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A count of migrating loons is carried out in the mouth of Moroshechnaya River (56°50' N.L., 156°10' E.L.) from 3 May to 9 June 1990. Observations with the use of 12-fold binoculars were carried out in the daylight time. The belt of census was 2-3 km. In addition, from 13 May by means of 40-fold field telescope "Nikon" the special distant count was conducted. Observations were carried out 3-12 hours per day, mainly in the morning.

A total of 22.7 thousand loons of 4 species were recorded. First Yellow-billed Loons (*Gavia adamsii*) were recorded 11 May, a total of 450 specimens were counted during observation period (till 9 June). However 12 June during 3 morning hours another 50 Yellow-billed Loons were registered, that is evidence of continuation of the species migration. Concluding from the received data, in the spring along the north-west coast of Kamchatka supposedly several thousand Yellow-billed Loons migrate.