

# Agenda Item 14

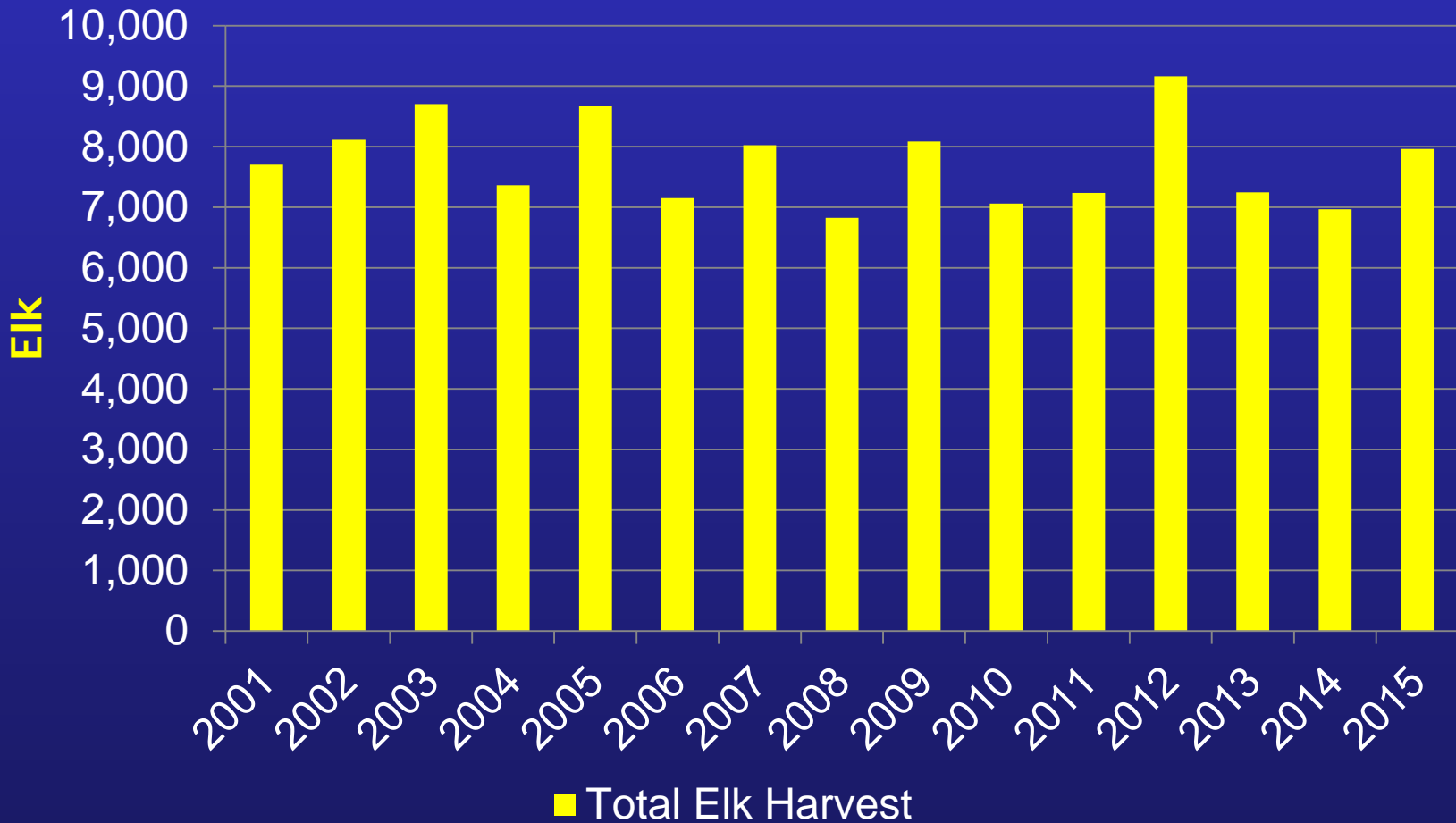
## **Elk General Seasons and Elk Special Permits**

