

# WAC 220-415-020 and WAC 220-415-030

## Deer General Seasons and Deer Special Permits



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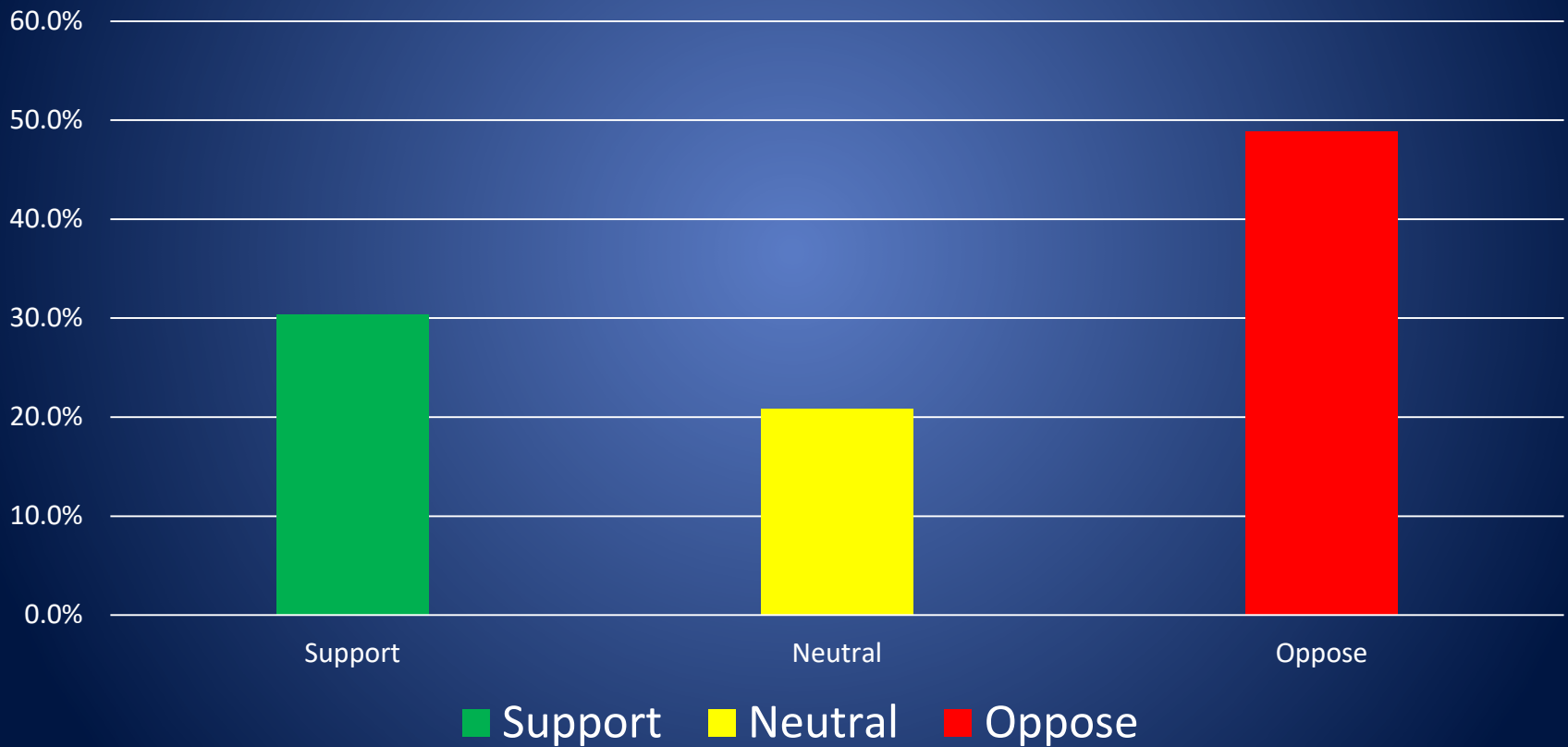
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# Deer Management Goals

- Maximize opportunity.
- Maintain general season opportunity whenever possible.
  - One of the highest values for Washington hunters.
- Avoid major perturbations of the deer populations.
- Keep populations in check – maintaining social tolerance and the habitat's ability to support deer.
- Maintain sustainable hunting season structures without negatively impacting the resource.

