

Avian Influenza: Update (1-June-2022)

- Bering Strait region -

Though unconfirmed, avian influenza has arrived to the Bering Strait region. Brant near Golovin and Safety Sound have been reported as “spinning” in the water and/or “almost dead”. Avian influenza is highly contagious among birds and has killed foxes in Alaska (Unalaska), Canada, and the lower 48. Report *any* dead / sick birds (ex. Staggering, approachable, spinning, head-shaking, clear liquid discharge from mouth, etc.) or foxes with rabies-like symptoms.



PLEASE REPORT DEAD BIRDS + FOXES

REPORT 'EM - DON'T TOUCH 'EM!

If you find sick / dead birds or foxes, take photos/video and call:

- **USFWS Sick & Dead Bird Hotline: 1-866-527-3358**
- **UAF Alaska Sea Grant (Nome): (907) 434-1149**

SAFE HANDLING

Currently, the risk of human infection is unknown, be cautious when handling wild birds for food

- Utilize your traditional knowledge
- Keep your hunting and processing equipment clean
- Clean and pluck your catch outside or in a well ventilated area
- Do not harvest/handle sick birds or birds found dead
- Do not eat, drink, or smoke when processing birds
- Wear rubber gloves and wash your hands in warm soapy water
- Thoroughly cook meat (165F / until juices run clear) and cook eggs

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Take photos or video using your cell phone and call in what you saw!
- **Report date, location or GPS coordinates, species, number of birds.**