

# WAC 220-415-050 and WAC 220-415-060

## Elk General Seasons and Elk Special Permits

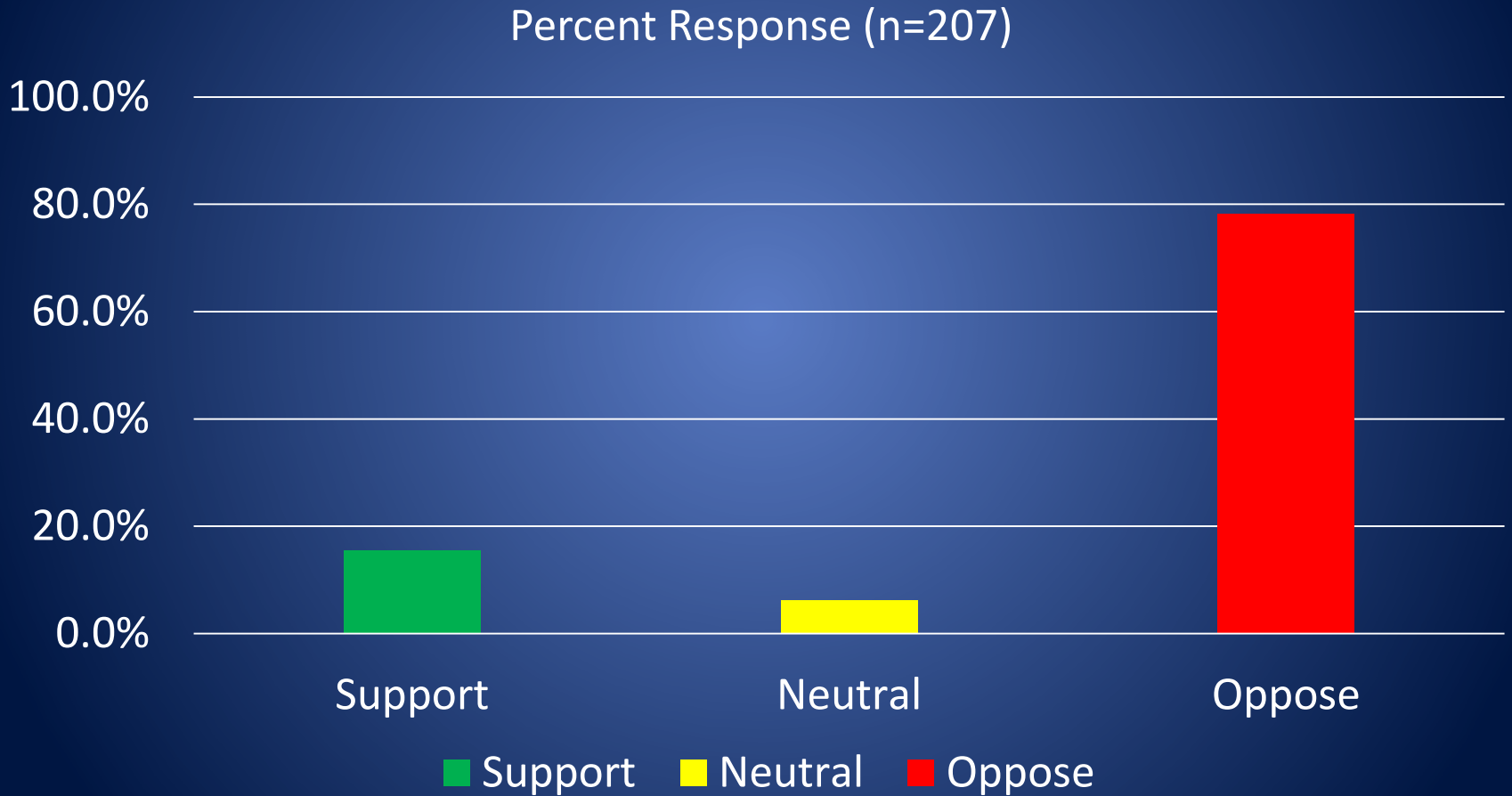


