

**Findings for the Alaska Board of Game**  
**2017-XXX-BOG**  
**Board Recommendation to the Department of Fish and Game**  
**provided during the Arctic/Western Region Meeting**  
**January 9, 2017**

The Board of Game finds as follows, based on information provided by Department staff, Alaska residents and other wildlife users:

The Board recommended the department take the following actions:

1. Follow the below guidelines when labeling resident hunts in 5 AAC 85.
  - a. “General hunt only” is applied to resident hunts in areas designated as nonsubsistence areas by the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game and to hunts outside of nonsubsistence areas that have a negative customary and traditional use (C&T) finding for the game population.
  - b. “Subsistence hunt only” is applied to resident hunts if the hunt occurs outside nonsubsistence areas on a game population with a positive C&T finding and the harvestable portion of the population is not great enough to allow for nonsubsistence harvests and uses.
  - c. No label. These hunts generally include all types of resource use, subsistence and nonsubsistence, and do not differentiate between the various types of use.
2. Use the department’s discretion to reallocate unused harvest quota from an area to allow increased harvest of Emperor Geese in other areas. A fall hunt for Emperor Geese is established as a registration permit hunt with season dates established for coastal areas in Game Management Units 8, 9, 10, 17, 18, 22, and 23. The Board also approved 25 draw permits to be made available, for nonresidents only, in GMUs 8, 9, and 10. The 1000 bird fall harvest quota is intended to be allocated in seven defined areas, using the following allocations as a starting point. It is the Board’s intention to allow the department to use its discretion to allocate the draw permits within GMUs 8, 9, and 10 and, when circumstances are appropriate, to reallocate unused harvest opportunity.

Northwest Arctic – 125 birds

Bering Straits – Norton Sound – 125  
Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta – 125  
Bristol Bay – 150  
Kodiak – 175  
Izembek State Game Refuge – 125  
Aleutian – Pribilofs - 175

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