

**Red-necked Phalarope***Phalaropus lobatus*

Class: Aves

Order: Charadriiformes

**Conservation Status***Heritage**Agency*

G Rank: G4G5

USFWS/NOAA:

BLM:

AA:

S Rank: S4S5B

SOA: Species of Greatest Conservation Need

USFS:

IUCN: Least Concern

**Final Rank**Conservation category: **V. Orange**

V = unknown status and either high biological vulnerability or high action need

<u>Category</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Score</u>
Status:	-20 to 20	0
Biological:	-50 to 50	-44
Action:	-40 to 40	4

**Higher numerical scores denote greater concern**

**Status** - variables measure the trend in a taxon's population status or distribution. Higher status scores denote taxa with known declining trends. Status scores range from -20 (increasing) to 20 (decreasing).

**Score***Population Trend (-10 to 10)*

0

Increased nesting densities on long-term plots since 1981 near Prudhoe Bay (Troy 1996). Declines in eastern North America (Rubega et al 2000). Numbers in some parts of arctic range have declined (Morrison et al. 2001). Possibly declining (Morrison et al. 2006).

*Distribution Trend (-10 to 10)*

0

Unknown.

Status Total:

0

**Biological** - variables measure aspects of a taxon's distribution, abundance and life history. Higher biological scores suggest greater vulnerability to extirpation. Biological scores range from -50 (least vulnerable) to 50 (most vulnerable).

**Score***Population Size (-10 to 10)*

-10

State population ~92,900 based on fall counts and a partial count of 670,500 based on number of birds from 4 sites between northern and western Alaska during the breeding season (Gill et al. 1999).

*Range Size (-10 to 10)*

-10

Breeds in southern and western Alaska from the Copper River Delta and Prince William Sound (Isleib and Kessel 1973) to Alaska Peninsula and the Aleutian Islands north along the Bering Sea, Chukchi coasts (Cramp and Simmons 1983, Hayman et al. 1986), and Beaufort Seas. Breeds inland along a band that roughly follows the Yukon River to the Canadian border (Campbell et al. 1990). >400,000 km<sup>2</sup>.

*Population Concentration (-10 to 10)*

-10

Does not concentrate.

*Reproductive Potential*Age of First Reproduction (-5 to 5)

-5

1st year (Hilden and Vuolanto 1972, Reynolds 1987, Schamel and Tracy 1991).

Number of Young (-5 to 5)

1

Typically 4 eggs (Rubega et al. 2000).

### *Ecological Specialization*

#### Dietary (-5 to 5)

-5

Small aquatic invertebrates (Hohn 1968).

#### Habitat (-5 to 5)

-5

Breeds in tundra or tundra-forest transition areas near freshwater lakes, pools, bogs, and marshes, streams, or on marine or riverine islands with freshwater (Hilden and Vuolanto 1972, Reynolds 1987). Found in heath covered slopes above willow-alder zone on Y-K Delta (Cramp and Simmons 1983); water, low relief, high percentage of grass, and low percentage of shrubs near Prudhoe Bay (Rodrigues 1994). During migration, occurs in inshore and offshore marine waters, tidal ponds, sloughs, lakes, and ponds (Armstrong 1995).

Biological Total: -44

**Action** - variables measure current state of knowledge or extent of conservation efforts directed toward a given taxon. Higher action scores denote greater information needs due of lack of knowledge or conservation action. Action scores range from -40 (lower needs) to 40 (greater needs).

**Score**

#### *Management Needs (-10 to 10)*

2

Protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA 1918).

#### *Monitoring Needs (-10 to 10)*

2

Monitored locally (i.e. long-term plots near Prudhoe Bay (Troy 1996)).

#### *Research Needs (-10 to 10)*

10

Oil and gas development potential threat (Rubega et al. 2000). Introduced species, including fox and rats are a concern (ADFG 2005a).

#### *Survey Needs (-10 to 10)*

-10

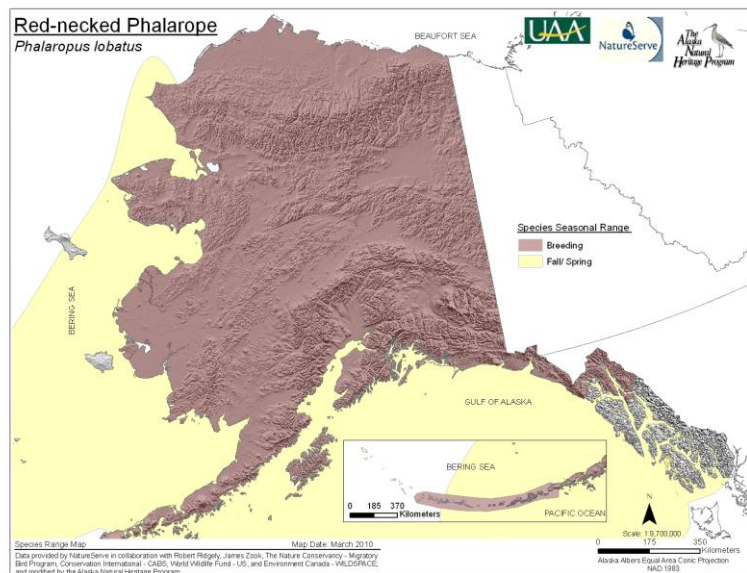
Individuals were radio-equipped on the Arctic Coastal Plain and telemetry was conducted from aircraft to post-breeding assess abundance and distribution (Taylor et al. 2008). Distribution has also been successfully captured by general shorebird surveys looking at the postbreeding distribution across the entire Arctic Coastal Plain ending in 2006 using aerial surveys (Taylor et al. 2008), post-breeding use of coastal habitats initiated in 2005 using ground-based and aerial surveys on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (Kendall et al. 2008), a broad-scale montane and alpine nesting bird inventory in the Arctic and Southwest Alaska Networks starting in 2001 where this species was detected (Tibbitts et al. 2006, Ruthrauff et al. 2007), surveys in Teshekpuk Lake Special Area and the National Petroleum Reserve (Lancot et al. 2008b), on the west coast of Alaska during spring and fall migration (Gill et al. 2008a), and an inventory of birds inhabiting lowlands of the Alaska Peninsula ending in 2007 (Savage and Tibbitts 2008). ALMS has also been successful at detecting this species in a number of locations across Alaska (USGS 2008a). Implementation of PRISM statewide also has the potential to improve knowledge of distribution.

Action Total: 4

**Supplemental Information** - variables do not receive numerical scores. Instead, they that are used to sort taxa to answer specific biological or managerial questions.

<b>Harvest:</b>	Substantial, regulations
<b>Seasonal Occurrence:</b>	Breeding
<b>Taxonomic Significance:</b>	Monotypic species
<b>% Global Range in Alaska:</b>	>10%
<b>% Global Population in Alaska:</b>	<25%
<b>Peripheral:</b>	No

### **Range Map**



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