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Elk General Seasons and Elk Special Permits



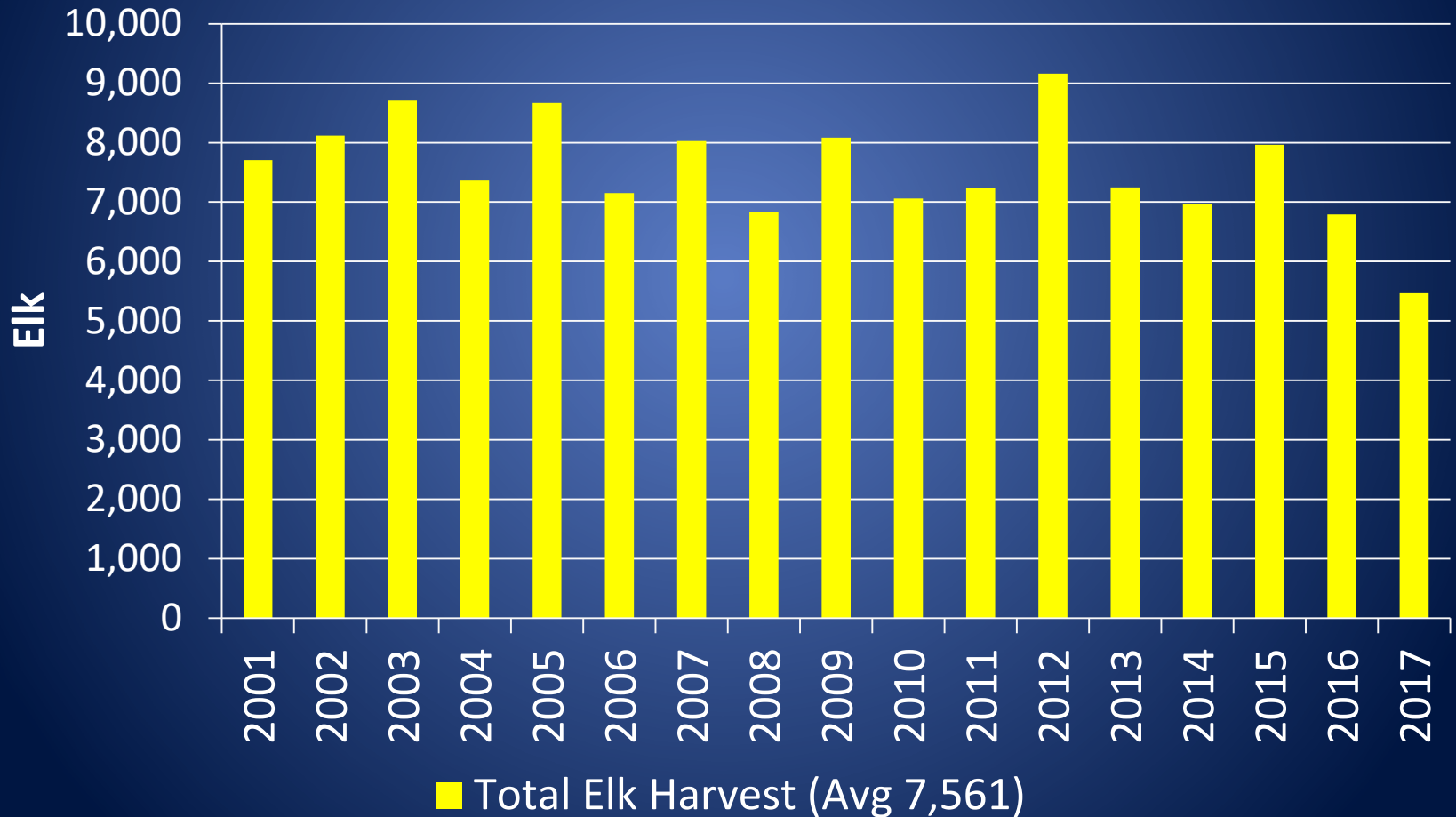