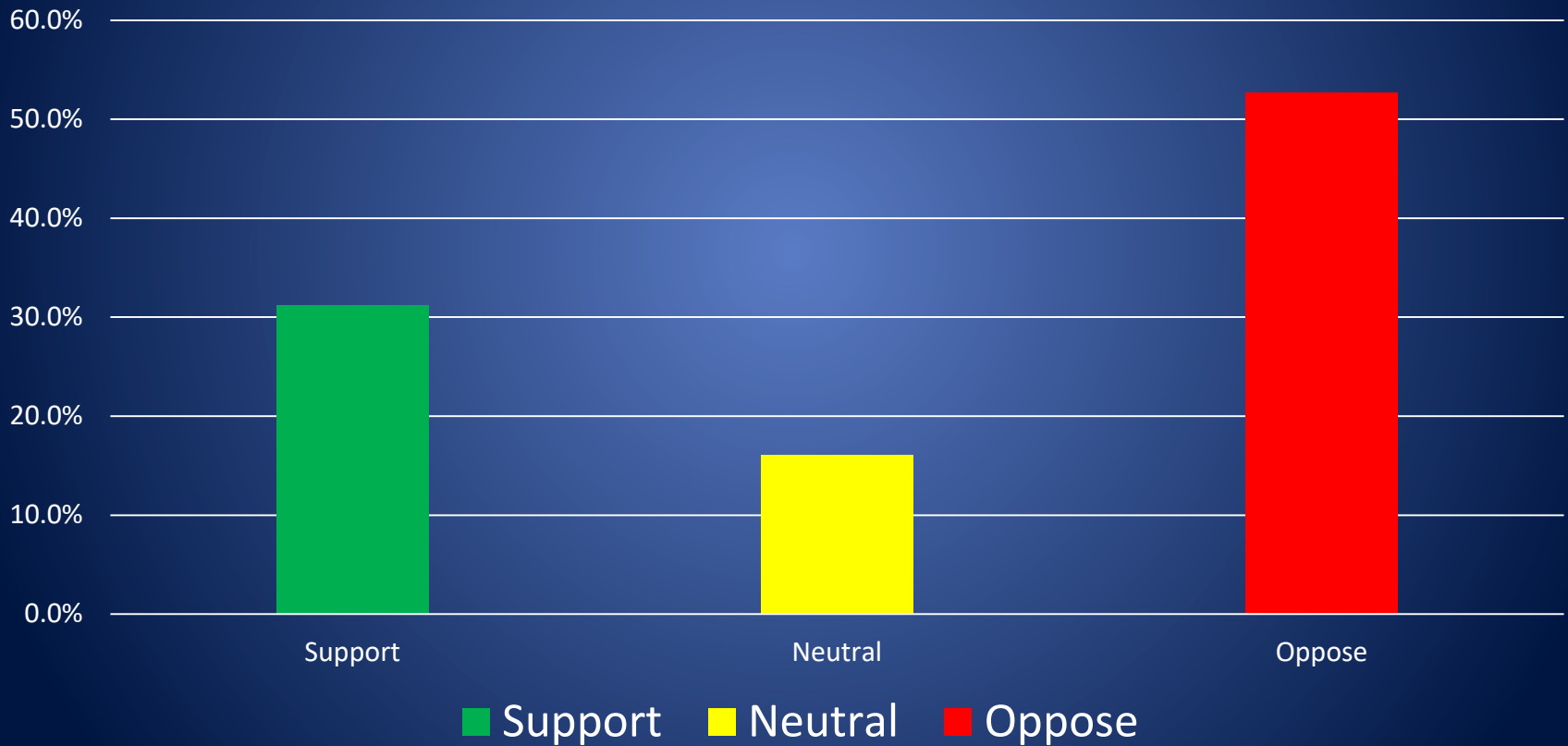
# Public Input Deer General Season

Percent Response (n=125)



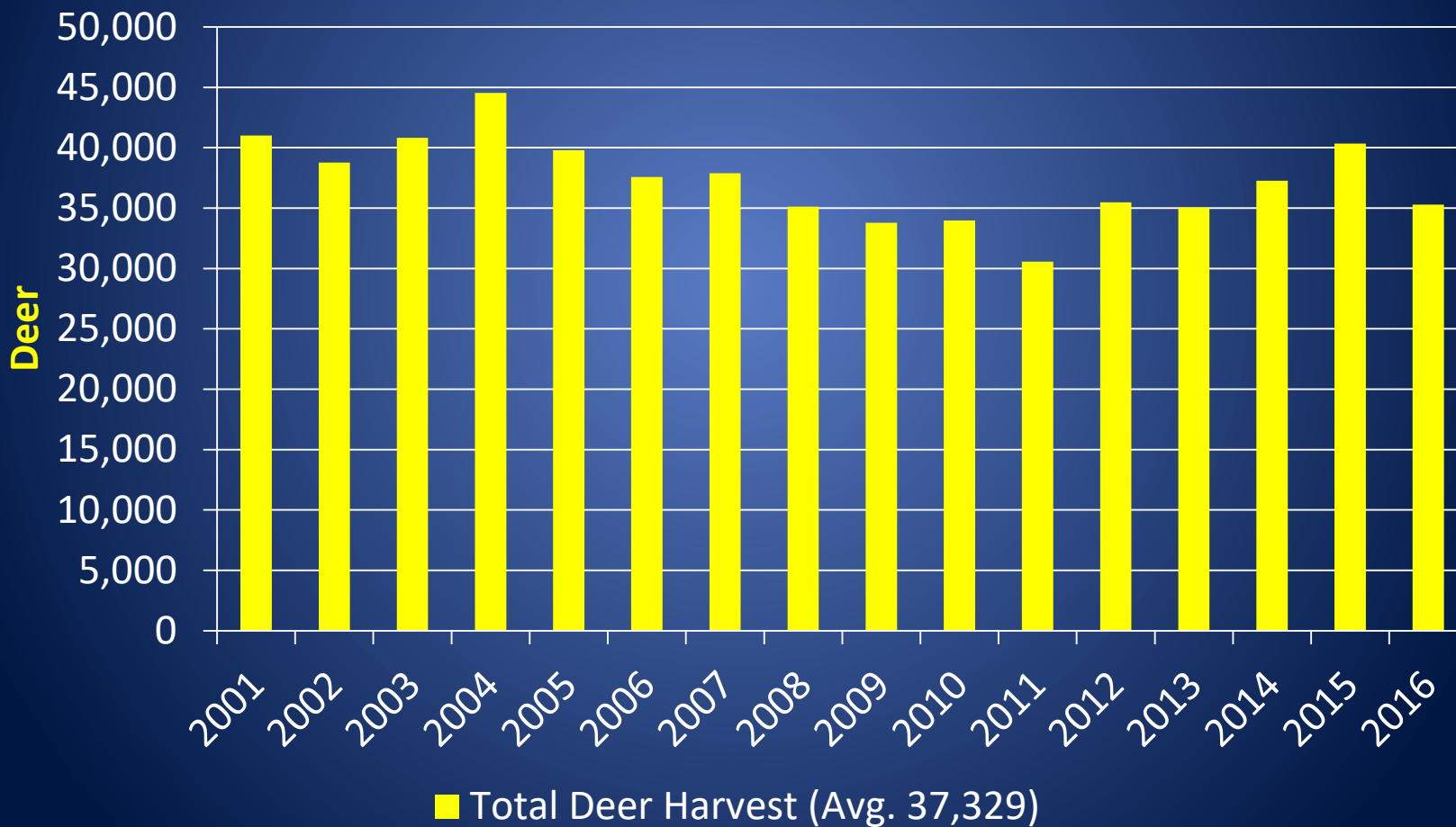
# Public Input Deer Special Permits

Percent Response (n=93)