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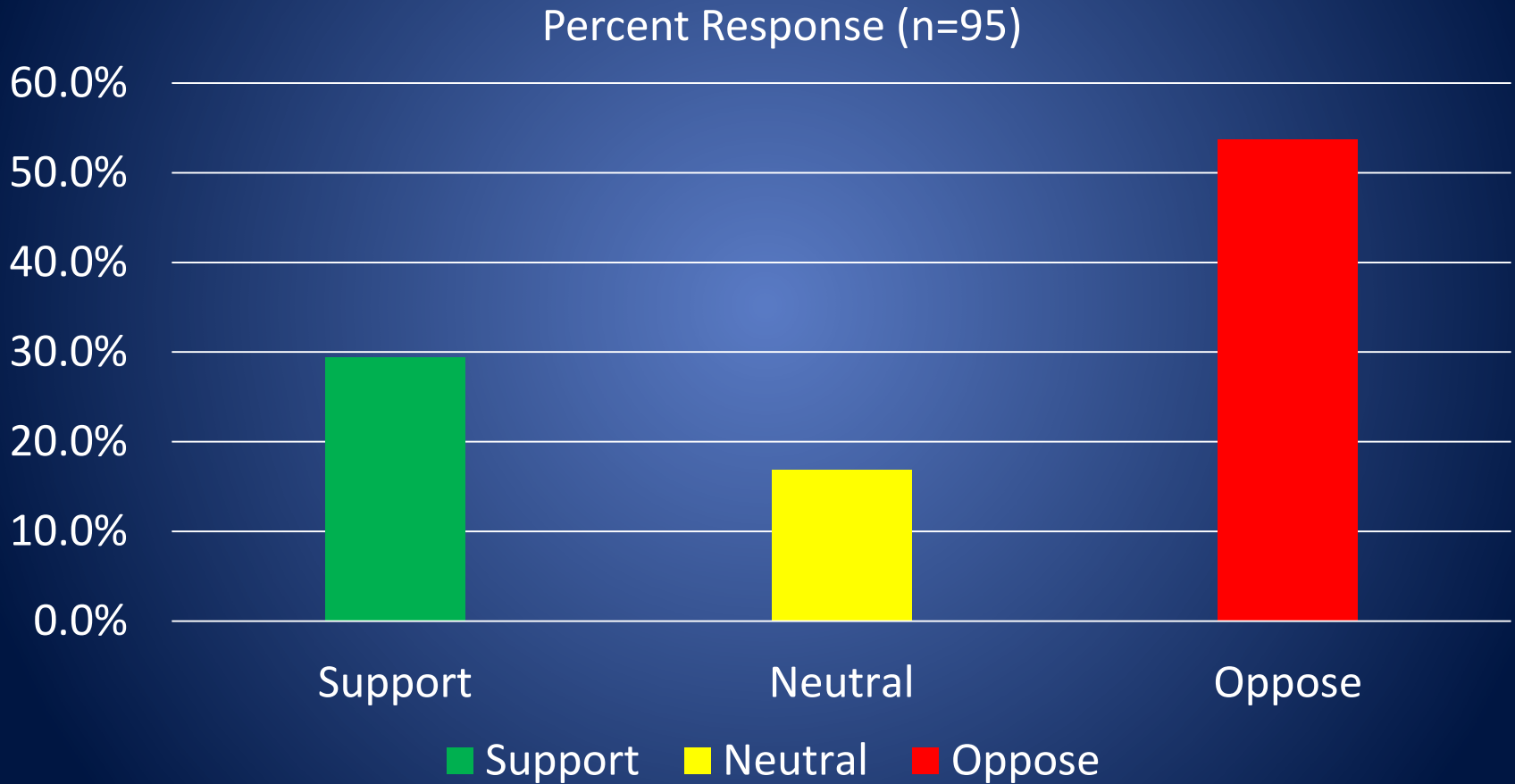
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# Public Input Elk General Season