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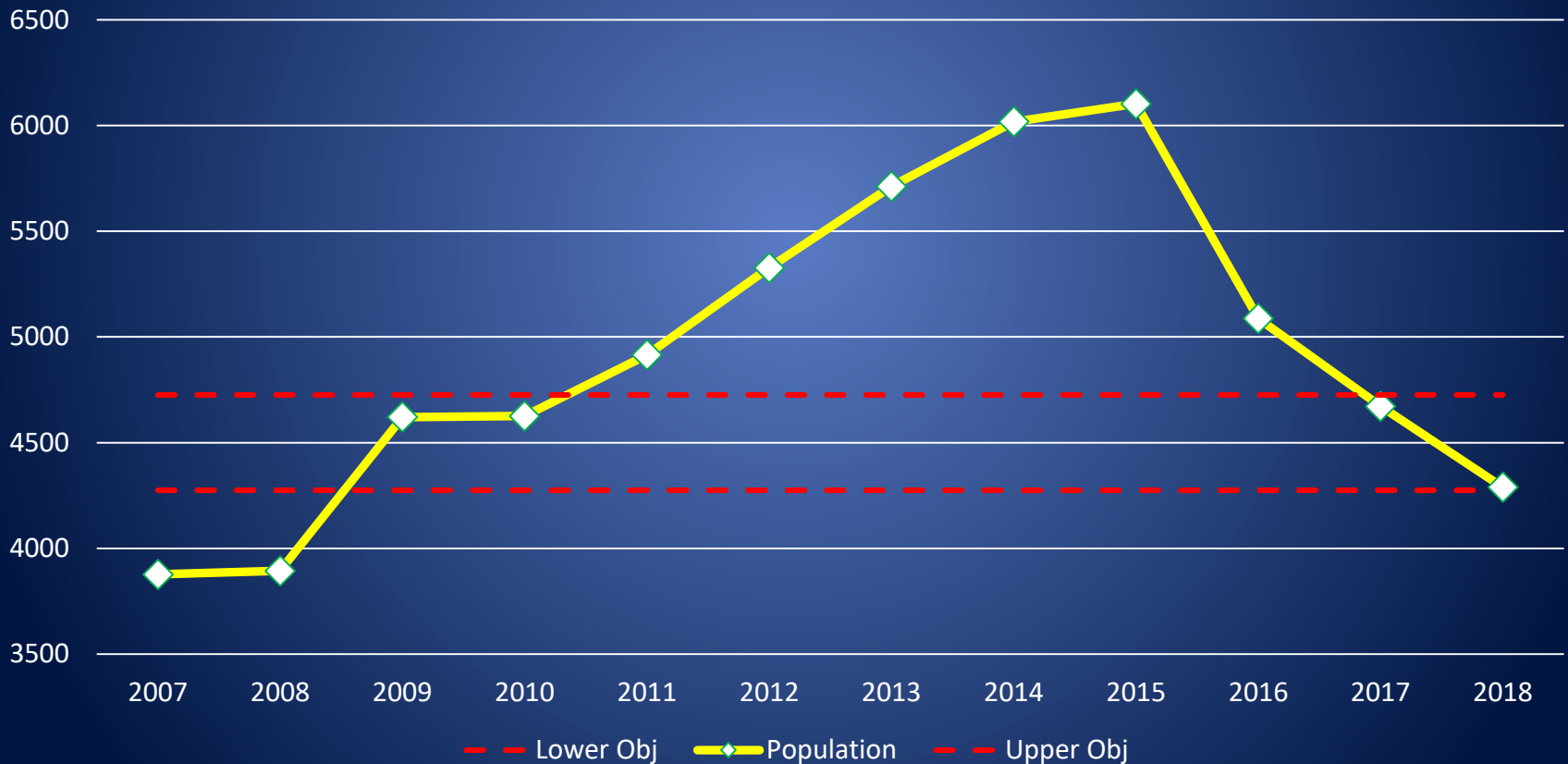
Elk Harvest 2001 to 2017

