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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kristy Tibbles, Executive Director
Alaska Board of Game

FROM: April Simpson, Alaska Administrative Code Coordinator 
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

DATE: August 1, 2025

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Department of Fish and Game
Board of Game regulations re: Bag Limits for Small Game (5 AAC 85.065)

Attorney General File:	2025101910
Regulation Filed:	8/1/2025
Effective Date:	8/31/2025
Print:	255, October 2025

cc with enclosures: Beth Parsons, Paralegal 2
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July 31, 2025

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom
Lieutenant Governor
State of Alaska
P.O. Box 110015
Juneau, AK 99811-0015

Re: 5 AAC 85.065: Bd. of Game - Bag Limits for Small Game
Our file: 2025101910

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Board of Game, adopted by the Department of Fish and Game pursuant to a delegation of authority from the Board of Game, against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This letter constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. The regulations were adopted by the Department of Fish and Game after the close of the public comment period.

The regulations concern hunting seasons and bag limits for migratory birds. Specifically, the regulations amend 5 AAC 85.065(a)(4)(B) and (F) to adjust hunting seasons and bag limits of king and common eider in Game Unit 15(C), Canada Geese in Game Management Units 9, 17 and 18, hunting seasons for Brant statewide, and hunting seasons and bag limits for Emperor geese statewide.

The June 18, 2025 public notice and the July 31, 2025 adoption order both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.060 is not required.

No technical corrections were necessary to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060.

Sincerely,

TREG TAYLOR
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: **Rebecca C. Polizzotto**
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CC w/enclosure: Kristy Tibbles, Executive Director
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ORDER ADOPTING CHANGES TO REGULATIONS
OF THE BOARD OF GAME

The attached 9 pages of regulations, dealing with hunting seasons and bag limits of king and common eider in Game Unit 15(C), Canada Geese in Game Management Units 9, 17 and 18, hunting seasons for Brant statewide, and hunting seasons and bag limits for Emperor geese statewide, are adopted and certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Department of Fish and Game adopts under delegation of authority from the Board of Game under the authority of AS 16.05.255, 16.05.258, and 16.05.270, and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

Although no public comments were received, the Department of Fish and Game paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes adopted under this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

Date: 7/31/2025

DocuSigned by:

Ben Mulligan

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Benjamin Mulligan, Deputy Commissioner
Department of Fish and Game

April Simpson for
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FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on

August 1, 2025, at 9:35am., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

for 
Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor

Effective: August 31, 2025.

Register: 255, October 2025.

FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed and affixed the Seal of the State of Alaska, in Juneau, on May 15th, 2023.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nancy Dahlstrom", is written over a horizontal dotted line.

**NANCY DAHLSTROM
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

Title 5. Fish and Game.

Part 3. Game.

Chapter 85. Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits.

Article 2.

5 AAC 85.065(a)(4)(B) is amended to read:

Unit 15(C), that portion in
Kachemak Bay east of a line
from Point Pogibshi to Anchor
Point

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

10 per day, 20 in	Sept. 1 — Dec. 16
possession, of which	(General hunt only)

no more than 2 per day, 4 in
possession, may be harlequin
ducks, no more than 1 per day,
2 in possession, may be long-
tailed ducks, and no more than
1 per day, 2 in possession, may
be common or king [AN] eider

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

8 per day, 20 in Sept. 1 — Dec. 16
possession, of which no more
than 2 per day, 4 in possession,
may be harlequin ducks, no
more than 1 per day, 2 in pos-
session, may be long-tailed
ducks, and no more than 1 per
day, 2 in possession, may be common or king [AN]
eider; however, no more than 4
each of any sea duck species
may be taken per season; and
no more than 20 sea ducks of
all species may be taken per
season

5 AAC 85.065(a)(4)(C) is amended to read:

Migratory game birds

(except by falconry)¹

(C) Geese,

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Canada and cackling

combined

Units 1 - 4

Sept. 1 - Nov. 30

Sept. 1 - Nov. 30

4 per day, 12 in

Dec. 16 - Dec. 31

Dec. 16 - Dec. 31

possession

Unit 5

Sept. 28 - Dec. 16

Sept. 28 - Dec. 16

4 per day, 12 in possession

(General hunt only)

Unit 6 (except Middleton Is.)

Sept. 28 - Dec. 16

Sept. 28 - Dec. 16

4 per day, 12 in possession

(General hunt only)

Unit 6 (Middleton Is. only)

Sept. 28 - Dec. 16

Sept. 28 - Dec. 16

Limit of 1 per day, 1 in possession,

(General hunt only)

and only by registration permit

Units 7, 11 - 16 [9], and 19 - 26

Sept. 1 - Dec. 16

Sept. 1 - Dec. 16

[11 - 26]

4 per day, 12 in possession

(General hunt only)

Unit 8 (except Semidi Islands)

Oct. 8 - Jan. 22

Oct. 8 - Jan. 22

Limit of 1 per day, 2 in possession

(General hunt only)

