

Proposal Form

The Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council
*Proposed Change for 2020 Alaska Subsistence Spring/
Summer Migratory Bird Harvest Regulations*

All proposals received by the AMBCC office will be sent to the affected regional management body for their consideration and recommendation. Recommendations will be forwarded to the statewide body for consideration and action. To ensure success of your proposal, please plan on attending your local regional management body meeting.

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What problem or issue are you trying to address? (Clearly state the problem to be solved or a situation that should be corrected.)

Allow migratory bird egg harvest during the closure period for the North Slope Region Eastern Region: June 20 – July 19. Gathering of Common Eider eggs near Kaktovik traditionally takes place from late June to early July.

The hunting of birds during the June 20 – July 19 would remain closed. Only harvest of eggs would be allowed.

How should the new regulation read? (Indicate if it is a change to season dates, species of bird/eggs open to hunting, area open to hunting, methods and means, or harvest limits)

Eastern Unit (East of east bank of the Sagavanirktok River
Seasons:
• April 2 - June 19 and July 20 - August 31 (hunting)
• April 2 - August 31 (egg gathering)
Closure: June 20 - July 19 (hunting)

To what geographic area does this regulation apply? (Is it a statewide, regional, or local regulation? If it pertains to a local area, please describe where it applies.)

North Slope Region Eastern Region

What impact will this regulation have on migratory bird populations?

No impact on migratory bird populations is expected. Some gathering eggs already occurs near Kaktovik and we do not anticipate any increase in eggging if the proposal is adopted. This change would allow the eggging that already occurs in late June and early July to occur legally.

How will this regulation affect subsistence users?

Passage of this regulation would allow a traditional egg harvest activity to continue legally and provide an important desired subsistence food for residents of Kaktovik. Common eiders start nesting in late June; the current regulation prevents legal harvest of eider eggs during the most important time for collecting eggs.

Why should this regulation be adopted?

Changing this regulation would allow for subsistence harvest of Common Eider eggs during the peak of egg laying and during the traditional time. It would not hurt the bird populations.

Please attach any additional information that supports your proposal.