General Season and Special Permit Combined

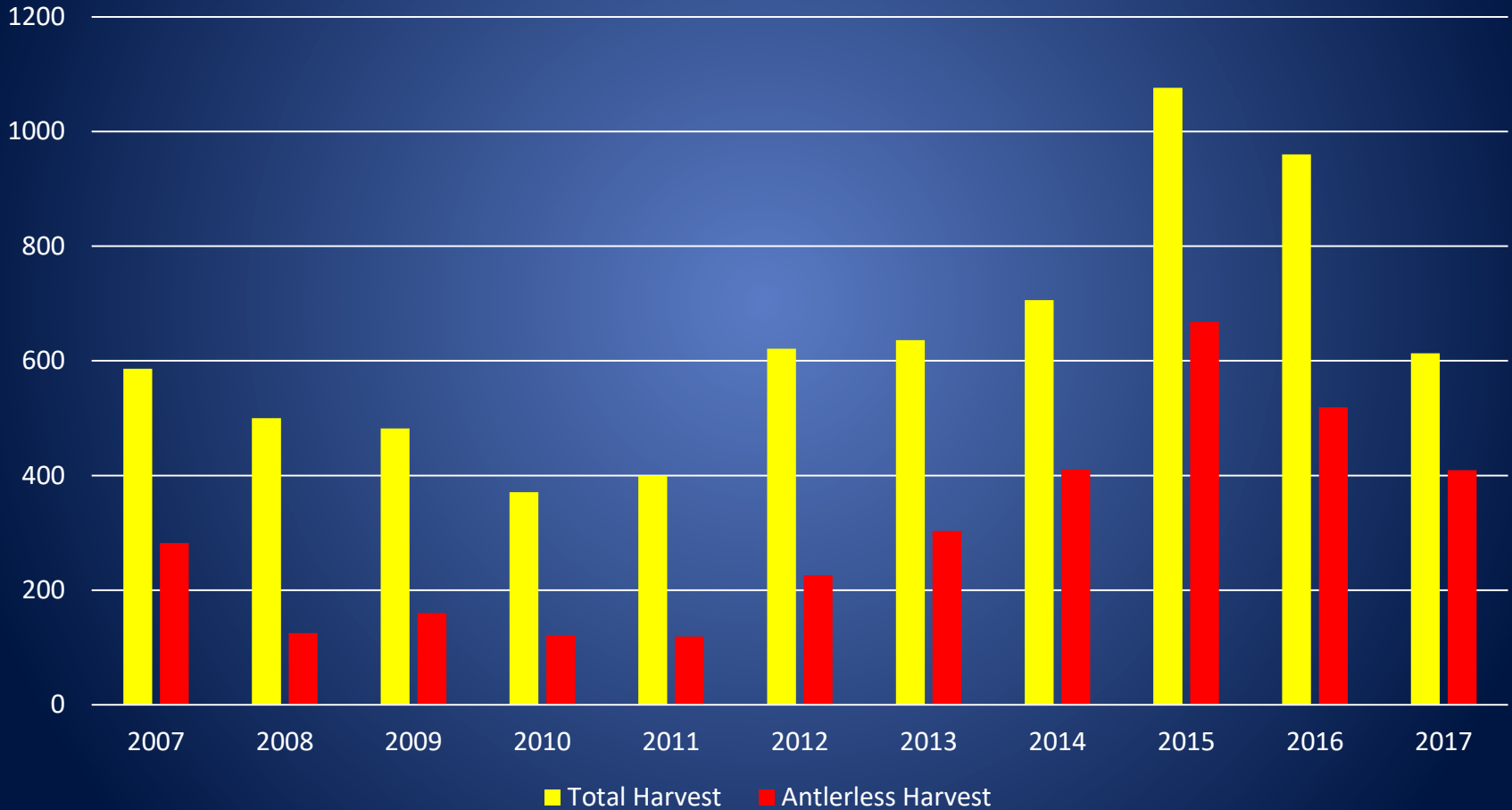


Colockum Herd

Abundance Estimates for Traditional Winter Range