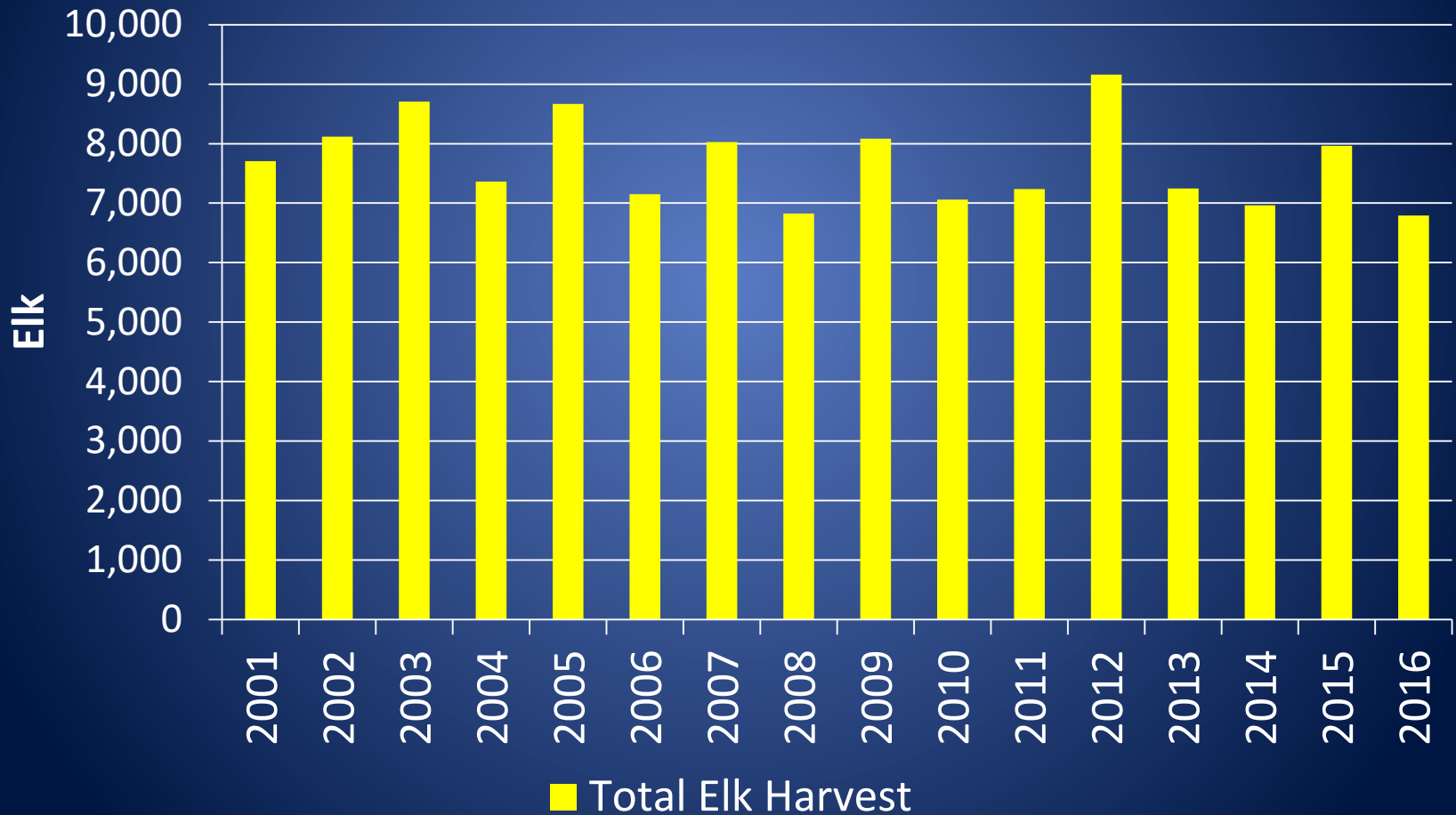


# Public Input Elk Special Permits



# Elk Harvest 2001 to 2016

## General Season and Special Permit Combined



■ Total Elk Harvest

# Elk Herds Status

- Elk surveys have not been conducted at the time of this presentation development.
- Conditions that have impacted eastern Washington include Summer 2015 drought and above average winters in 2015-16 and 2016-17.
- Colockum population has been reduced through antlerless harvest in previous years, and is likely back down to population objective.
- Yakima herd is likely below population objective and post-hunt bull objective.
- Blue Mountains herd is likely below population objective.

