PROPOSAL 32

5 AAC 85.065(4). Hunting seasons and bag limits for small game.

Close the nonresident season for Emperor geese in Units 9 and 10 as follows:

The Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council (AMBCC) will be conducting intensive outreach and education activities prior to the spring-summer season in an effort to reduce the harvest numbers of Emperor geese.

We are requesting that the state close the nonresident season in Units 9 and 10 until the population index is above 28,000 birds.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? In accordance with the AMBCC’s Emperor Goose Management Plan, once the population index is below 28,000 birds, the AMBCC will consider implementing conservation measures for the 2020 spring-summer subsistence harvest season. The State of Alaska will do the same for the 2020 fall-winter season and have reduced the number of birds allowed to be taken from 1000 to 500. Currently, the State of Alaska allocates 25 of the 500 birds to nonresident hunters as a draw permit.

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