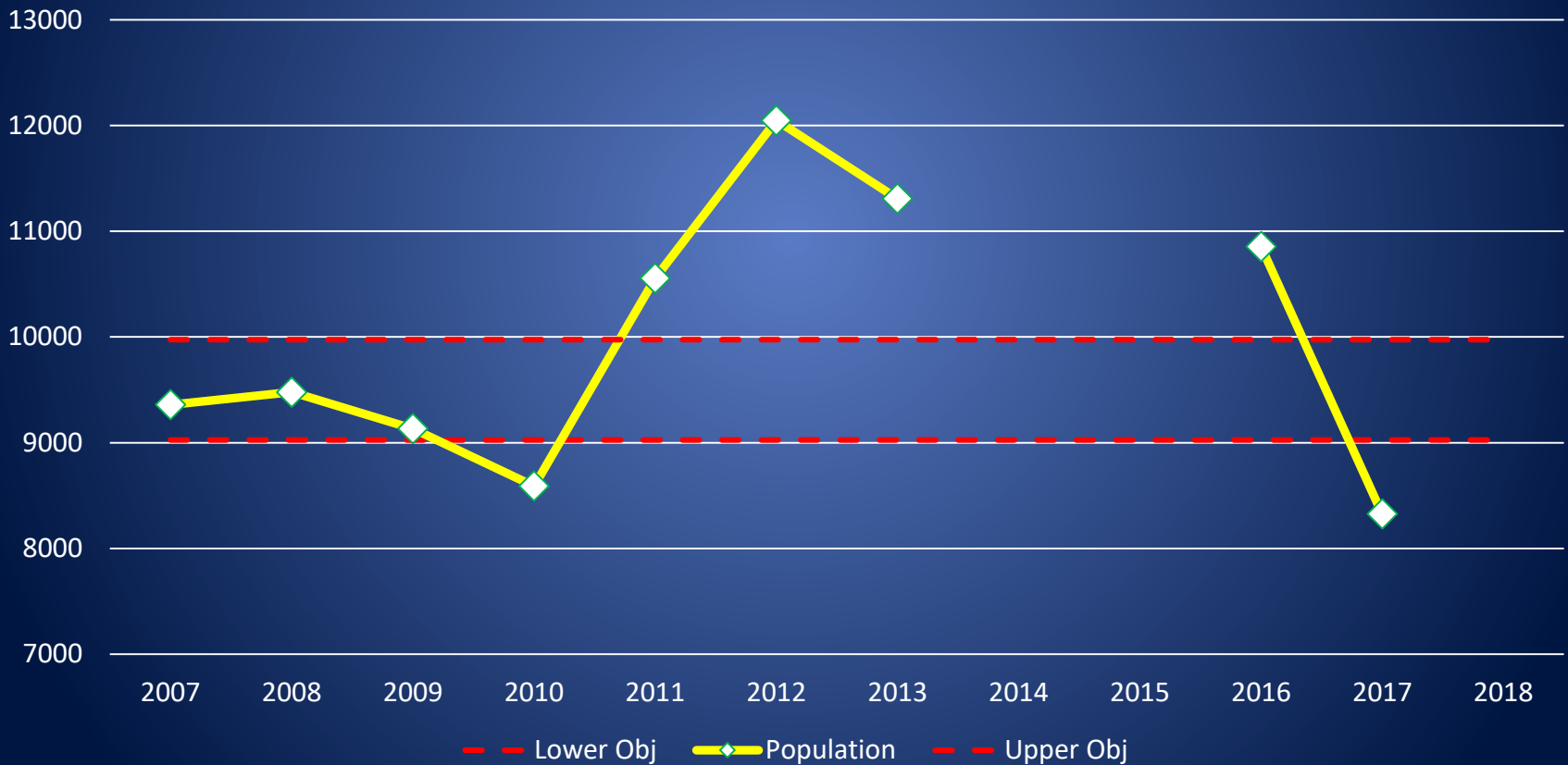


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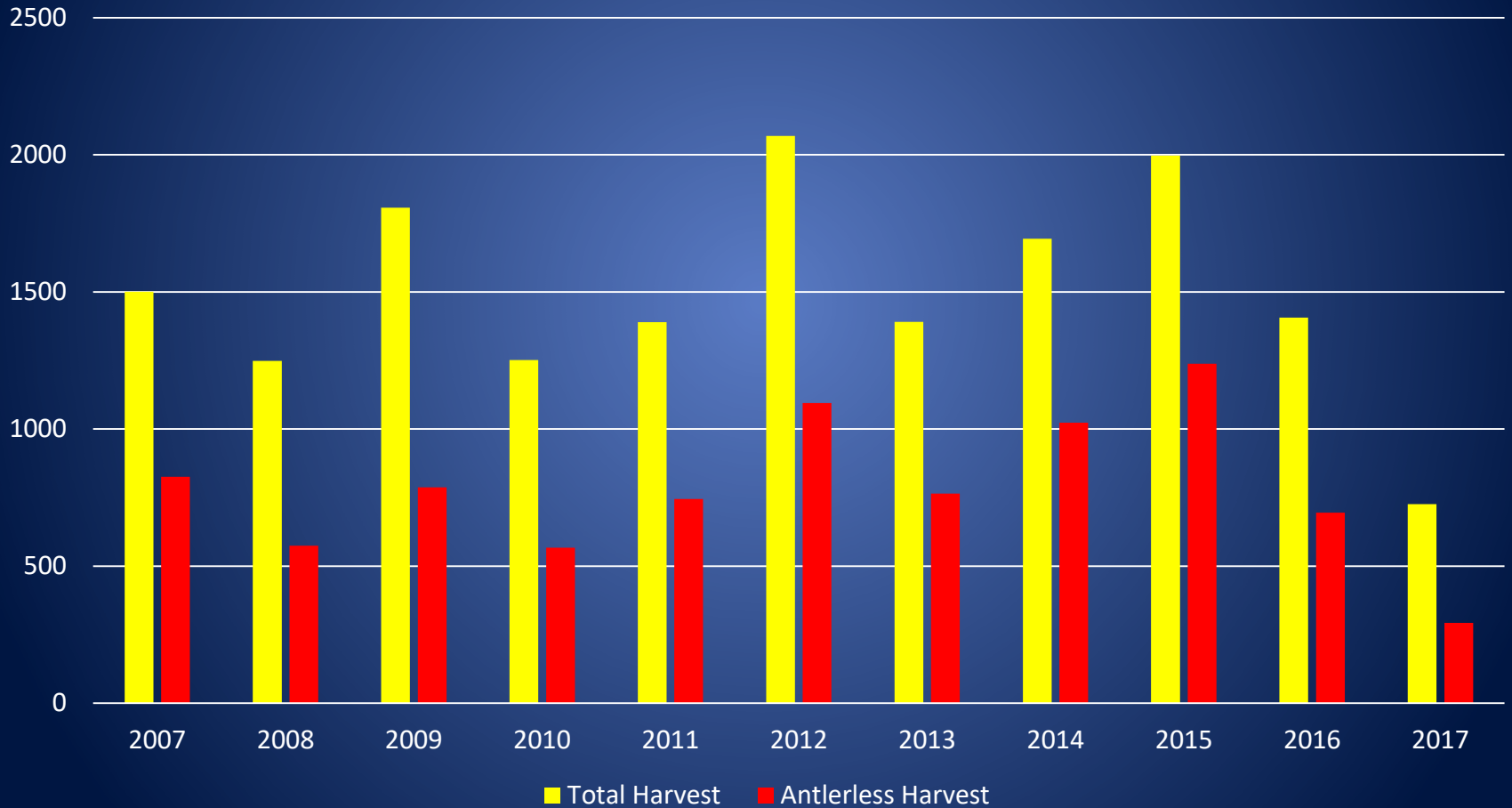


