

Table C-2. Estimated Number of Adult California Gulls Nesting at Mono Lake between 1950 and 1975

| Date of Visit       | Lake Elevation (feet) (USGS Datum) | Mono Lake Total | Negit Island | Paoha Island | Negit Islets | Paoha Islets | Comments  | Source                                     |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|--|
| 1950-1951           | 6,411-6,409                        | 1,500           | 1,500        | 0            | ?            | NA           | Rough estimate; colony reported from a small area on the southeast side of Negit Island     | Young 1952                                 |
| June 18-19, 1952    | 6,408                              | 5,000-10,000    | P            | ?            | ?            | NA           | Rough estimate; no systematic counts made   | D. W. Johnston <sup>a</sup>                |
| May 16 and 29, 1953 | 6,409                              | 3,000-6,000     | P            | ?            | ?            | NA           | Rough estimate; no systematic counts made   | D. W. Johnston <sup>a</sup>                |
| 1952-1953           | 6,408-6,409                        | 3,000-5,000+    | P            | ?            | ?            | NA           | Rough estimate; no systematic counts made   | Johnston 1956                              |
| 1958-1967           | 6,401-6,387                        | Large colony    | P            | ?            | ?            | NA           |   | D. Banta and D. Mason <sup>a</sup>         |
| 1959, 1961-1963     | 6,401                              | ?               | P            | ?            | ?            | NA           | Banded 4,825 chicks on Negit Island   | Gallup 1963, USFWS Bird Banding Laboratory |
| June 8, 1963        | 6,394                              | ?               | ?            | ?            | P            | NA           | No population estimates made  | R. Quigley <sup>a</sup>                    |
| 1966                | 6,389                              | ?               | ?            | ?            | P            | NA           | No population estimates made  | H. Johnson and K. Lajoie <sup>a</sup>      |
| June 21, 1972       | 6,385.4                            | >10,000         | 1,200        | 0            | P            | 0            | Rough estimate; uncounted thousands around the lake   | Jurek 1972                                 |
| June 26, 1973       | 6,383.9                            | Thousands       | P            | 0            | P            | ?            |   | Anderson 1973                              |
| August 24, 1973     | 6,383.4                            | 42,500          | --           | --           | --           | --           | Aerial census of a postbreeding population of adults and young                              | Jurek 1973                                 |
| 1974                | 6,382                              | 20,000-30,000   | P            | ?            | ?            | ?            | Rough estimate made from shore miles from colony where most breeding birds were not visible | Stallcup and Greenberg 1974                |
| June 6, 1974        | 6,382.3                            | 20,000-30,000   | P            | ?            | P            | ?            | Rough estimate; did not estimate numbers on Negit Islets                                    | Mangan 1974                                |
| May 25, 1975        | 6,380.6                            | >3,000          | 0            | 0            | 0            | ?            | Rough estimate; gulls did not appear to be nesting on Negit Islets                          | Heindel 1975, Mangan 1975                  |

Notes: P = present but no population estimate available.  
 NA = not applicable. Paoha Islets submerged during this period.

<sup>a</sup> Cited by Winkler and Shuford (1988) but not reviewed by Jones & Stokes Associates biologists.