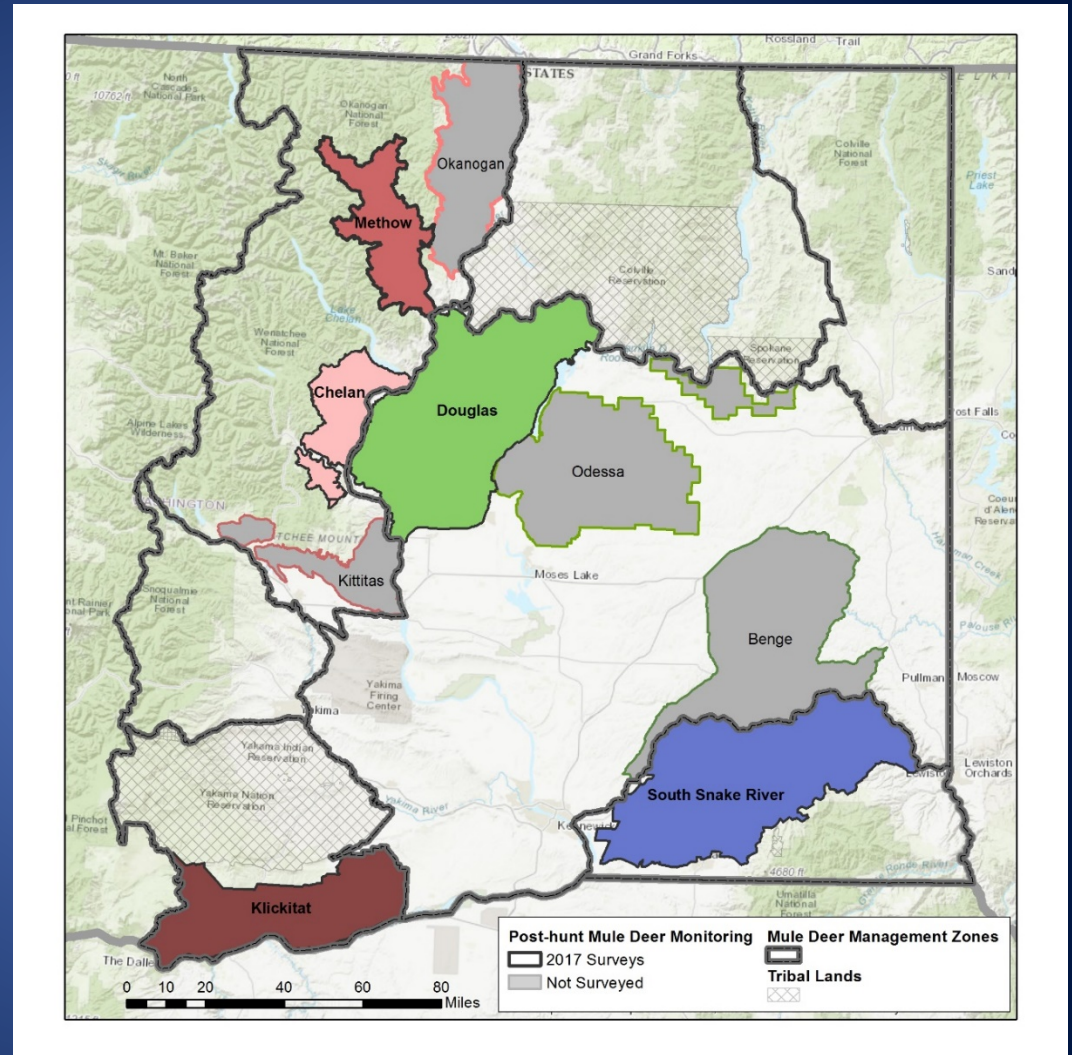
# Statewide Deer Harvest 2001 to 2017

## General Season and Special Permit Combined



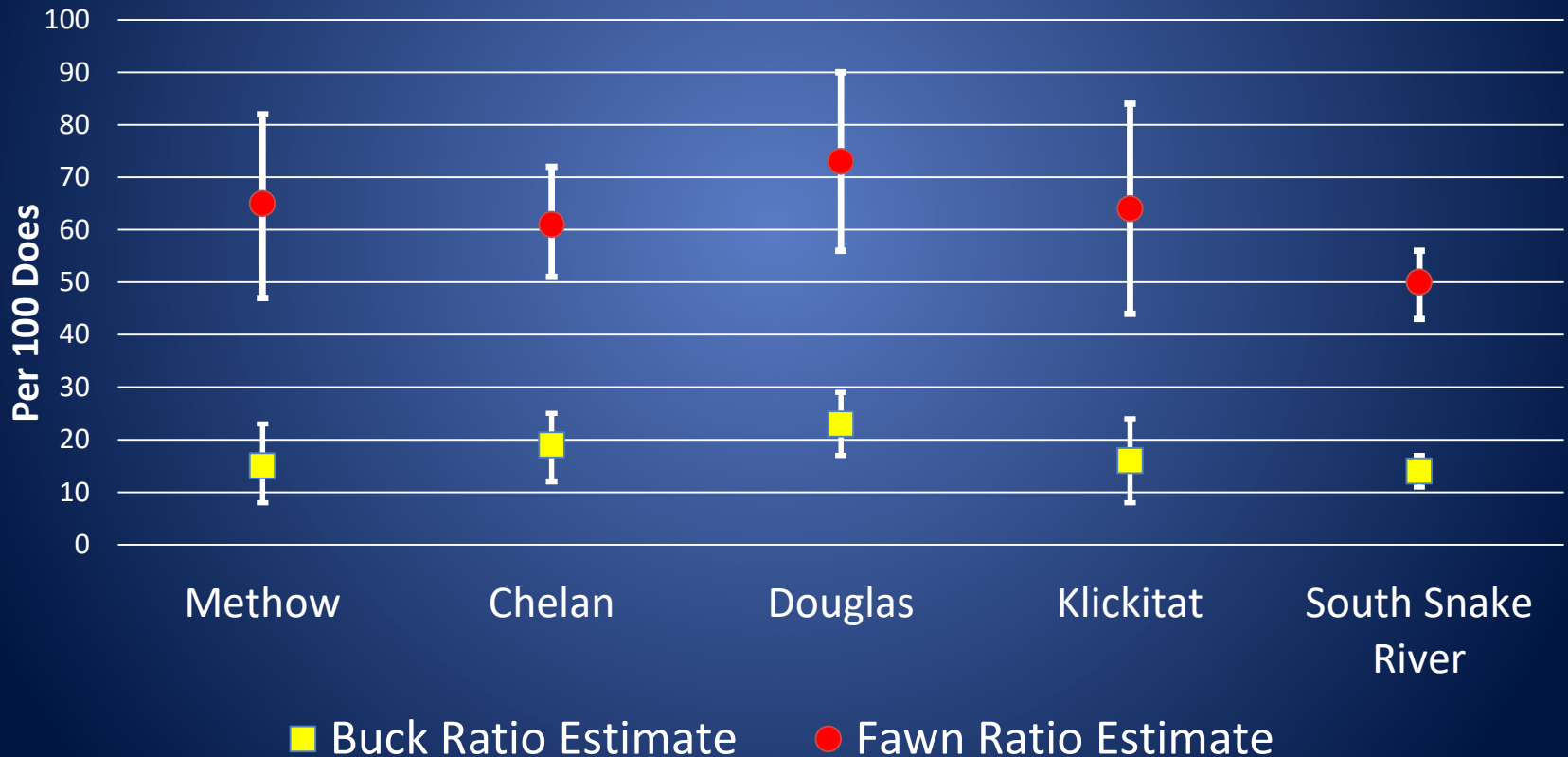
# Mule Deer Surveys

- Methow
- Chelan
- Douglas
- Klickitat
- South Snake River



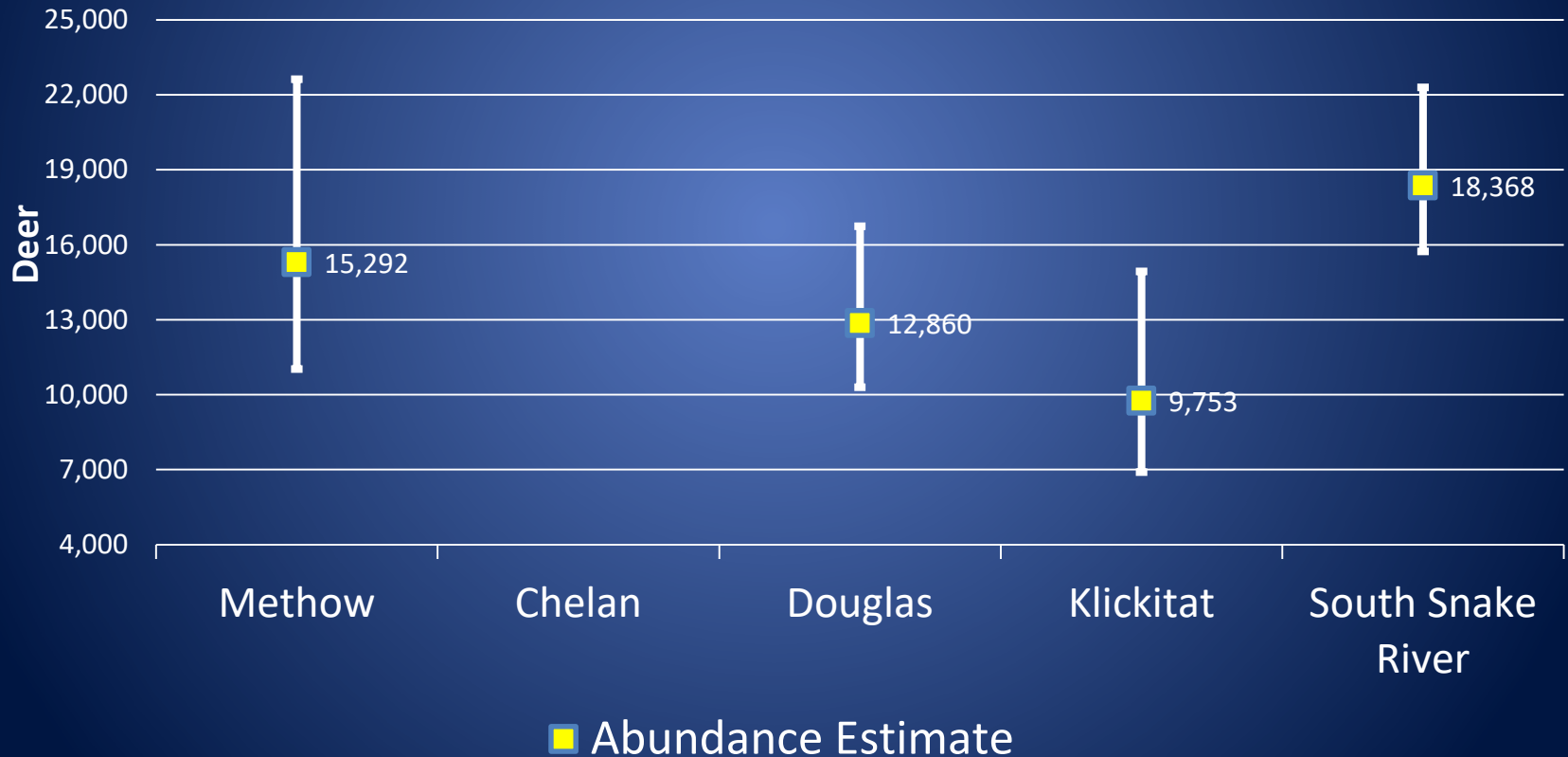
