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Southeast Alaska waterfowl season to close Dec. 16 in Units 1-4

(JUNEAU) — The Southeast Alaska waterfowl season, which includes Game Management Units 1-4, will close at 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 16, 2019.

This closure date falls earlier than in past years to align with waterfowl regulation changes approved by the Board of Game during the 2019 Southeast Alaska Board of Game meeting held last January. The Board decided to implement alternating season schedules as a compromise to appease hunters wishing for more opportunities to harvest not only early, but also late season waterfowl species. Under this regulation change, odd years (for example, 2019) will have a season that runs from Sept. 1 to Dec. 16. Even years (for example, 2020) will have a season that runs from Sept. 16 to Dec. 31.

Hunters are reminded the 2020 waterfowl season will begin on Sept. 16 in Game Management Units 1-4. Additionally, hunters should note the Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge in Juneau will be open to youth hunters only for the first two days of each season. Any hunter who obtained a wetlands permit (WU001) this season must report by Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019.

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