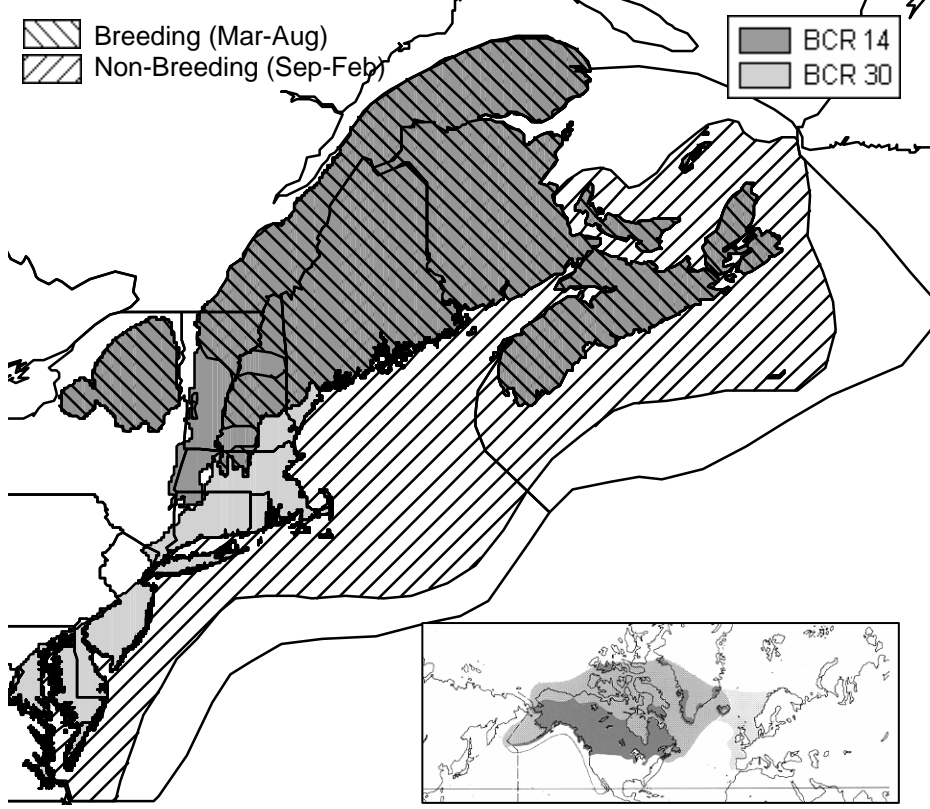


## COMMON LOON (*Gavia immer*)

<b>Conservation Status:</b> 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
580,000t	575,000t (99% global)	9970b (24% NA)	0b (0% NA)	0b (0% MANEM)	0b (0% MANEM)	4420b (8% MANEM)	5550b (91% MANEM)
IUCN- Least Concern	NAWCP- Moderate Concern	Moderate Concern	Moderate Concern	VA-SN; MD-S4N; DE-SZN; NJ-S4N State SGCN-MD	NY-SCS3S4; CT- SCS1B,SZN; RI-SZN; MA- SCS1; VT-ES2B,S4N State SGCN-NY,CT,MA,VT	MA-SCS1; NH-TS3B, SZN; ME-S4S5B, S4S5N; NB- S4B, S4N, S5M; NS-S4B <b>MANEM Focal Species</b> State SGCN-MA,NH,ME	QC-S5; NB-S4B, S4N, S5M; PE-S1B, S4N; NS-S4B <b>MANEM Focal Species</b>



### Regional Occurrence

- Distribution: breeds in region; migrates in PBCRs 78 and 79
- Habitats used: lakes, small islands, floating bog mats, and marshy hummocks (breeding); seacoasts, bays, along lakes and rivers (migrating & non-breeding); lakes >60 acres in clear water of littoral zone (upper 5m) with low-density vegetation (foraging); small islands, irregular shoreline that creates coves; adaptable, also may feed in turbid water if shallow, but dives deeper (60 m) in clear water; activity centered over shoals, outcrops, tributaries and marshes

NAWCP BD=2; NAWCP ND=2

### Regional Abundance

- 2000s: US—4,420b; CAN—5,550b; 70,000nb
- 1990s: US—unknown; CAN—5,400b
- Historical population size: unknown, but similar to current
- Regional population currently stable in US and Quebec; declining in Maritimes

NAWCP PS=2; NAWCP PT=3

### Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Habitat loss due to shoreline development, water level fluctuations, and human disturbance (recreational pressures)
- Entanglement in fishing lines and nets
- Environmental pollutants (e.g. mercury, lead), oil spills, lake acidification
- Disease/parasites (botulism, emaciation syndrome)

NAWCP TB=4; NAWCP TN=4

**Conservation Needs:** *Sustainability:* 0.5 chicks fledged/territorial pair/yr; 2.4 territorial pairs/1,000 acres. *Conservation Actions:* habituation limits unknown and best addressed through site-specific scenarios; establish breeding conservation programs, monitor/protect nesting sites in areas of human recreation, and protect coastal wintering areas from oil spills; manage fisheries interactions. *Needs:* monitor (Canadian surveys, wintering surveys, migration counts, ID key habitat and restore), ID census interval, link breeding/wintering grounds and stopover areas, research emaciation syndrome and offshore densities, link to other inland waterbird conservation opportunities. *Population Goals:* restore (increase). *Habitat Goals:* Restore/protect breeding habitat in following priority complexes: CT-Barkhamstead; VT-Nuhegan & Victory Basins; NY-Ferd/Stillwater/Moose Area, Spring Pond/Massaweppee Area; NH-Connecticut Lakes, Umbagog/Andorscoggin, Winnepesaukee Region; ME-Greater Allagash Area, Central/mid-coast Maine, Upper St Croix. Protect non-breeding habitat in shelf waters of Northeast US Continental Shelf, Gulf of Maine and Scotian Shelf. *Conservation Projects:* 24, 27, 28, 29, 39, 63, 71, 77, 92, 120.