# Mule Deer Surveys

## Mule Deer Post-hunt Ratio Estimates 2017



# Mule Deer Surveys

## Mule Deer Post-hunt Abundance Estimates 2017





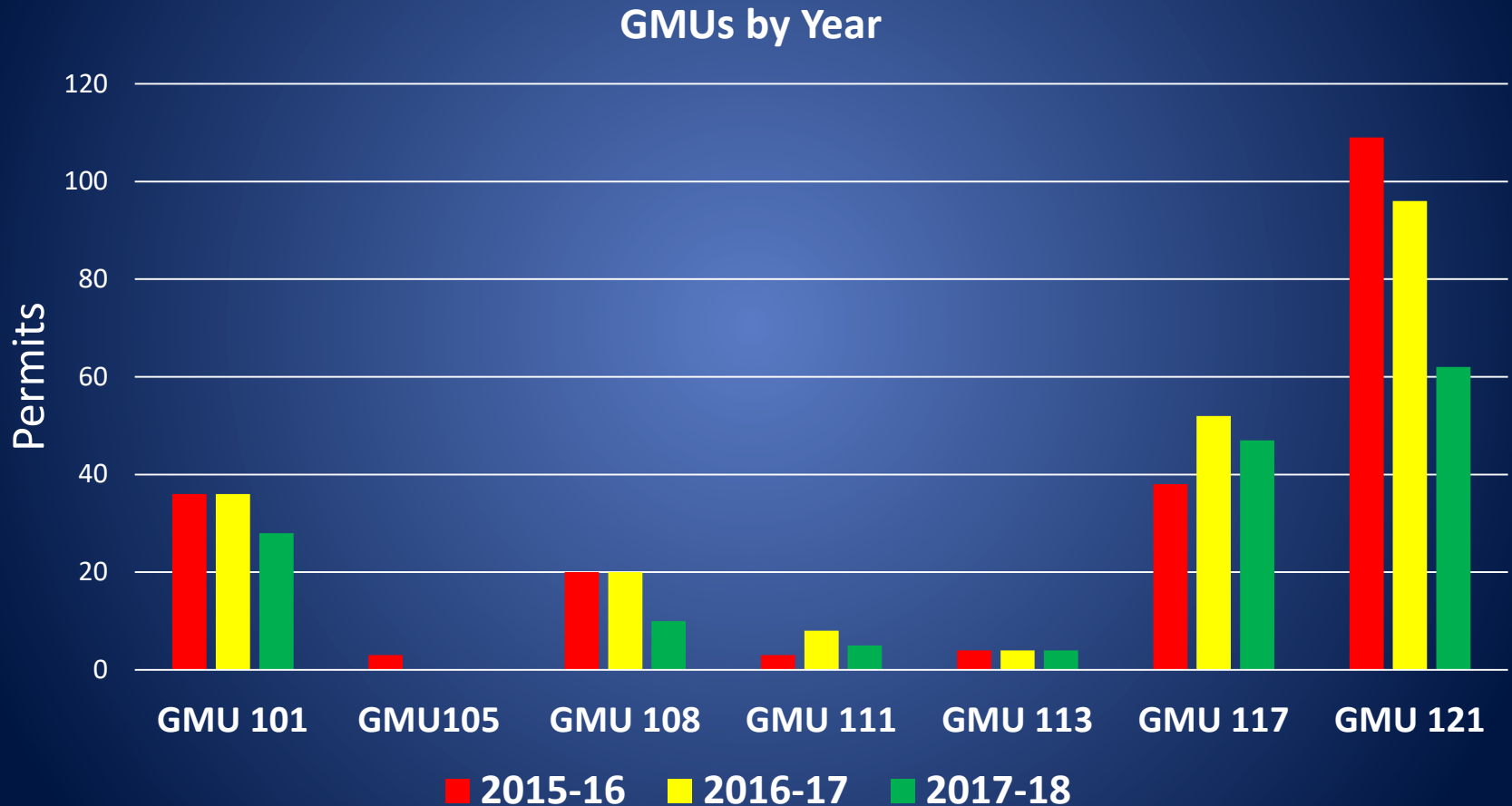
# Black-tailed Deer

- Reliant on harvest data and field observations to manage black-tailed deer.
- No major concerns being identified at this time for black-tailed deer.

