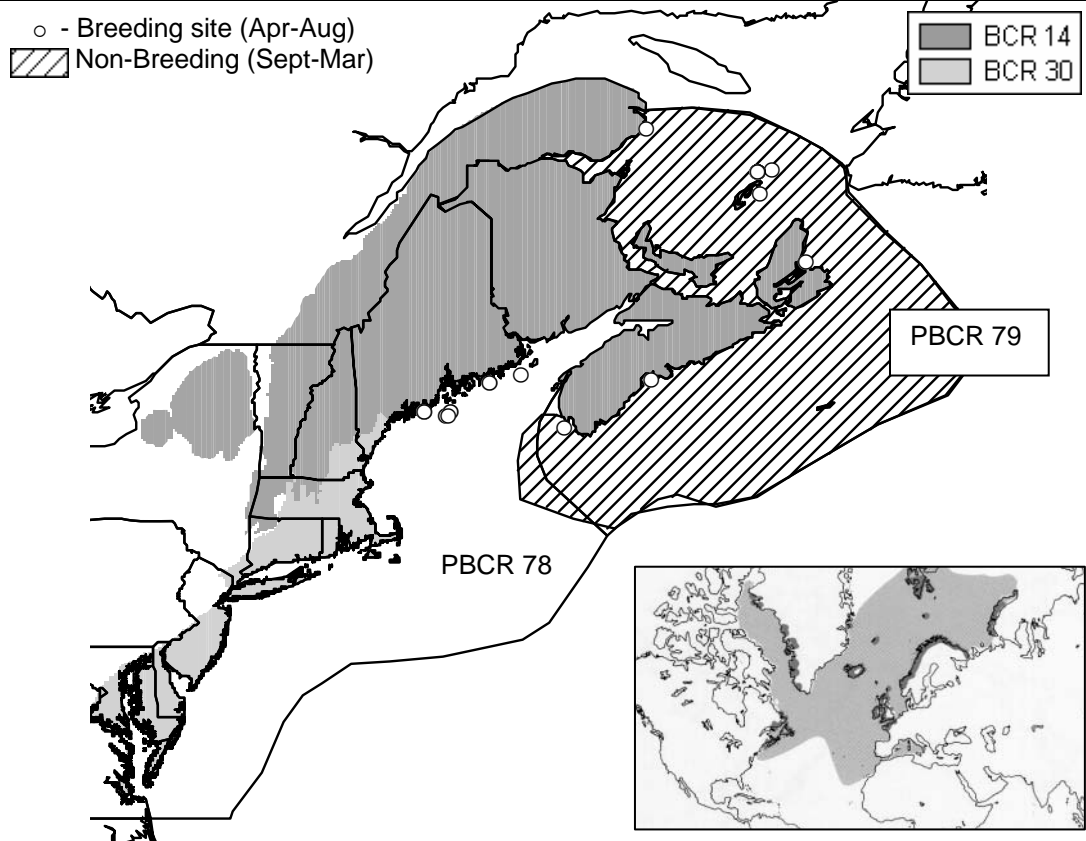


ATLANTIC PUFFIN (*Fratercula arctica arctica*)

Conservation Status: Abundance (b=breeding, nb=nonbreeding, t=total individuals), Population Importance (% reference population) and Conservation Rank							
Global	North America	BCR 14	BCR 30	Mid-Atlantic	S. New England	Gulf of Maine	Maritimes
5,700,000 - 6,000,000t	750,000 – 760,000b (19-20% global)	6,898b (<1% NA)	0b (0% NA)	0b (0% MANEM)	0b (0% MANEM)	1,148b (17% MANEM)	5,750b (83% MANEM)
IUCN- Least Concern	NAWCP- Lowest Concern	Lowest Concern		NJ-SZN; DE- no info; MD-SZN; VA- no info	NY-S?N; CT, RI, MA, VT- no info	MA, NH- no info; ME-TS2B NB- S1S2B; NS- S1B MANEM Focal Species State SGCN-ME	QC-S4; NB- S1S2B; PE- no info; NS- S1B MANEM Focal Species



Regional Occurrence

- Distribution: breeds in BCR 14; winters in PBCR 79
- Habitats used: rocky islands, nest under boulder berms, sod and burrows as well as rock crevices (breeding); mostly pelagic (non-breeding)
- Commuting Range: often close to colony; 3-100km (avg 5km); little data on depth (none known to be caught in gill nets set at 60m, but commonly caught at 0-30m)

NAWCP BD=3; NAWCP ND=2

Regional Abundance

- 2002: US—1,148b (5 colonies); CAN—5,750b (4 colonies)
- 1990s: US—676b (4 colonies); CAN—2,494b
- 1970s: US—250b (1 colony); CAN—3,000b (2 colonies)
- Increase in population due to active management

NAWCP PS=2; NAWCP PT=1

Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Limited by nesting habitat
- Introduced predators; minor threat by gulls, peregrines
- Competition with fisheries for common food sources
- Possible impacts of tourism on food delivery rates and behavior of adults delivering prey; blinds may affect adult energetics

NAWCP TB=4; NAWCP TN=4

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* 0.7 young/burrow/yr. *Conservation Actions:* gull control, determine researcher disturbance, northwest ATPU wintering range, and causes of mortality. *Needs:* monitor, restore/manage nesting sites, link with other bird conservation opportunities. *Population Goals:* restore to 3,200-3,900b (increase); *Habitat Goals:* Restore/protect breeding habitat in following priority complexes: ME-Penobscot Bay; NB-Grand Manan Group; NS-Noddy Is, Pearl Is; QC-Magdalen Is. Protect non-breeding habitat of shelf and slope waters of Scotian Shelf. *Conservation Projects:* 1, 2, 3, 6, 16, 62, 74, 76.