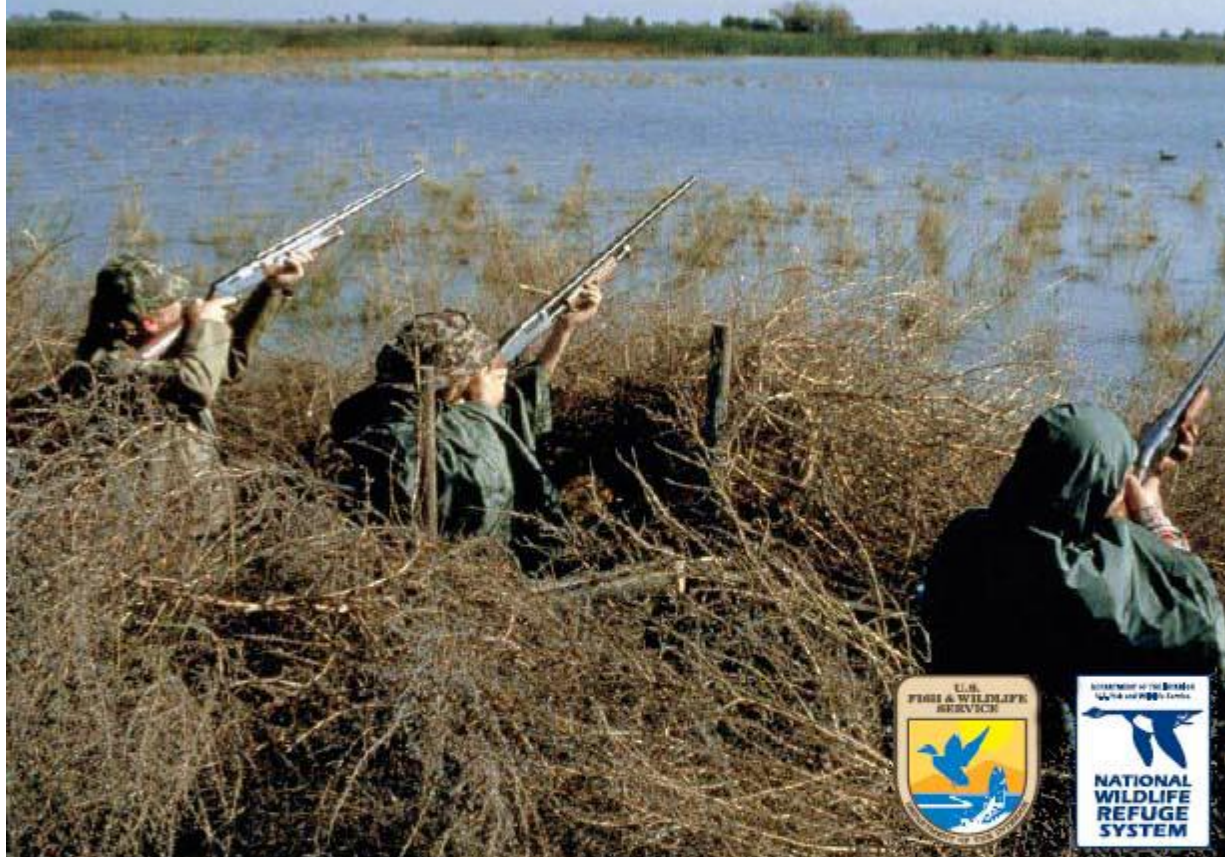


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QUESTION?

As I read the section below that is on page 15 of the guide,

“it appears that hardy water fowlers can hunt in the eelgrass to pursue and achieve their daily bag limit of black brant, and then search for ptarmigan on the upland year-round.”

“Isn’t the upland where the safety corridor is planned for?”

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Izembek NWR is world famous for its brown bear hunting, but it also offers some of the best hunting for much smaller game: waterfowl and ptarmigan. The refuge provides habitat for an incredible variety of duck and goose species. Most of the Pacific’s black brant spends the summer here, and this is probably the best location to hunt these small, dark geese. Unusual duck species like eider, harlequin and Barrow’s goldeneye can be found here in great numbers. More common ducks like mallard and pintail are also common. Hardy water fowlers can find spectacular hunting in the fall, particularly at the 150-square mile Izembek Lagoon. Here, shallow, brackish water covers one of the world’s largest beds of eelgrass, creating a rich feeding and resting area for hundreds of thousands of waterfowl. Many waterfowl hunters will spend the mornings and evenings pursuing waterfowl, and search the refuge for ptarmigan during the day. Good numbers of this upland bird species can be found on the refuge year-round. With its mix of species and spectacular wilderness setting, Izembek offers one of the most unique duck hunting experiences in the world.