# White-tailed Deer

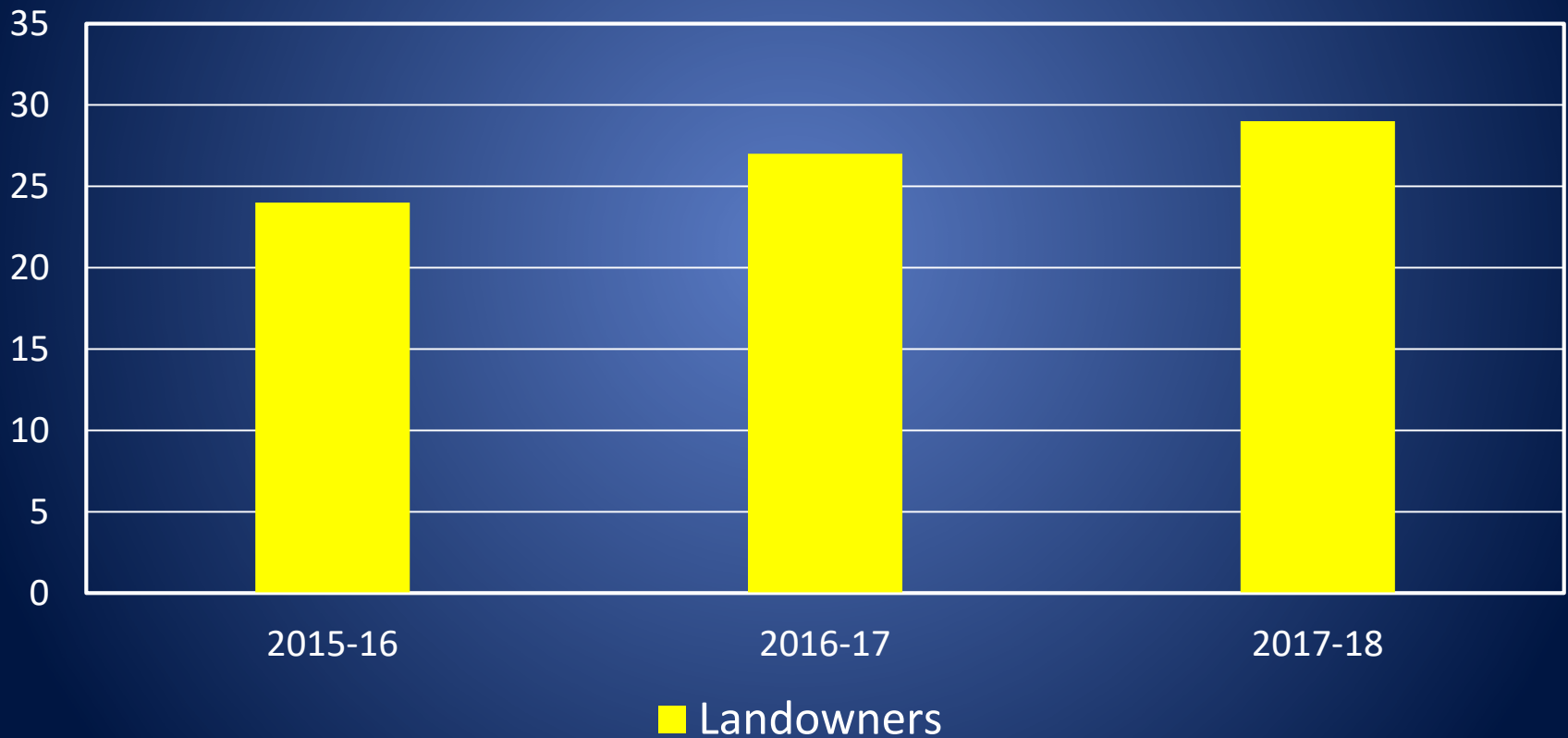
- Harvest data.
- Field reports.
- Some ancillary data collected during mule deer aerial surveys.
- Road surveys conducted in some Districts.
- Currently lacking a statistically sound technique to monitor white-tailed deer in forested habitats.