<u>Unit 8 (Semidi Islands)</u>	<u>No open season.</u>	<u>No open season.</u>
<u>Unit 9</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - Dec. 16</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - Dec. 16</u>
<u>3 per day, 9 in possession</u>	<u>(General hunt only)</u>	
<u>Unit 10 (except Unimak Is.)</u>	<u>Oct. 8 - Jan. 22</u>	<u>Oct. 8 - Jan. 22</u>
<u>6 per day, 18 in possession</u>	<u>(General hunt only)</u>	
Units 10 (Unimak Is. only)	Sept. 1 - Dec. 16	Sept. 1 - Dec. 16
6 per day, 18 in possession	(General hunt only)	
[UNIT 5	[SEPT. 28 - DEC. 16]	[SEPT. 28 - DEC. 16]
4 PER DAY, 12 IN POSSESSION]	[(GENERAL HUNT ONLY)]	
[UNIT 6 (EXCEPT MIDDLETON IS.)	[SEPT. 28 - DEC. 16]	[SEPT. 28 - DEC. 16]
4 PER DAY, 12 IN POSSESSION]	[(GENERAL HUNT ONLY)]	
[UNIT 6 (MIDDLETON IS. ONLY)	[SEPT. 28 - DEC. 16]	[SEPT. 28 - DEC. 16]
LIMIT OF 1 PER DAY, 1 IN POSSESSION, AND ONLY BY	[(GENERAL HUNT ONLY)]	

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REGISTRATION PERMIT]

[UNIT 8 (EXCEPT SEMIDI ISLANDS)	[OCT. 8 - JAN. 22]	[OCT. 8 - JAN. 22]
LIMIT OF 1 PER DAY, 2 IN	[(GENERAL HUNT	
POSSESSION,]	ONLY)]	

[UNIT 8 (SEMIDI ISLANDS)]	[NO OPEN SEASON.]	[NO OPEN SEASON.]
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[UNIT 10 (EXCEPT UNIMAK IS.)	[OCT. 8 - JAN. 22]	[OCT. 8 - JAN. 22]
6 PER DAY, 18 IN POSSESSION]	[(GENERAL HUNT	
	ONLY)]	

<u>Units 17 and 18</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - Dec. 16</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - Dec. 16</u>
<u>3 per day, 9 in possession</u>	<u>(General hunt only)</u>	

5 AAC 85.065(a)(4)(F) is amended to read:

(F) Brant

Units 1 - 4, <u>11-13,</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - Oct. 21</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - Oct. 21</u>
<u>and 17-26</u>	[SEPT. 1 - NOV. 30]	[SEPT. 1 - NOV. 30]
	[DEC. 16 - DEC. 31]	[DEC. 16 - DEC. 31]

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2 per day,

6 in possession

Units 5 - 7, 9, 10 (Unimak

Oct. 1 - Nov. 20

Oct. 1 - Nov. 20

Is. only), and 14 - 16 [11 - 26]

2 per day, 6 in possession

Units 8 and 10 (except

Oct. 8 - Nov. 27

Oct. 8 - Nov. 27

Unimak Is.)

[OCT. 8 - JAN. 22]

[OCT. 8 - JAN. 22]

(General hunt only)

2 per day, 6 in possession

5 AAC 85.065(a)(4)(G) is amended to read:

(G) Emperor geese

Units 1 - 26 [1 - 7, 11 - 16,

No open season.

No open season.

19 - 21, AND 24 - 26]

[UNITS 8 AND 10]

[RESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[1 GOOSE BY REGISTRATION
PERMIT ONLY]

[OCT. 8 - JAN. 22]

[NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[1 GOOSE BY DRAWING
PERMIT ONLY; UP TO 25 PERMITS
MAY BE ISSUED IN COMBINATION
WITH UNIT 9]

[OCT. 8 - JAN. 22]

[UNIT 9, THAT PORTION WITHIN THE
IZEMBEK STATE GAME REFUGE]

[RESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[1 GOOSE BY REGISTRATION
PERMIT ONLY]

[OCT. 16 - OCT. 31]

[NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[1 GOOSE BY DRAWING
PERMIT ONLY; UP TO 25 PERMITS]

[OCT. 16 - OCT. 31]

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MAY BE ISSUED IN COMBINATION
WITH UNITS 8, THE REMAINDER OF
UNIT 9, AND 10]

[UNIT 9, REMAINDER]

[RESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[1 GOOSE BY REGISTRATION [SEPT. 1 - DEC. 16]
PERMIT ONLY]

[NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[1 GOOSE BY DRAWING [SEPT. 1 - DEC. 16]
PERMIT ONLY; UP TO 25 PERMITS
MAY BE ISSUED IN COMBINATION
WITH UNITS 8, THAT PORTION OF
UNIT 9 WITHIN THE IZEMBEK
STATE GAME REFUGE, AND 10]

[UNITS 17, 18, 22, AND 23] [SEPT. 1 - DEC. 16] [NO OPEN
SEASON.]

[1 GOOSE BY REGISTRATION PERMIT

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ONLY]

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