

# **SPECIAL CANADA GOOSE**

The 2017 Special Unit Canada goose season was open from October 21 to December 24 in Bennett County. To hunt this resident-only season, hunters were required to hold small game, 1-day small game, senior, adult or junior combination, or youth small game licenses plus a migratory bird certification, and for those hunters age 16 and over, a federal waterfowl stamp. Additionally, hunters must have applied for and received a Special Canada goose license for that specific unit. Each license allowed the hunter to harvest 3 geese and individuals could have up to 5 licenses for the season, if licenses were left after the 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline drawing. A total of 164 hunters received multiple licenses for the 2017 season, including 36 hunters who received the maximum of 5 licenses each.

In 2017, there were 446 residents licensed to hunt the Special Canada goose season. All license holders who provided email addresses when applying for their license were surveyed and 219 responses were received for a response rate of 56%.

From the survey responses, there were an estimated 933 Canada geese harvested for an average bag of 2.09 per license holder. Of the 219 hunters who responded to the survey, 116 (53%) indicated that they actually hunted during this season. When asked their satisfaction on the season, (1 being least satisfied, 7 being most satisfied), hunters reported an average rating of 5.50.

## **SPECIAL CANADA GOOSE HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2017**

*Last Revised: 6 Feb 2018*

	<b>Resident</b>
<b>SPECIAL CANADA GOOSE SEASON Licenses Sold</b>	800
<b>Number Unique Licenseholders</b>	446
Number Sampled by Survey	392
Number Responded to Survey	219
Responded and Participated in Season	<b>116</b>
Responded but DID NOT HUNT	103
<b>Survey Response Rate</b>	<b>55.9%</b>
Total Reported Canada Goose Hunted Days	314
<b>Average Days Hunted Canada Geese</b>	<b>1.43</b>
Total Reported Canada Geese Bagged	458
<b>Average Canada Goose Bag for Season</b>	<b>2.09</b>
<b>Projected Days Canada Goose Hunting</b>	<b>639</b>
<b>Projected No. Canada Goose Hunters</b>	<b>236</b>
<b>Projected Canada Goose Bag</b>	<b>933</b>
Reported Geese shot but not retrieved	18
<b>Projected Geese shot but not retrieved</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Special Canada Goose Hunter Mean Satisfaction Score *1*</b>	5.50

**TOTAL CANADA GOOSE HARVEST SPECIAL SEASON = 933**

*\*1\* Based on scale of 1-7 with 1=very dissatisfied & 7=very satisfied*