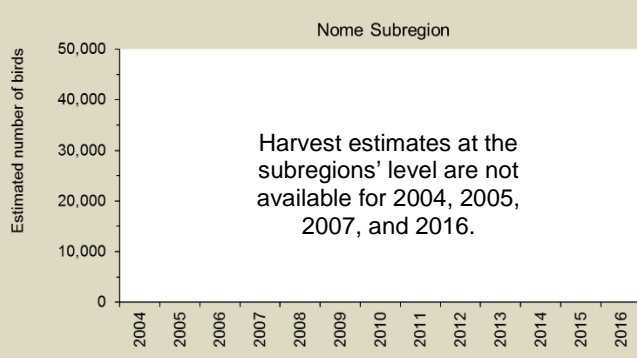
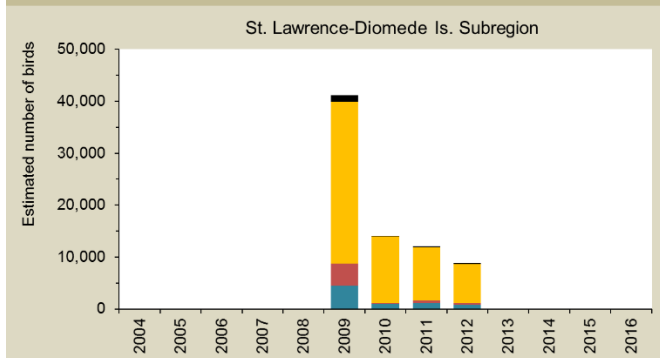
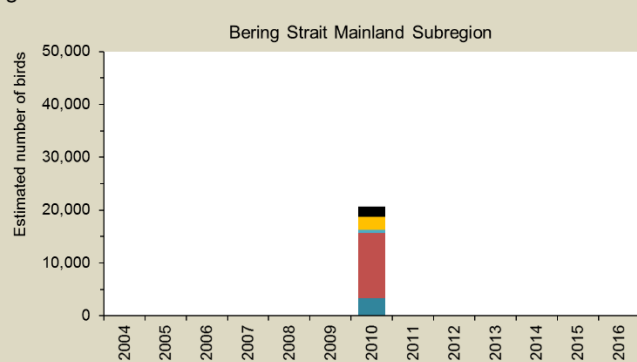
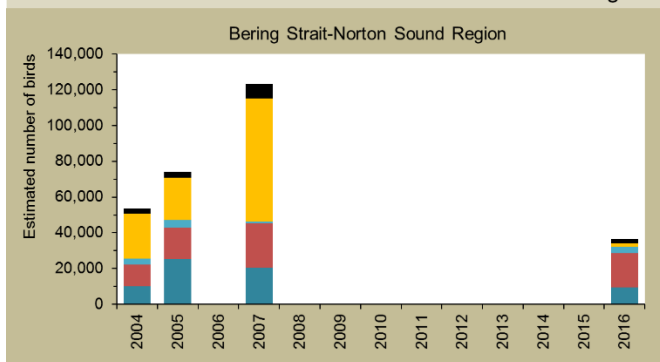


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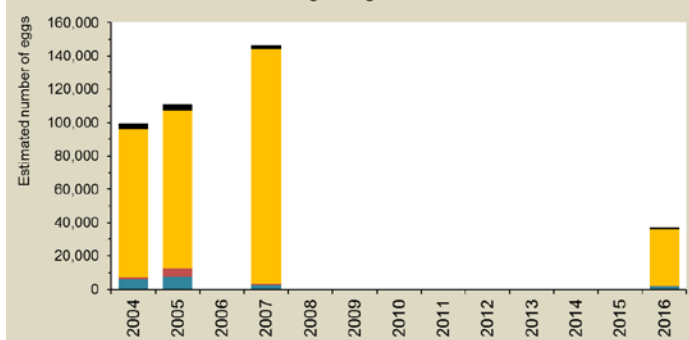
Composition of the Bird Harvest

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Composition of the Egg Harvest Bering Strait-Norton Sound Region

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For harvest survey reports, harvest regulations, and related information:

Harvest survey website: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=subsistence.AMBCC>

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