

Point Scale Used to Assign Impacts

Impact	Points	Description
Very Low	1	Significant shorter-term impacts (< 2 years) to smaller parts of Cook Inlet or low impacts to larger areas of the Inlet. Recovery of populations and ecosystems in less than 2 years.
Low	2	Significant shorter-term impacts (< 2 years) to a large part of Cook Inlet or moderate impacts to specific areas of the Inlet. Recovery of populations and ecosystems in less than 2 years.
Moderate	3	Moderate-term impacts (2 - 5 yrs) anticipated over smaller part of Cook Inlet or significant (high) impacts to specific areas of Inlet. Recovery of populations and ecosystems in 2 to 5 years.
High	4	Moderate-term impacts (2 - 5 yrs.) anticipated over large part of Cook Inlet or very significant (high) impacts to specific areas of Inlet. Recovery of populations and ecosystems in 2 - 5 years.
Very High	5	Long-term impacts (>5 yrs.) anticipated over large part of Cook Inlet and potentially in other areas of Alaskan waters and coastal areas and/or significant impacts to threatened species or species indicated for special management. Recovery of populations and ecosystems will take > 5 years and/or threatened or special-management species will be very significantly impacted at population level.