Yakima Herd

Abundance Estimates



Yakima Elk Harvest

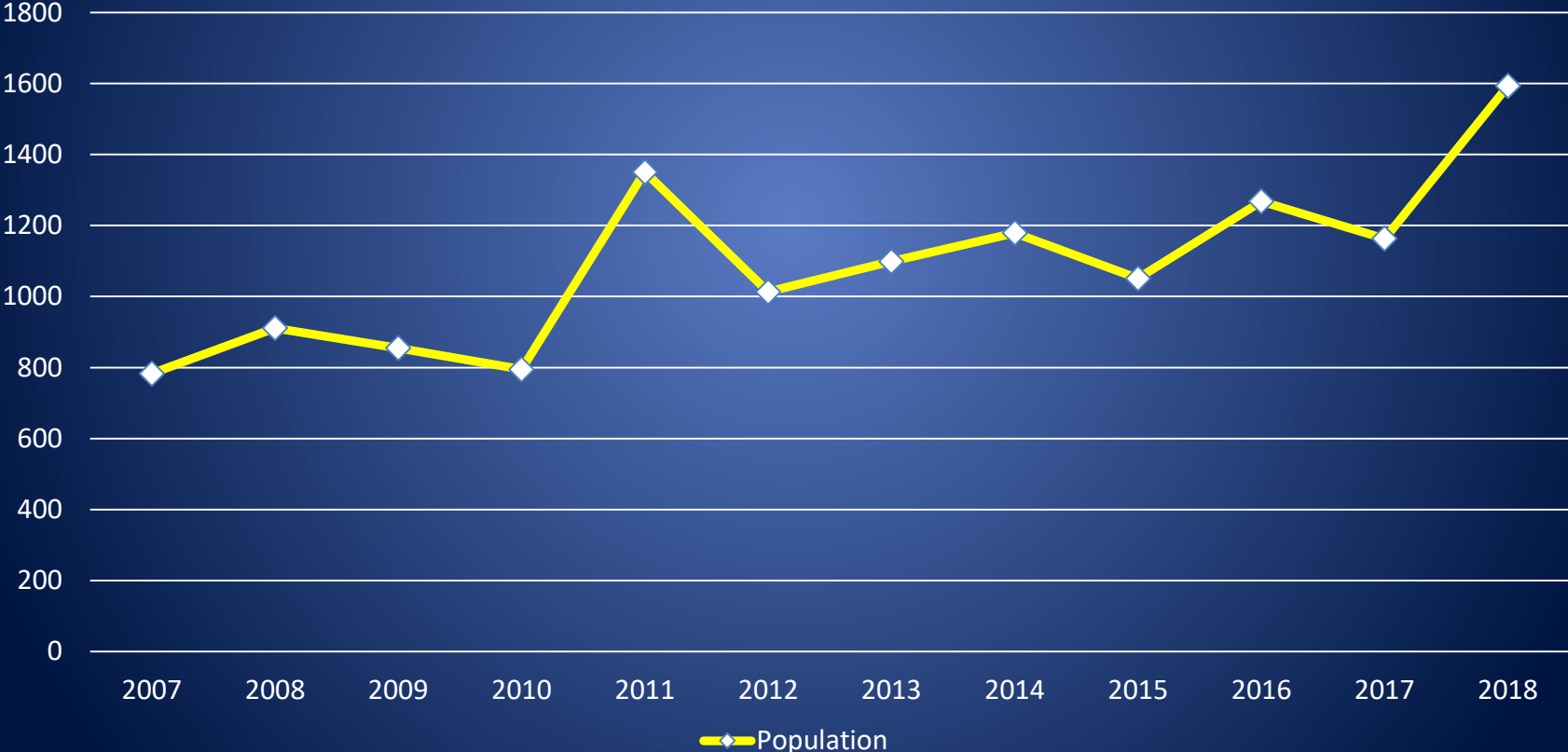


Reductions in Antlerless Opportunity

SPECIAL PERMITS	COLOCKUM			YAKIMA		
	Modern	Muzzleloader	TOTAL	Modern	Muzzleloader	TOTAL
2016	-90	+10	-80	-80	-155	-235
2017	-410	-90	-500	-1,675	-875	-2,550

