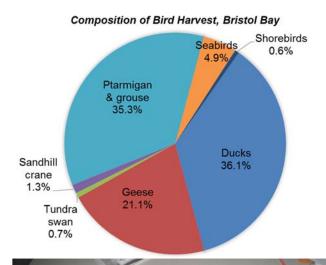
# Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council (AMBCC) Subsistence Bird and Egg Harvest Survey



## **Bristol Bay Region**

The AMBCC is comprised of representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), and the Native Caucus, which includes Alaska Native representatives from 10 subsistence regions in Alaska. The Bristol Bay region is represented by the *Yaquillrit Kelutisti* (Keepers of the Birds) council of the Bristol Bay Native Association and its representative at the AMBCC. The AMBCC provides recommendations on harvest regulations and other topics related to

the harvest and conservation of migratory birds.



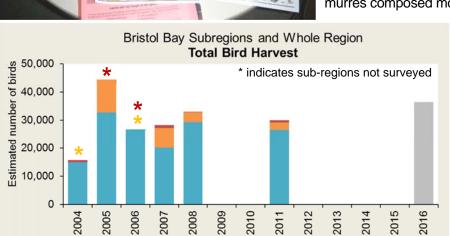
The AMBCC conducts bird and egg harvest surveys to document the importance of birds to subsistence communities and to inform harvest management and bird conservation. Harvest data collection relies on collaboration among the FWS, ADF&G, and Alaska Native organizations, tribal councils, and local surveyors. Communities and households are randomly selected for the survey. If your household is contacted by a surveyor, please complete the survey even if your household did not harvest birds or eggs. Quyana!

The average Alaska-wide subsistence harvest of migratory birds was about 370,000 birds per year. Including ptarmigan and grouse (non-migratory), the Alaska-wide harvest of birds was about 400,000 birds per year. Harvest in the Bristol Bay region (about 43,000 birds per year on average) represented 11% of this total. The birds harvested in the largest numbers in the Bristol Bay region were: cackling/Canada geese, grouse, ptarmigan, mallard, northern pintail, white-fronted goose, and king eider.

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The average Alaska-wide egg harvest was about 200,000 eggs per year. Harvest in the Bristol Bay Region (about 44,000 eggs per year on average) represented 22% of this total). Eggs of mew gulls, large gulls, and murres composed most of the regional egg harvest.

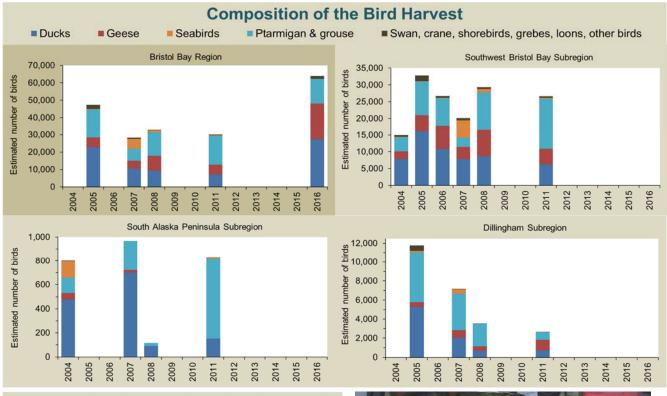
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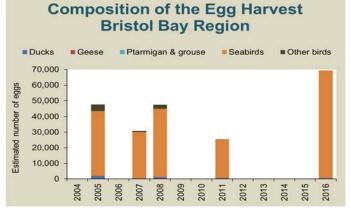


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- Harvest estimates represent all households: harvest reported by surveyed households was expanded to non-surveyed households in the region or subregion.
- Not all subregions were surveyed in each survey year.
- Starting in 2016, because of changes in the sampling design, estimates are generated only at the regional and Alaska-wide levels.















For harvest survey reports, harvest regulations, and related information:

Harvest survey website: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=subsistence.AMBCC

AMBCC website: http://alaska.fws.gov/ambcc/index.htm

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