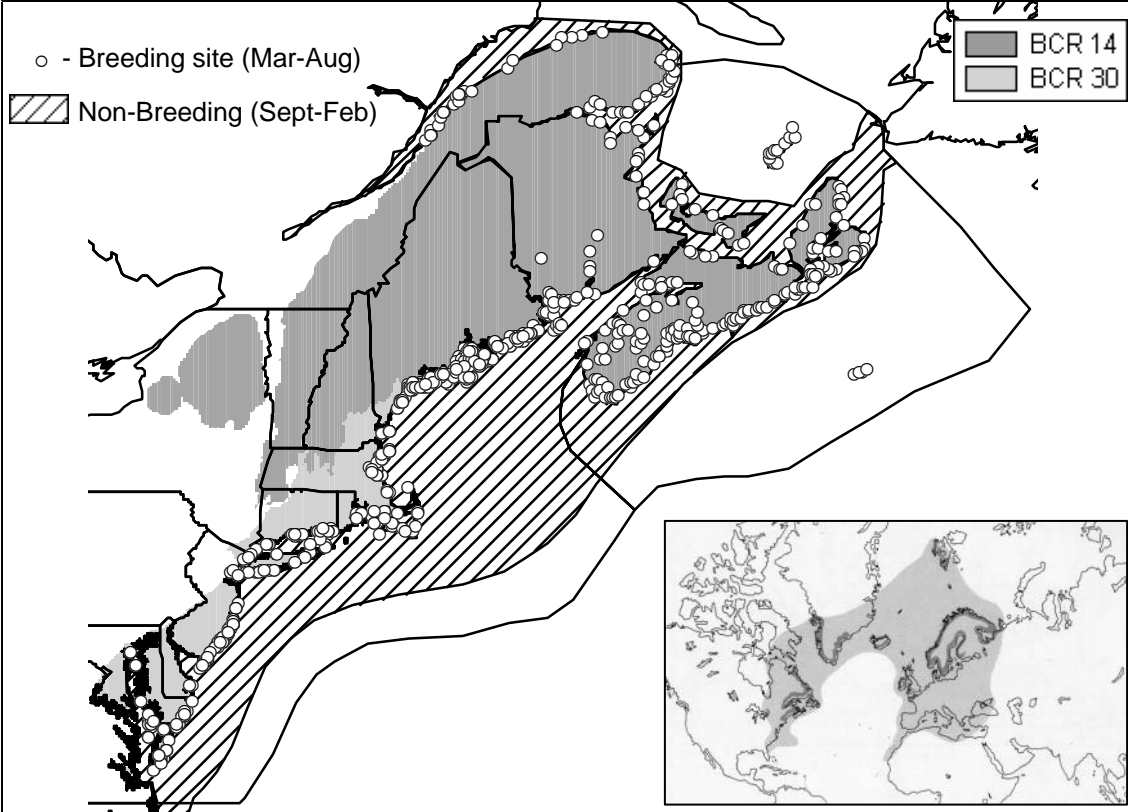


GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL (*Larus marinus*)

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
630,000 – 720,000t	160,430b (33-38% global)	115,546b (72% NA)	37,372b (23% NA)	3,340b (2% MANEM)	25,528b (17% MANEM)	43,550b (28% MANEM)	80,500b (53% MANEM)
IUCN- Least Concern	NAWCP- Lowest Concern	Low Concern	Lowest Concern	NJ- S5B, S5N; DE-S1B, S5N; MD-S4B, S4N; VA-S4 MANEM Focal Species State SGCN-DE	NY-S3; CT-S5; RI-S2B, SZN; MA-S4; VT-S1B,S5N MANEM Focal Species State SGCN-RI	MA-S4; NH-S5; ME-S5B, S5N; NB-S5B, S5N NS- S5B MANEM Focal Species	QC- S5; NB- S5B, S5N; PE-S4B; NS-S5B



Regional Occurrence

- Distribution: breeds and winters in region
- Habitats used: seacoasts, large inland bodies of water; nests on rocky coasts and islands; forages up to 100 km from colony, typically within 20km; forages on rocky shores, low intertidal and shallow subtidal, mudflats, and at sea around submarine features

NAWCP BD=3; NAWCP ND=2

Regional Abundance

- 1990s: US—72,418b (462 colonies); CAN—80,500b
- 1970s: US—34,636b (346 colonies)
- 109% increase in US population; increase in Canada

NAWCP PS=2; NAWCP PT=2

Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Human disturbance can cause interruption of incubation
- Collisions with aircraft near airports (has been necessary to shoot individuals in NY to prevent this problem)
- Oil contamination leads to reduced hatching success, esp. when plumage around brood patch is affected

NAWCP TB=2; NAWCP TN=2

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* 1.4 fledglings/nest/yr. *Conservation Actions:* Species is subject to population control, especially when located near airports; single nesting pair can exclude tern nesting colony. *Needs:* monitor, manage on site basis for conflicts with other nesting species and with public. *Population Goals:* maintain (below maximum) at 137,626-168,210b. *Habitat Goals:* Restore/protect breeding habitat in following priority complexes: VA-Barrier Is Group; NJ-Little Egg Harbor, Cape May Wetlands Group; RI-Misquamicut; MA-Gloucester, National Seashore, Nantucket; ME-Machias Bay, Muscongus Bay, Isles of Shoals Group; NB-Grand Manan Group; NS-Bird Is; PE-Little Courtin Is, Poverty Beach Group; QC-W St Lawrence. Protect non-breeding habitat of shelf waters of Northeast US Continental Shelf, Gulf of Maine, and Scotian Shelf. *Conservation Projects:* 3, 11, 12, 14, 18, 28, 29, 36, 39, 40, 45.