

Agenda Item 9

Deer General Seasons

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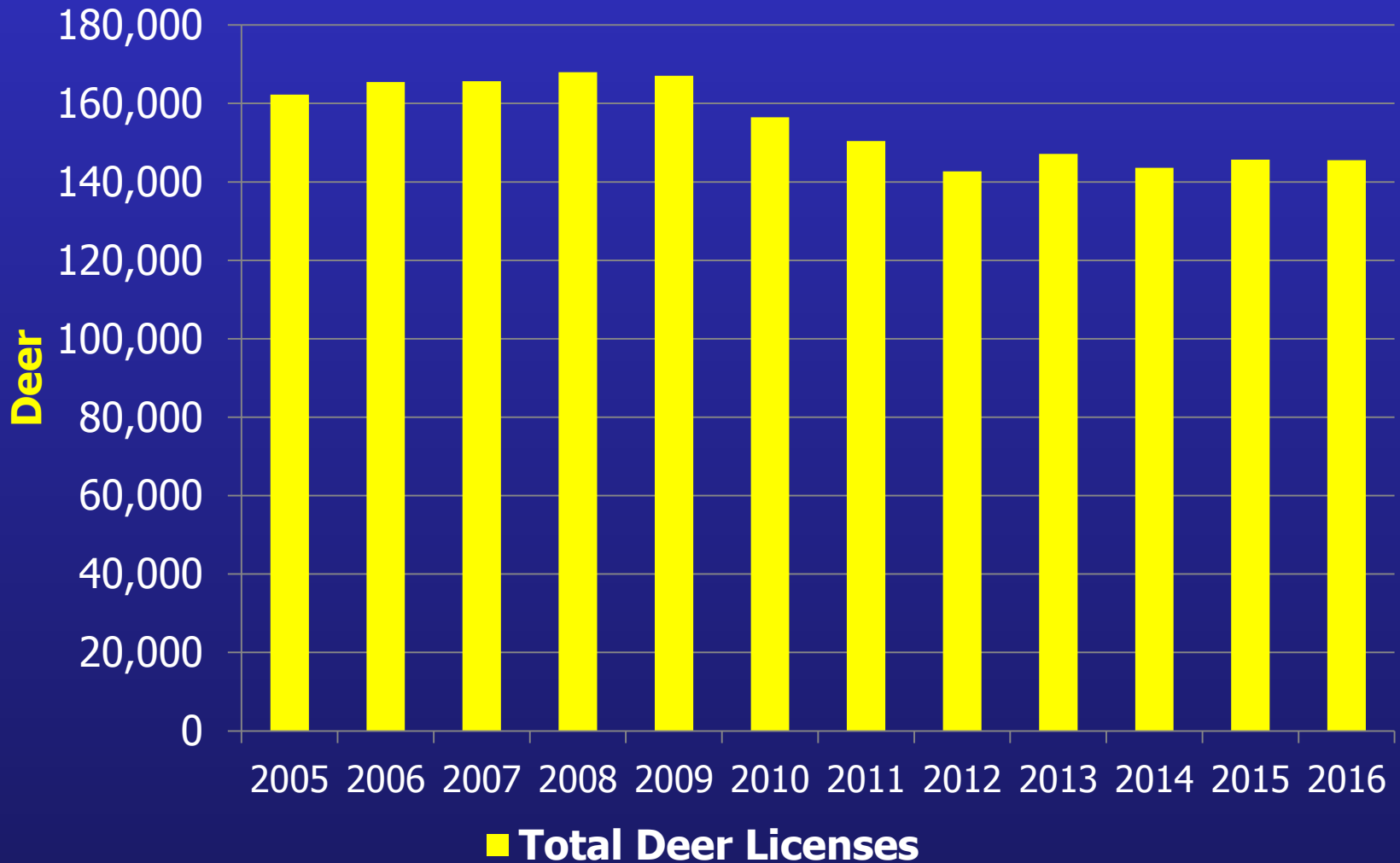


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Deer License Sales 2005 to 2016



Deer General Seasons

WAC 232-28-357

- Third year of a 3-year package
- No major changes proposed
- Propose restoring the late archery season in GMUs 204 and 209 to the 2015 structure
- Propose exceptions to GMU 382 general season to accommodate special permit season in Deer Area 5382

Deer General Seasons Continued

- White-tailed Deer in NE
 - Propose modifying the Y/S/D modern, antlerless season to include only Youth and Hunters with Disabilities.
 - Propose changing the late archery season from any deer to any buck.
 - Trying to address the diverse values from a variety of different stakeholders.

Direction and Rationale

- Maintain conservative season structure when necessary.
- Retain a hunting season structure that doesn't negatively impact deer populations.
- Entertain ideas for major changes in the next 3-year package cycle 2018-2020.

Questions on 232-28-357



Deer Special Permits

WAC 232-28-359

- Propose antlerless special permits to be adjusted down for mule deer
 - Okanogan
 - Chelan
- Quality special permits were adjusted through the special permit allocation process

Direction and Rationale

- Maintain conservative season structure when necessary.
- Reduce antlerless opportunity when appropriate.
- Retain a hunting season structure that doesn't negatively impact deer populations.
- Entertain ideas for major changes in the next 3-year package cycle 2018-2020.

