

Heritage Ranking Form - State Rank

Scientific Name: *Branta hutchinsii leucopareia*

Common Name: Aleutian Canada Goose

Classification: Vertebrate Animal

Heritage Rank: **S3N**

Rank Date: 2/16/2016

Comments: Rank based on increasing Oregon population and protection of habitat along the Oregon Coast.

Range Extent: E = 5,000-20,000 sq km (~2,000-8,000 sq mi)

Comments: Birds winter and stage along the Oregon Coast

Population Size: BC = 50 - 1000 individuals

Comments: USFWS estimated 2015 total population at 189,000. The Oregon wintering population is only a fraction of this. Pacific Flyway Council (2006) estimated about 250 western Aleutian geese in Oregon in 2004. Large numbers of Aleutian geese make migratory stops along the south OR coast.

Number of Occurrences: 0

Comments: None

Area of Occupancy:

Comments: In Oregon, Semidi Island birds winter near Nestucca Bay (this is a small population), but a large number (5,000-15,000) of migrant birds also stage along the south Oregon Coast on their way to and from CA.

Good Viability: Not Evaluated

Comments: None

Environmental Sensitivity: Not Evaluated

Comments: None

Short Term Trends: H = Increase of 10 - 25%

Comments: Population has increased an average of 7% annually since 2006 (USFWS 2015) and exceeds USFWS population goal of 40,000.

Long Term Trends: I = Increase of >25%

Comments: Population has increased by an order of magnitude from 1996 estimates.

Threat Impact: C = Medium

Comments: Habitat conversion, accidental take by hunters. On the breeding grounds, the Semidi population has low productivity.

Intrinsic Vulnerability: Not Evaluated

Comments: None

Rank Notes: Calculator Rank (unrevised)=S3. Rank based on increasing Oregon population and protection of habitat along the Oregon Coast.

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