

PROPOSAL 43 – 5 AAC 92.011. Taking of game by proxy. Allow the taking of emperor geese by proxy hunting as follows:

We request the Board of Game allow proxy hunting under this section for emperor geese statewide.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? In 2017, the fall-winter hunt of emperor geese is opened to all Alaska residents following over 30 years of closure. The State of Alaska was allotted an annual statewide harvest quota of 1,000 birds under the federal framework. The Board of Game (board) divided the statewide quota into smaller individual quotas in each of seven hunt areas across the range of emperor geese. The fall-winter hunt is administered as a registration permit hunt that allows the harvest and possession of one emperor goose per hunter per season. Registration permits are dispensed on-demand and hunt areas will be closed by emergency order when quotas are achieved.

Despite the fall-winter hunt being opened to all Alaska residents, regulations do not contain a provision for individuals that are incapable of participating in the emperor goose hunt because of their age or physical disability. Current regulation would allow a hunter to gift their emperor goose to another individual, but at a cost of forfeiting their one bird allowed for the season.

The Native Caucus of the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council (AMBCC) requests the board permit proxy hunting of emperor geese. This would allow both a proxy hunter and beneficiary the opportunity to obtain an emperor goose. A resident hunter holding a valid hunting license may take specified game for another resident who is blind, physically disabled, or 65 years of age or older, as authorized by Alaska Statute 16.05.405 and 5 AAC 92.011.

PROPOSED BY: Native Caucus of the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council

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