

A waterfowlers opinion on proposals 163-170

I am writing this RC as I am unable to give in person testimony due to military obligations keeping me away.

This is in regards to proposals 163-170.

I am a VERRY avid sea duck hunter and have hunted areas of the Prince William Sound, Kenai Peninsula, Kodiak, Nunivak and Cold Bay. That being said, I do not support proposal 163. Nonresidents already have a very liberal bag limit when it comes to sea ducks and I don't believe there is any reason to allow for more take. I host non resident friends on sea duck hunts and they are more than content with the limits as they are.

While I do not completely agree with everything in proposals 164-170, I do believe a reduction in bag limit for some species is warranted. Residents have no reason to need 6 harlequin a day. 2-3 per day would be more than sufficient but only 1 a day is too conservative. Plus, anytime you have a bag limit of ONE duck, there is the potential for violation if 2 ducks are hit with one shot accidentally.

I believe Barrow's goldeneye bag limit should be reduced from 8 to 6. Like I said, I hunt sea ducks a lot and 6 goldeneye per day is more than enough.

I believe longtail ducks should have a bag limit of 2 per day.

Sincerely,

Mike Harris