

Comments in support of Proposal 152 to include all wildfowl

There has been numerous concerns expressed in public testimony on the potential changes in salvage requirements for wildfowl in Alaska. I encourage the board to increase salvage requirements for wildfowl in Alaska for all edible portions as expressed in RC 38 and RC 43 at minimum.

A concern was raised about small upland birds, seaducks, teal, snipe, and other small birds harvested for human consumption. If one peruse the grocery store in the poultry section, you'll come across whole chicken and whole Cornish game hens. Not only the breast meat of those birds are offered for sale, but other edible portions are included. Additionally, a Cornish game hen is about the size of most small upland birds and ducks in Alaska. What would be the philosophical difference between Cornish game hens and our small wildfowl?

Cornish Game Hens

True Cornish game hens are young female Cornish chickens weighing about 2 pounds. Grocery-store Cornish game hens are rock Cornish cross hens of the same size. They are butchered at 4 to 5 weeks of age.

Source: <http://animals.pawnation.com/difference-between-chicken-cornish-hen-5812.html>

Mallard



Latin: *Anas platyrhynchos*

Average length: M 24.7", F 23"

Average weight: M 2.7 lbs., F 2.4 lbs

Source: <https://www.ducks.org/hunting/waterfowl-id/mallard#ad-image-0>

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