# Deer Damage Prevention Permits and Kill Permits: District 1



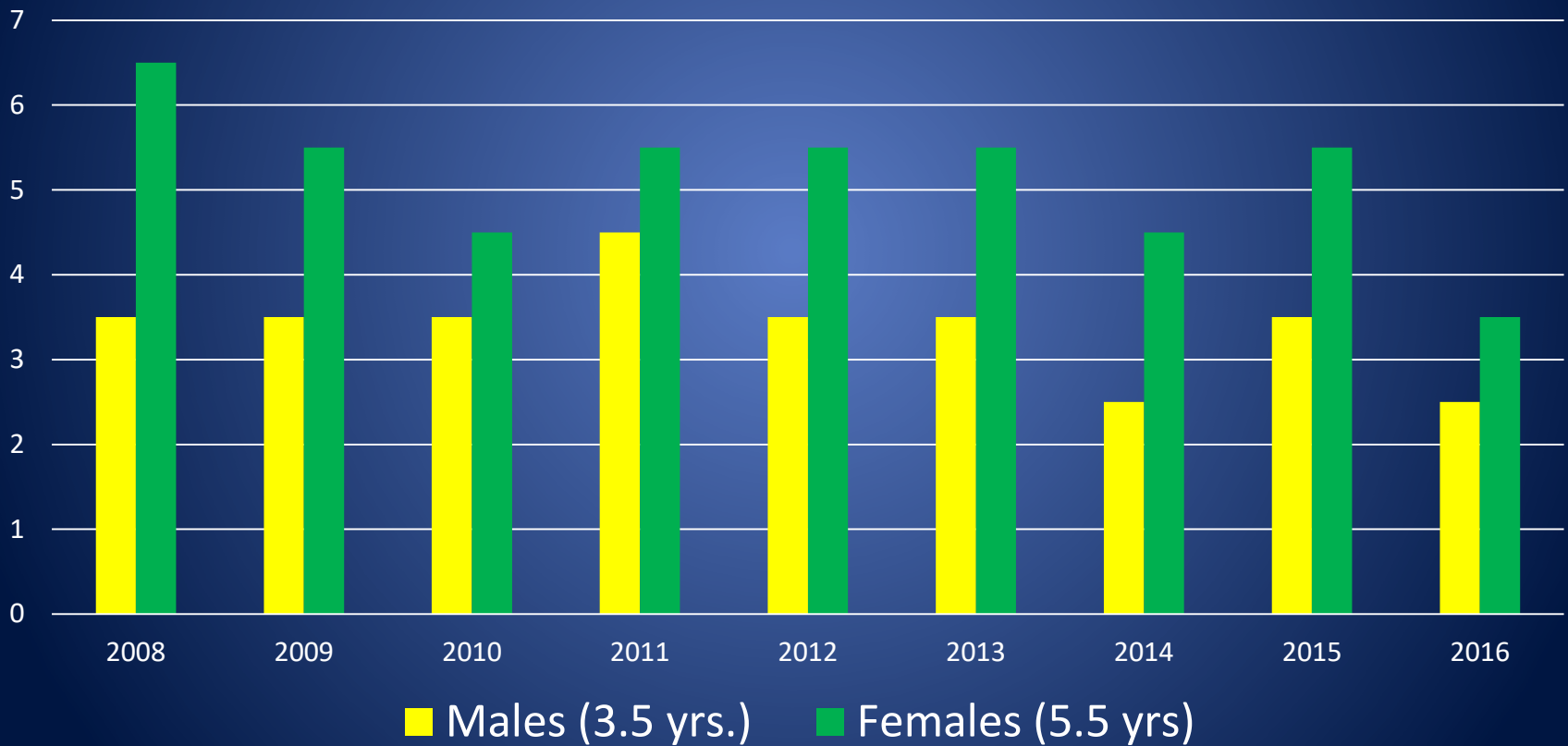
# Deer Conflict: District 1

## Landowners Issued Damage or Kill Permits by Year



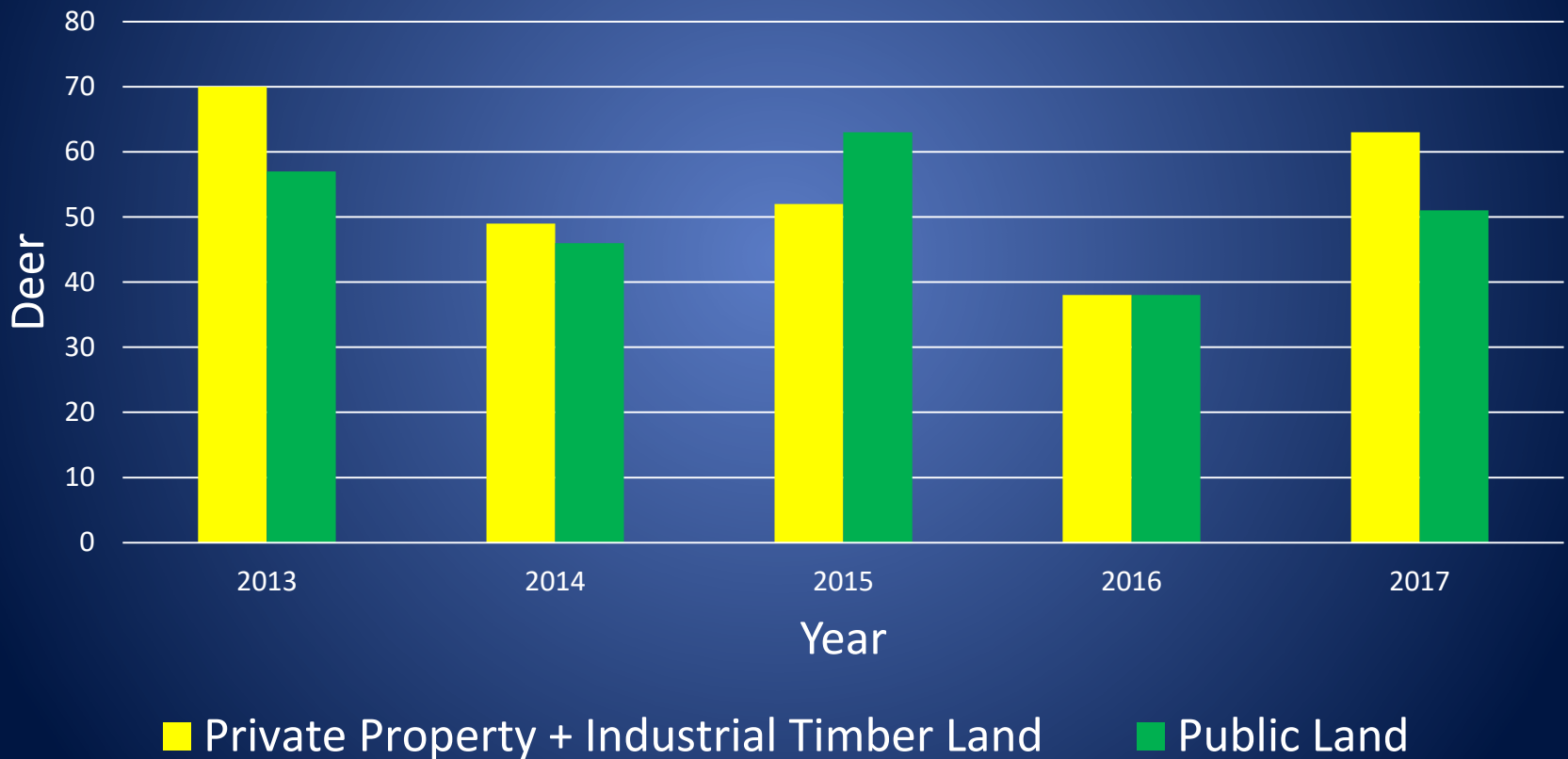
# White-tailed Deer Ages: District 1

## Average Age At Harvest



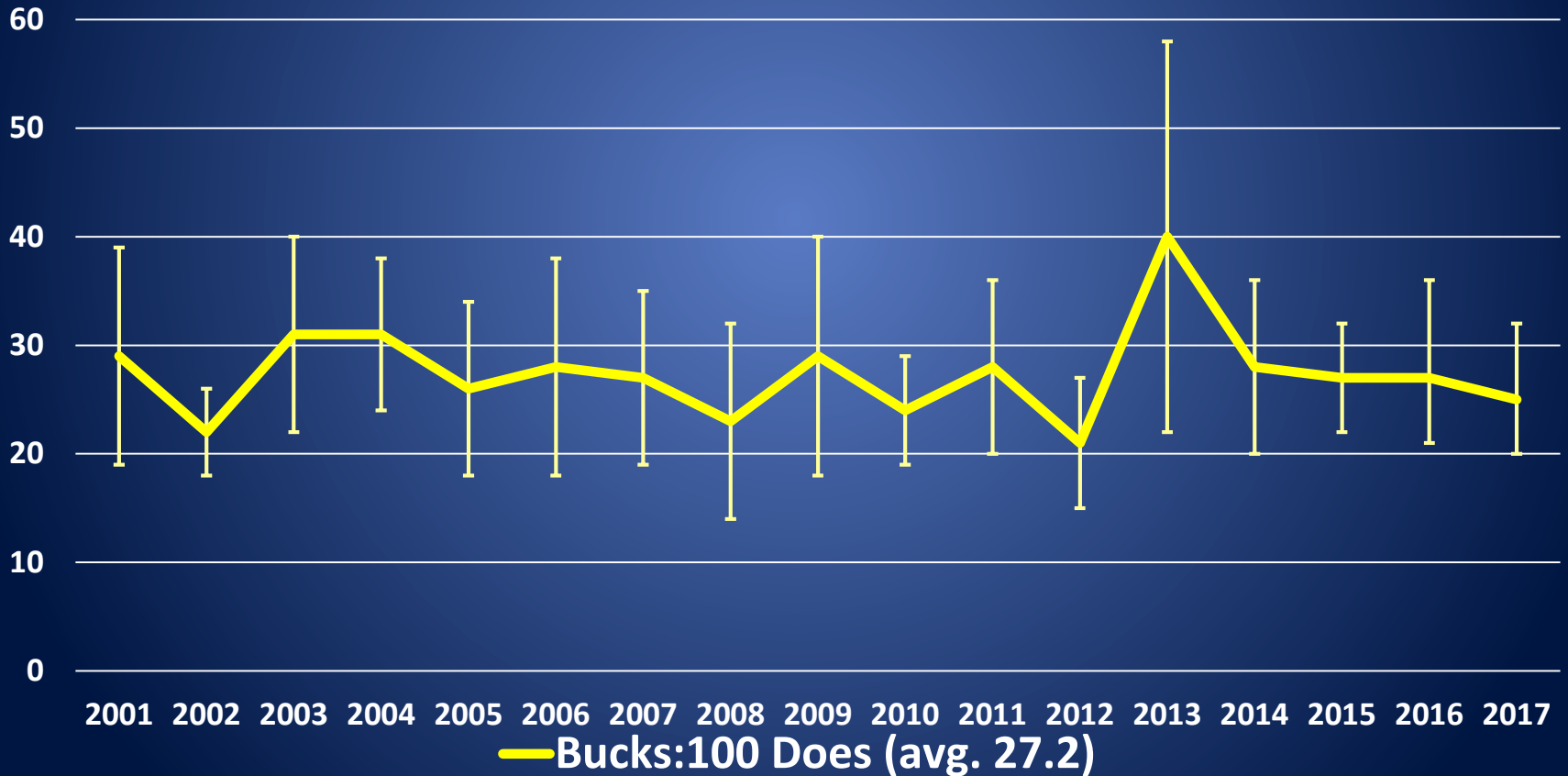
# All Deer from Check Station

## Location of Harvest



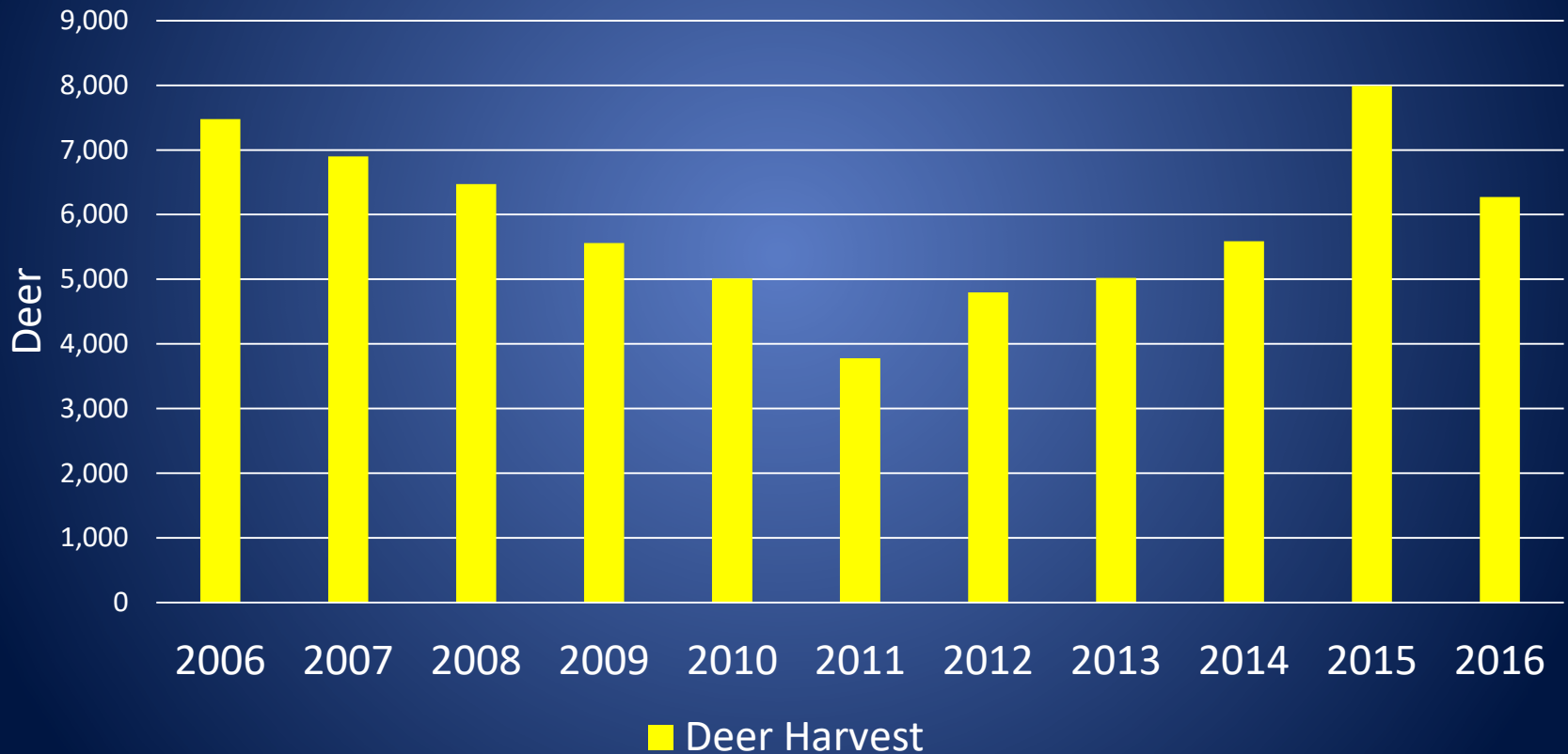
# White-tailed Deer Buck Ratios

GMUs 105-121



# Deer Harvest: District 1

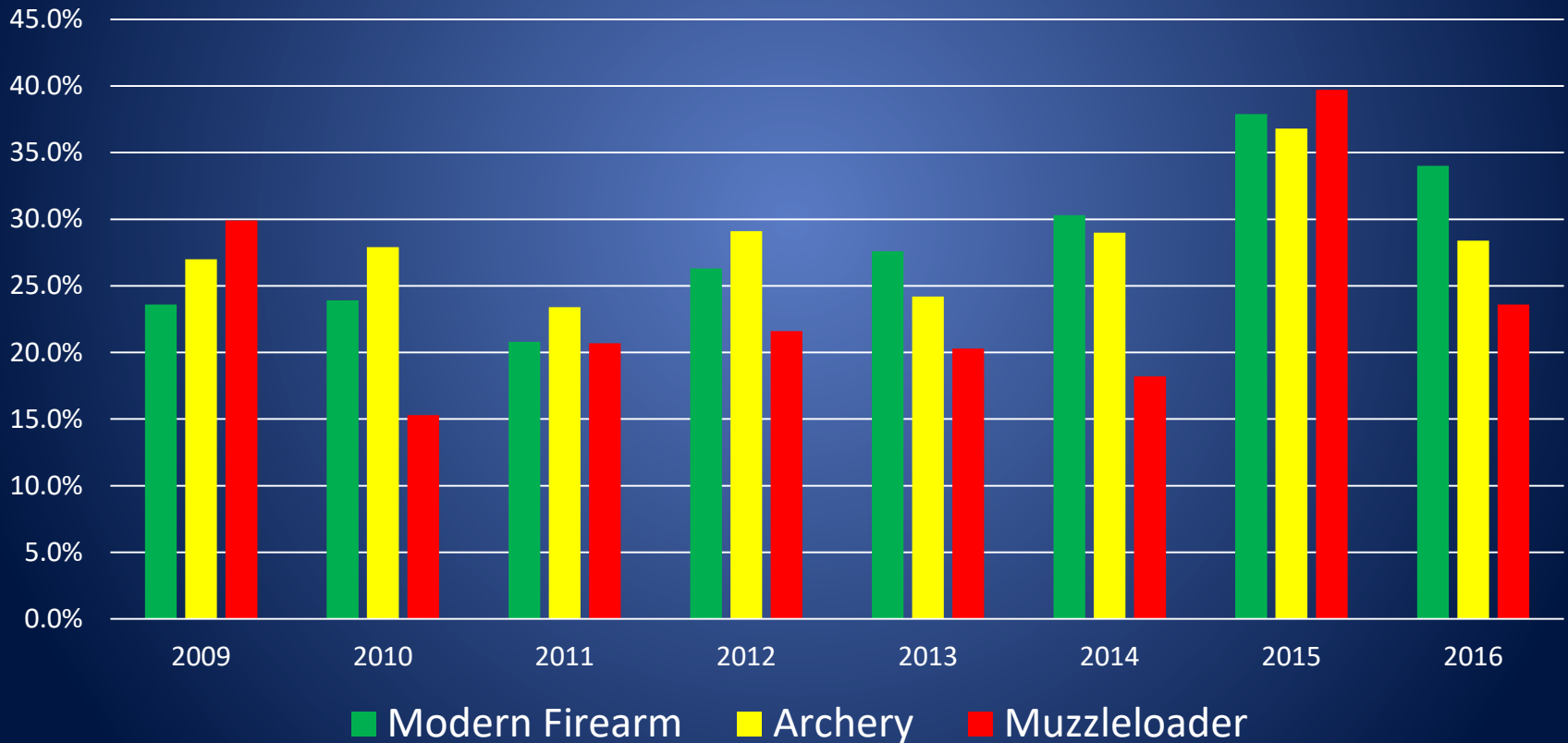
## Total Deer Harvest All Weapons





# Hunter Success Rates

## Deer Hunter Success Rates District 1



# Deer General Season Proposals

## Modern Firearm – no major changes.

- Retain early and late seasons with calendar adjustments.