# Elk Herd Status

- Mount St. Helens herd is likely at objective in the core survey areas.
- Willapa Hills likely at objective in core survey areas.
- Nooksack population likely still growing, new population objectives and new survey efforts are being finalized as the herd plan is updated.
- Selkirk – Harvest Data  
North Rainier – Harvest Data  
South Rainier – Harvest Data  
Olympic – Harvest Data

# Elk General Season Proposals

- Reduce the general season, early archery, antlerless, opportunity for the Yakima and Colockum elk herds and replace with special permit archery, antlerless, special permit opportunity.
- Modify the Elk Area 3911 Master Hunter season to align with seasons in Elk Area 3912 and GMU 371.
- Add GMU 334 to early muzzleloader.
- GMU 407: Extend the late archery dates, and liberalize legal animal for late muzzleloader to help mitigate elk conflict.

# Elk General Season Proposals

- Add late archery 3 pt. min. and antlerless opportunity in GMUs 506 and 530.
- Add late muzzleloader, 3 pt. min. and antlerless opportunity in GMU 578 to help mitigate elk conflict.
- Shift early archery in GMU 624 to 3 pt. min.
- Add modern firearm 3 pt. min. and antlerless opportunity in GMU 663.  
Add late archery 3 pt. min. and antlerless opportunity in GMU 663.  
Liberalize early muzzleloader in GMU 663 to 3 pt. min. and antlerless.



# Elk Special Permit Proposals

- Adjust the Quality and Bull special permits using the allocation formula, or adjust permits to levels agreed upon with stakeholders and tribes.
- Adjust Antlerless special permits up or down to maintain herds at objective or move them toward population objective.
- Reduce the Quality and Bull special permits for the Yakima herd.
- Add archery, Antlerless, elk special permits for the Yakima and Colockum herds as a substitution for the reduced general season opportunity.
- Shift some Region 5 Bull permits to the Quality category.

# Elk Special Permit Proposals

- Add some Quality permits to the northwest Olympic Peninsula.
- Add some Youth, Antlerless, special permits to the northwest Olympic Peninsula.
- Add some Senior 65+, Antlerless, special permits to the northwest Olympic Peninsula.
- Add some Hunters with Disabilities, Antlerless, special permits to the northwest Olympic Peninsula.

# Supplemental Recommended Adjustments Elk General Season

- Page 7: Add an early, archery, general, antlerless elk season in GMUs 328, 329, 336, 340, 352, 356, and 364 for Sept. 15-20, 2018, only.
- Pages 6, 8, and 10: Under Modern Firearm, Archery, and Muzzleloader Master Hunter hunts change the January year dates to 2019, 2020, and 2021.

# Supplemental Recommended Adjustments

## Elk Special Permits

- Page 15: Under Quality, Green River, add WA and WM to the Weapon/Tag column.
- Page 18: Under Antlerless, EF, change the Stevens hunt to a Douglas hunt and change the permits from 10 to 5 and add a Huckleberry hunt with 10 permits good for the October general season and the last half of December.

# Supplemental Recommended Adjustments

## Elk Special Permits Continued

- Page 19:
  - Under Antlerless, Mayview Peola, Oct. 27-Nov. 4, change the number of permits from 35 to 20.
  - Under Antlerless, WF, remove the South Issaquah hunt.
  - Under Antlerless, Green River, add WA and WM to the Weapon/Tag column and change the number of permits from 4 to 8.

# Supplemental Recommended Adjustments

## Elk Special Permits Continued

- Page 20:
  - Under Antlerless, EA, remove the Colockum, Teanaway, Taneum, Manastash, Nile, Bumping, and Rimrock hunts.
  - Under Antlerless, EM, change the Stevens hunt to a Douglas hunt and change the permits from 10 to 5 and add a Huckleberry hunt with 10 permits good for the October general season.

# Supplemental Recommended Adjustments

## Elk Special Permits continued

- Page 21: Under Antlerless, Colockum, EM, change the number of permits from 100 back to 50.
- Page 23:
  - Under 65+ Senior, WF WA WM, remove the South Issaquah hunt.
  - Under the 65+ Senior category, change the first Centralia Mine hunt from Jan. 6-7, 2019 to Jan. 5-6, 2019.
  - Under the 65+ Senior category, change the second Centralia Mine hunt from Jan. 13-14, 2019 to Jan. 12-13, 2019.

# Supplemental Recommended Adjustments

## Elk Special Permits continued

- Page 24: Under Hunters with Disabilities, WF WA WM, remove the South Issaquah hunt.
- Page 25: Under the Master Hunter category, remove the Pumice Plains Sept. 24-30 hunt.



# Questions?