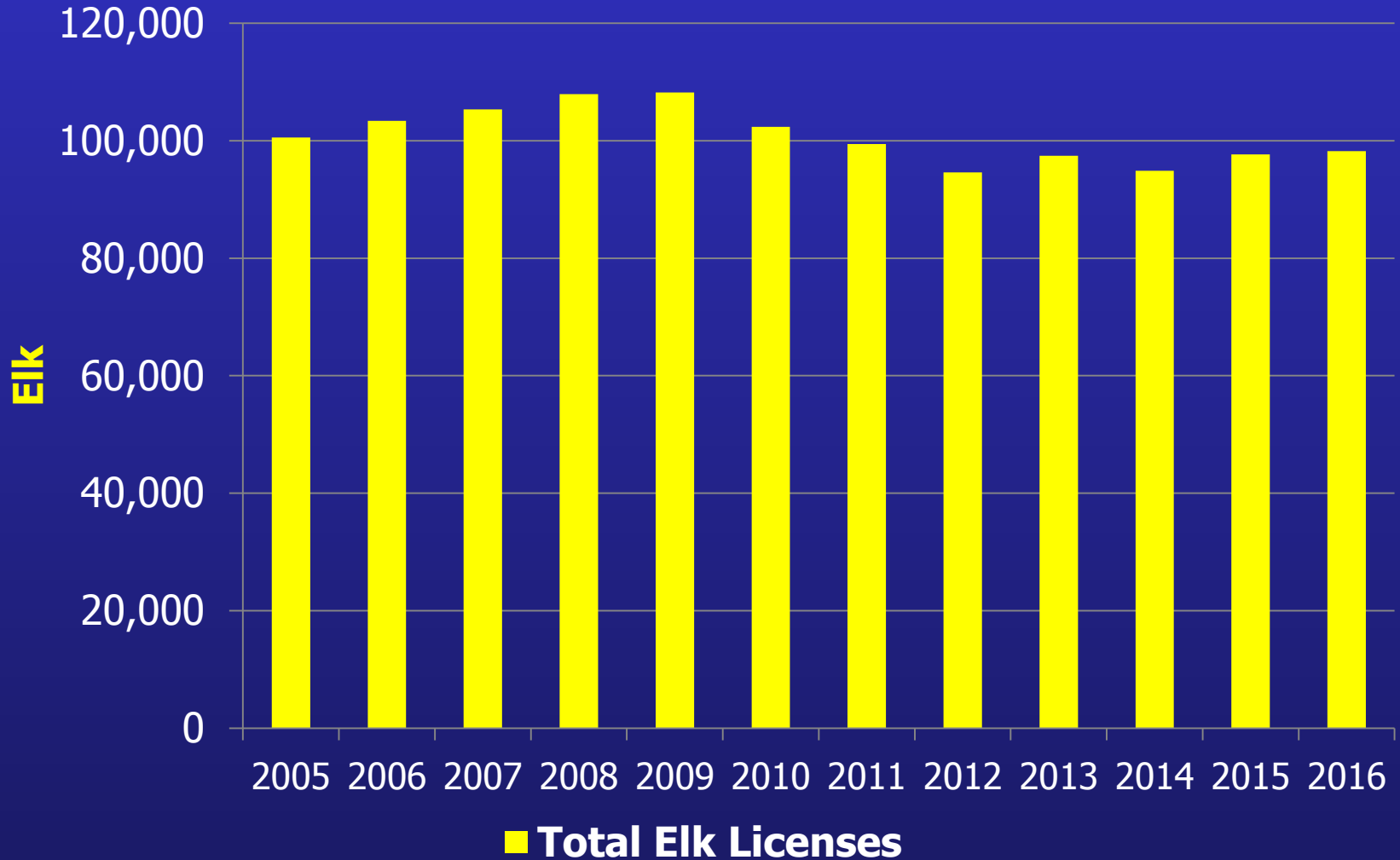
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Elk



Elk License Sales 2005 to 2016



Elk Special Permits

- Yakima herd
 - Below objective
 - Propose reduced antlerless special permits
- Colockum herd
 - At objective
 - Propose reduced antlerless special permits

Elk Special Permits Continued

- Mount St. Helens
 - Numbers are down
 - Propose reduced antlerless special permits
- Blue Mountains herd at objective
 - Propose slight reductions in antlerless permits
- Quality and Bull permits adjusted using the special permit allocation formula

Direction and Rationale

- Maintain conservative season structure when necessary.
- Reduce antlerless opportunity when appropriate.
- Retain a hunting season structure that doesn't negatively impact elk populations.
- Entertain ideas for major changes in the next 3-year package cycle 2018-2020.

Questions on WAC 232-28-360



Motion Language

I move to amend WACs 232-28-357;
232-28-359; and 232-28-360
as proposed.