

HARLEQUIN DUCK MANAGEMENT ISSUES AND CONCERNS

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Population

- Population is limited in size and distribution.
- Harlequin Duck wintering habitat is restricted to traditionally used rocky shorelines or exposed outcroppings that are consistently ice-free. These marine habitats are vulnerable to contamination by pollutants (e.g. oil) and disturbance by humans.
- Additional risks to the population include illegal hunting, commercial fishing, and rockweed harvesting.

Outreach

- Need for outreach, in part because of accidental take (mistaking hen Harlequin Ducks for hen scoters).