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# Elk Harvest 2001 to 2015

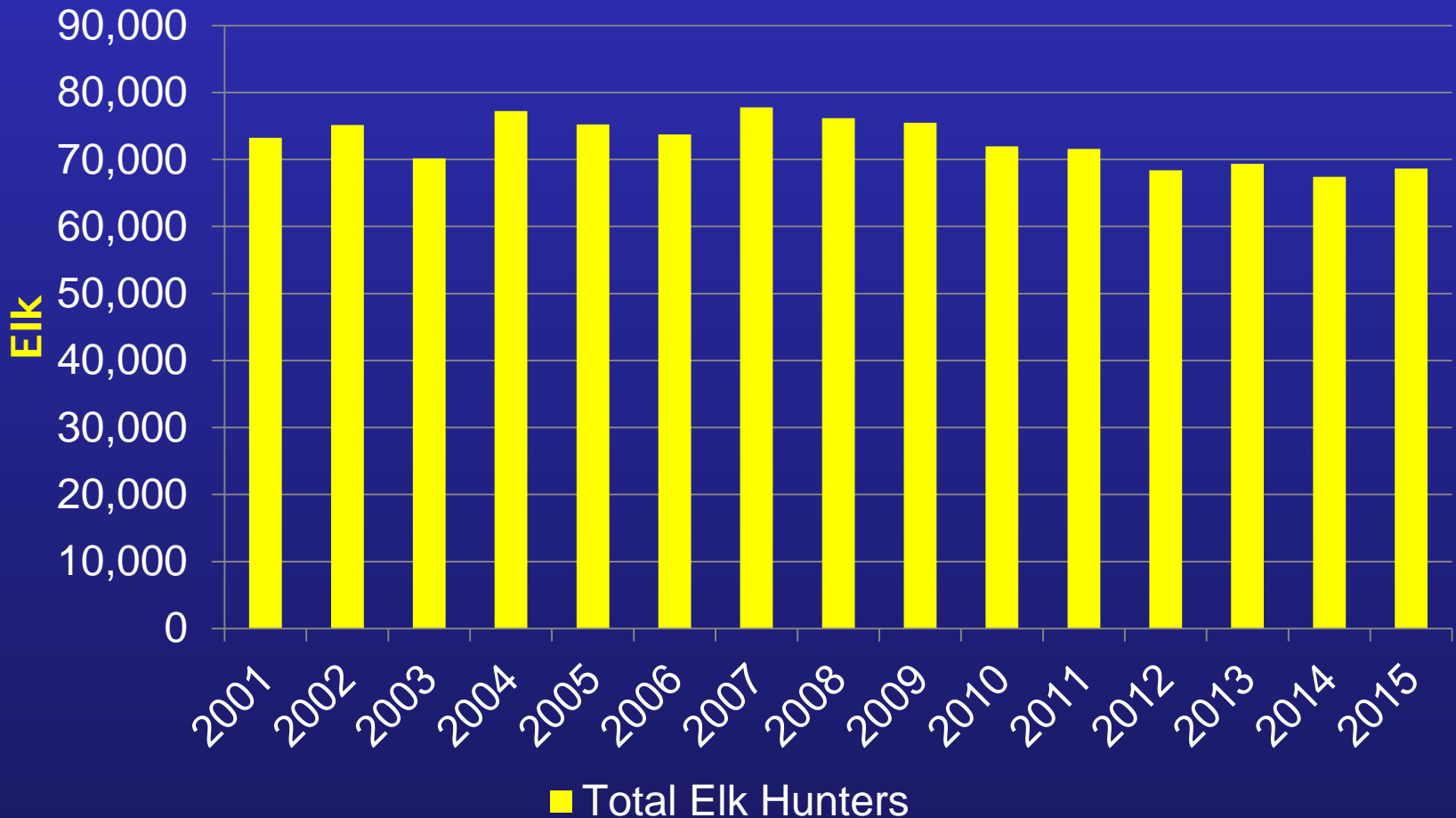
## General Season and Special Permit Combined



Overall 2015 Success rate 11.4%

# Elk Hunters 2001 to 2015

## General Season and Special Permit Combined



# Status of Elk Populations

Elk Herd	Status	Hunting Season
Yakima	Slightly Above Objective	Slight ↑ ↓ for Bull Permits; Shifting ↑ ↓ for Antlerless Special Permits
Colockum	Likely Above Objective; Surveys Pending	Increase in Bull Special Permits Antlerless Special Permits Assessed After surveys
Blue Mountains	At Objective	Slight ↑ ↓ on Bull Permits
Mount St. Helens	At Objective for Core	Slight ↑ ↓ on Bull Permits
Nooksack	Survey Data Pending	Status Quo Special Permits
Olympic	Harvest Data	Status Quo
Willapa Hills	Survey Data Pending	Status Quo
Selkirk	Harvest Data	Adjust General Season GMU 204
North Rainier	Harvest Data	Status Quo
South Rainier	Harvest Data	Status Quo

# Elk General Seasons

## WAC 232-28-358

- Second year of a 3-year package
- Minor changes being recommended
- Propose making the archery and muzzleloader seasons in GMU 204 the same as neighboring GMU 101
  - The change is consistent with the Selkirk Elk Herd Management Plan
  - Change addresses some concerns Regional staff heard from landowners in GMU 204



**Questions on WAC 232-28-358**

# Elk Special Permits

## WAC 232-28-360

- Quality and Bull permits adjusted using the special permit allocation formula
- Increase Colockum Quality permits for bulls
- Yakima antlerless permits adjusted by location but net change is nominal
- Colockum antlerless permits will be reassessed after surveys are completed



# Questions on WAC 232-28-360

