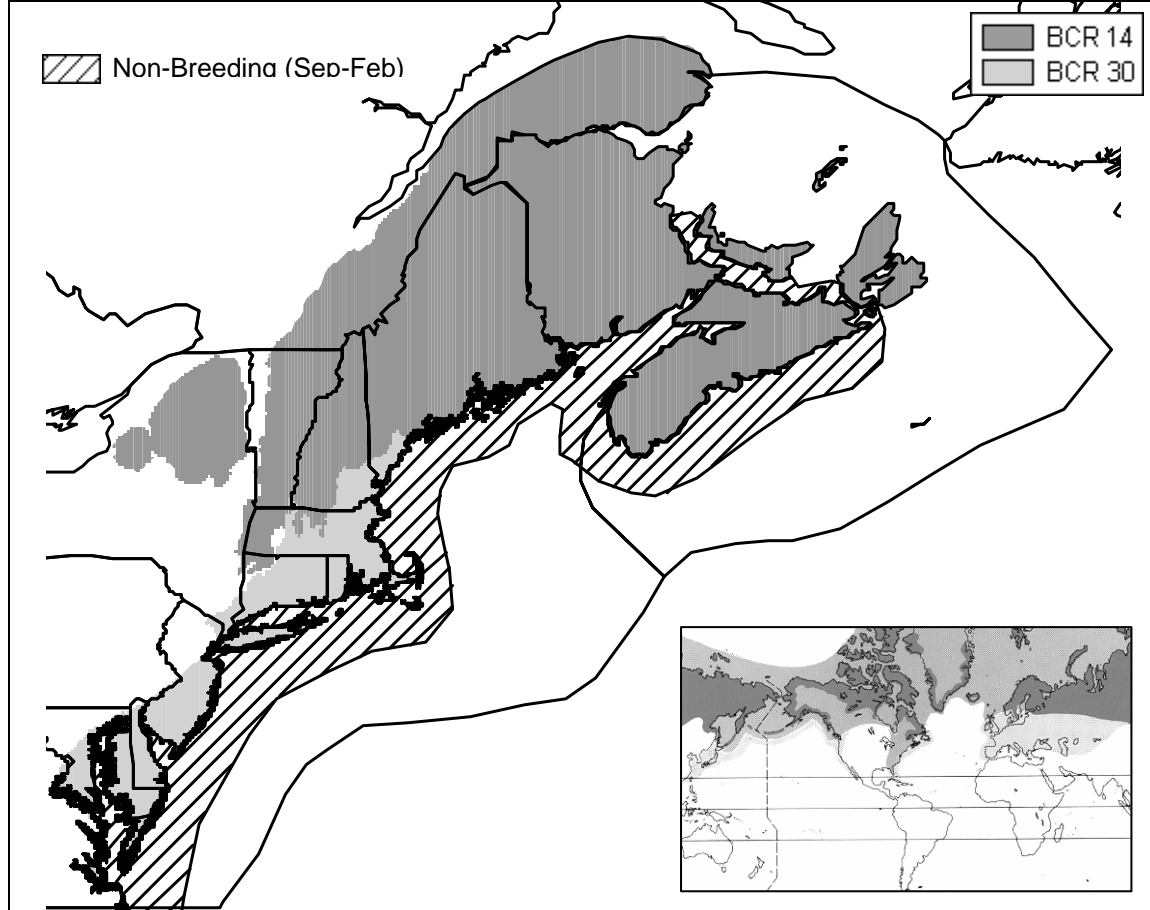


RED-THROATED LOON (*Gavia stellata*)

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
490,000 – 1,500,000t	375,000t (25-77% global)	?nb (? % NA)	?nb (? % NA)	?nb (20 % MANEM)	?nb (20 % MANEM)	?nb (20 % MANEM)	?nb (40 % MANEM)
IUCN- Least Concern	NAWCP- High Concern	High Concern	High Concern	NJ-S4N; DE-SZN; MD-S3S4N; VA-SN MANEM Focal Species State SGCN-DE,MD	NY-S2N; CT-SZN; RI- SZN; MA-SN; VT-S2N MANEM Focal Species State SGCN-NY,CT	MA-SN; NH-SZN; ME- S2S3N; NB-S4M, S3N; NS- S4M MANEM Focal Species	QC-S4; NB-S4M, S3N; PE-SZN; NS- S3M MANEM Focal Species



Regional Occurrence

- Distribution: winters in region
- Habitats used: bays, seacoast, estuaries and inner continental shelf waters to >40 m (non-breeding); marine feeding close to shore during windy, rough conditions, farther offshore when calm

NAWCP BD=2; NAWCP ND=3

Regional Abundance

- Current population size: 70,000-100,000nb
- Historical population size: unknown
- % change in regional population: unknown

NAWCP PS=3; NAWCP PT=4

Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Vulnerable to oil pollution and chemical contamination due to position in food chain; oil spills threaten wintering and migrating populations
- Fishing nets
- Possible impact with wind turbines
- Impact/collision with wires and other stationary structures

NAWCP TB=4; NAWCP TN=5

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* unknown. *Conservation Actions:* none known. *Needs:* discriminate between migratory and wintering populations, identify key wintering and migratory stopover areas, monitor, develop protocols, manage fisheries interactions. *Population Goals:* monitor. *Habitat Goals:* Restore/protect nearshore shelf waters of Northeast US Continental Shelf, Gulf of Maine, and Scotian Shelf. *Conservation Projects:* 27, 28, 29, 39, 61, 92.