- Retain 11 day mule deer general season.
- Retain white-tailed deer, antlerless opportunities for Youth, Senior, and Hunters with Disabilities.

# Deer General Season Proposals continued

## Archery proposals include:

- Add black-tailed deer antlerless opportunity in GMUs 524 and 530.
- Remove mule deer antlerless opportunity in GMU 101.
- Add early white-tailed deer antlerless opportunity in GMUs 101-121 and late in GMU 101.

# Deer General Season Proposals continued

## Muzzleloader proposals include:

- Add early, black-tailed deer buck, opportunity in GMUs 633 and 651.
- Add early, white-tailed deer antlerless, opportunity in GMUs 101-121.
- Add late, white-tailed deer opportunity in GMU 142
- Remove late, mule deer antlerless opportunity in GMU 381.

# Deer Special Permit Proposals

## Deer special permit proposals include:

- Adjust Quality special permits up or down through the special permit allocation process.
- Remove the muzzleloader, mule deer, 2x2 buck hunts in GMUs 133-142.
- Add modern firearm, antlerless, white-tailed deer in GMUs 101-121.

# Deer Special Permit Proposals continued

## Deer special permit proposals include:

- Add Washtucna, antlerless deer hunts in GMUs 139, 142, 284, and 381 for the following categories:
  - Muzzleloader
  - Modern firearm, 2<sup>nd</sup> deer
  - Youth
  - Senior
  - Hunters with Disabilities

# Deer Special Permit Proposals continued

## Deer special permit proposals include:

- Add Senior 65+, modern firearm, antlerless white-tailed deer in GMUs 101-121.
- Adjust antlerless special permits up or down depending on management goal.

# Questions?

