

75. LOON CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT IN ALASKA

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Although Alaska has large populations of loons in undeveloped areas of the state, declines in loon populations in other U. S. states have led to concern about loons in developed areas of Alaska. Since 1985, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has coordinated surveys on lakes in southcentral Alaska, where more than half of the human population resides. The data collected from more than 200 different lakes indicate that reproductive rates of loons are generally comparable or favorable to other areas of stable loon populations. However, loss of breeding lakes has occurred, and management action has been taken to reduce human disturbance and to protect nesting habitat. Volunteers involved in collecting data and reducing disturbance and habitat loss have been essential to the success of this effort.

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