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## 2017 Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Region Subsistence Spring Waterfowl Closure

A 30-day Emergency Closure has been established for the 2017 Alaska subsistence spring migratory bird harvest in the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta region. The spring waterfowl season will be closed during the initiation of migratory bird nesting from **May 25 through June 25, 2017**. This emergency closure comes after consultation with the Association of Village Council Presidents Waterfowl Conservation Committee and field biologists from the Service. This closure is established in 50 CRF 92.21 and through the publication of this notice.

A special closure for Black Brant and Cackling Canada geese, from the time of egg laying until young birds are fledged, remains in effect through July 10, 2017.

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