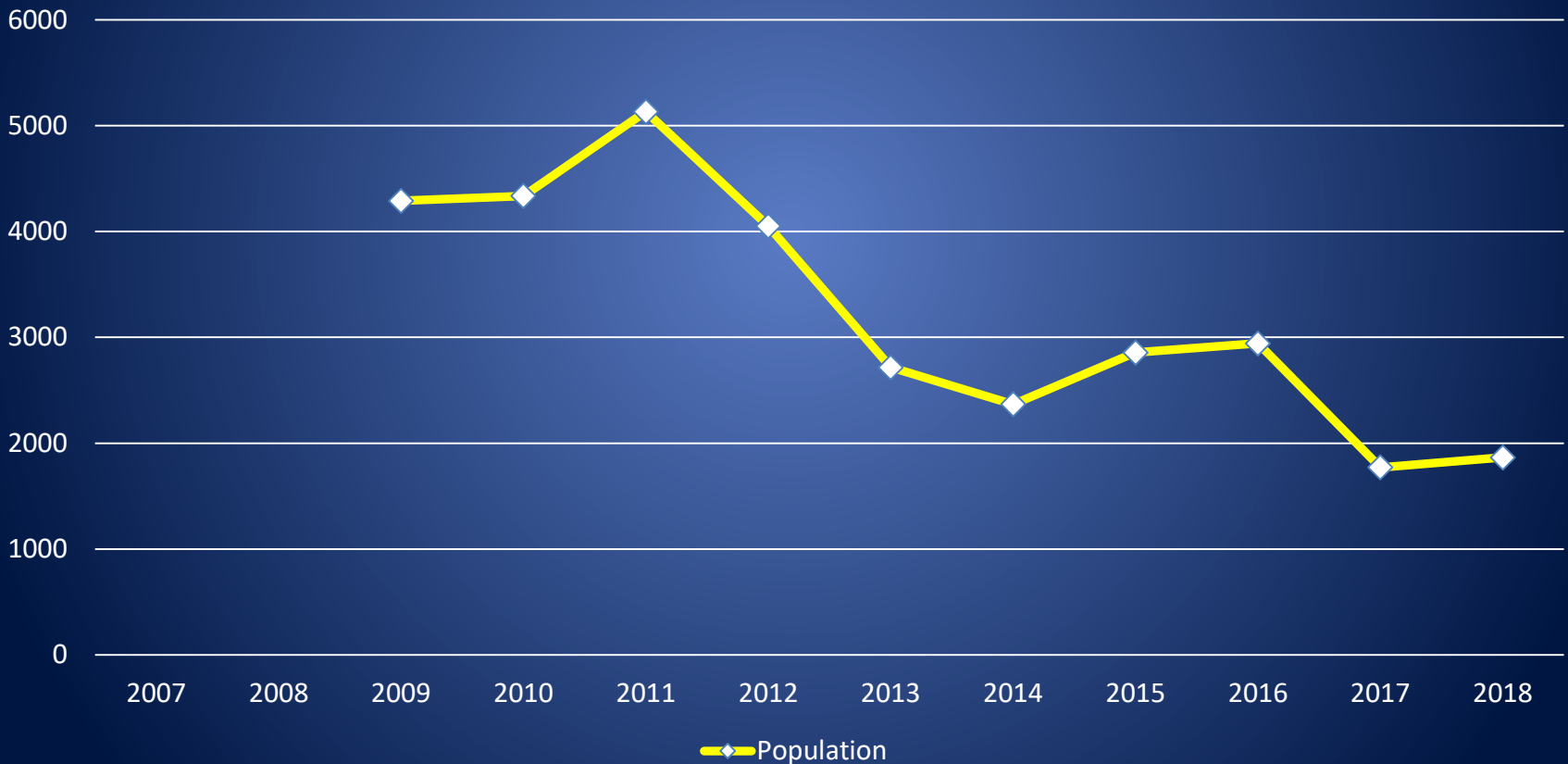
Nooksack Herd

Abundance Estimates for Core Area



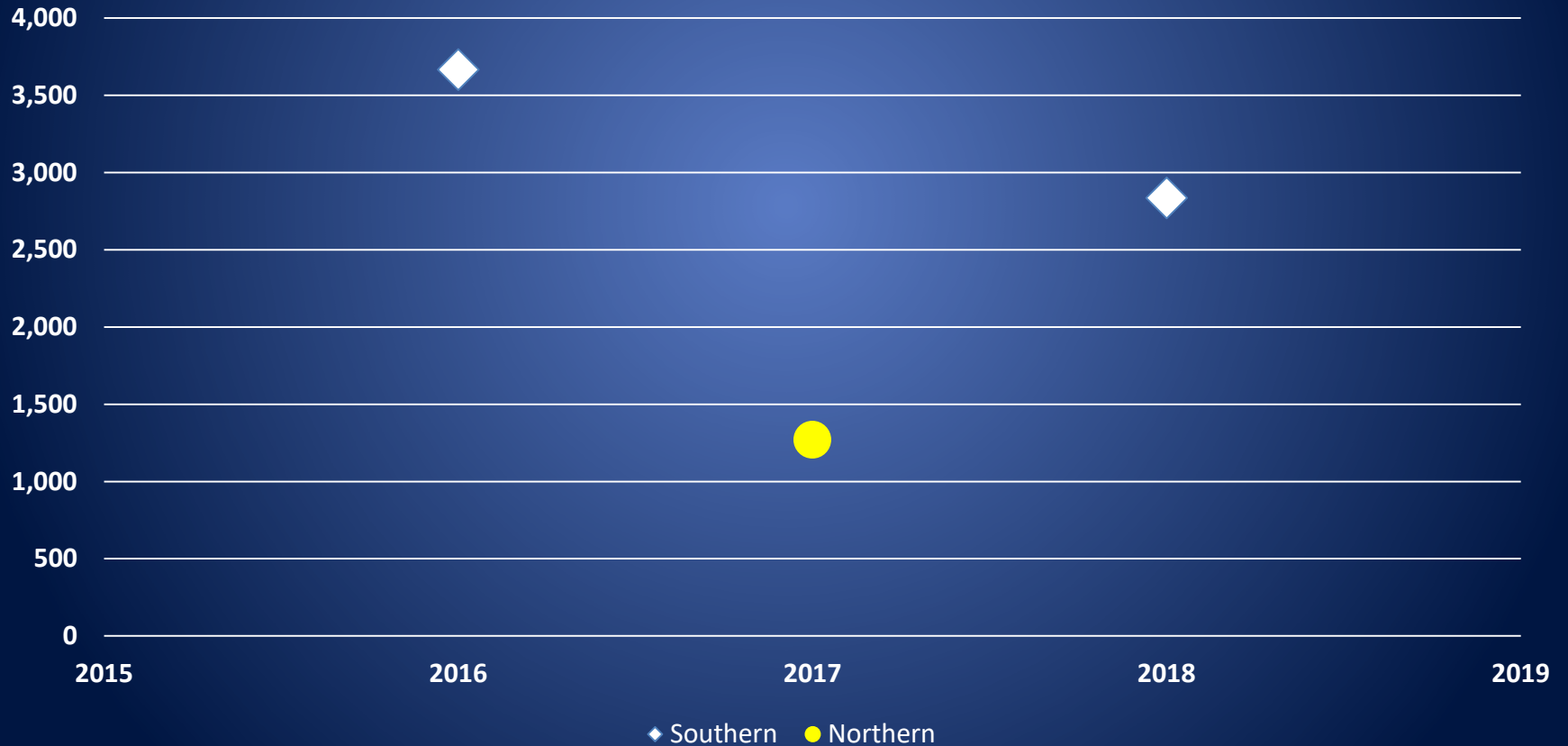
Mount St. Helens Herd

Abundance Estimates for 5 Core GMUs



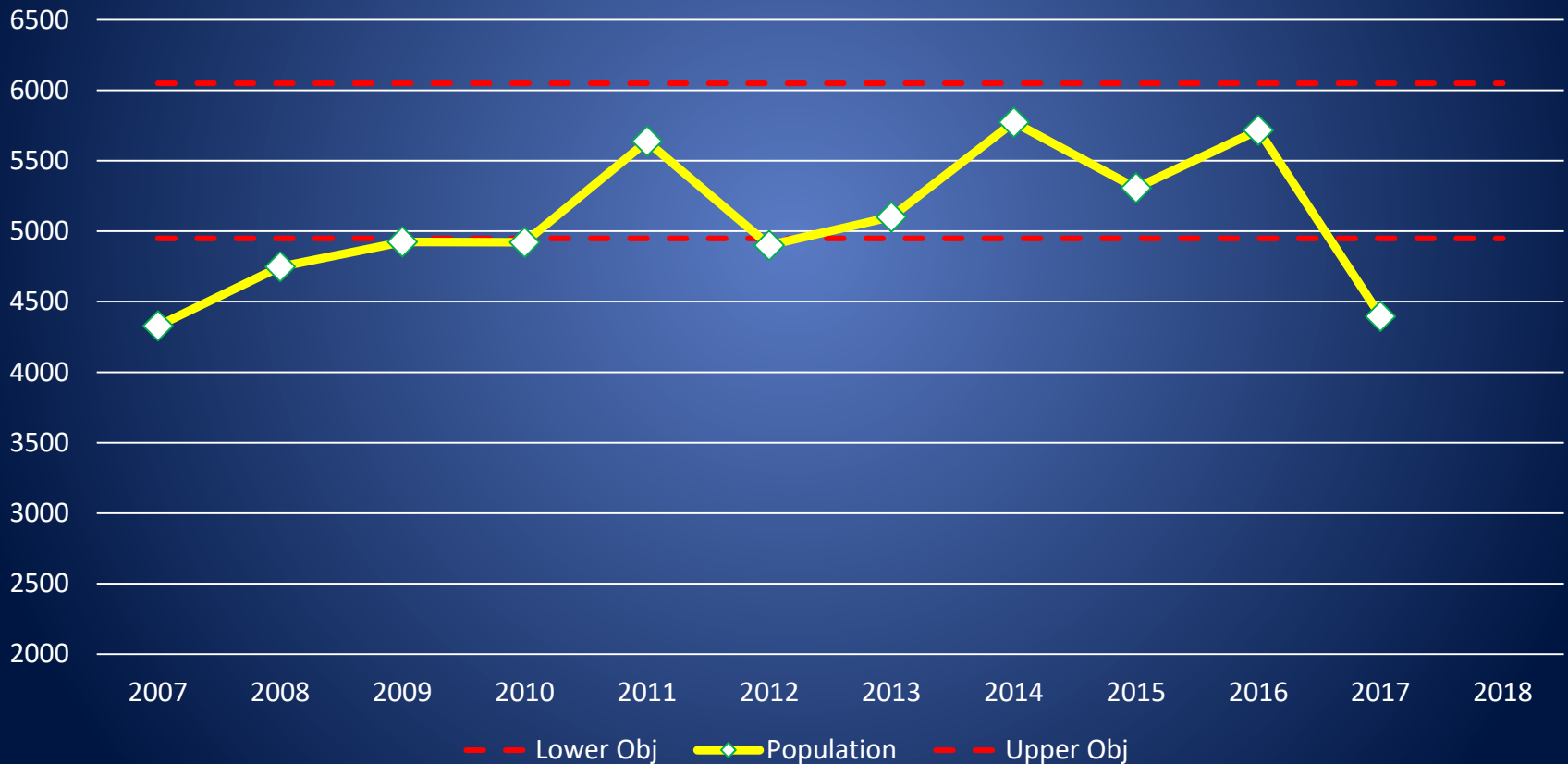
Willapa Hills Herd

Southern and Northern Units



Blue Mountains Herd

Abundance Estimate



Elk General Season Proposals

- Reduce the early archery, general season, antlerless, opportunity for the Yakima and Colockum elk herds to the last 6 days of the 13 day season.
- 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 and 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.
- 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, Senior 65+, and Hunters with Disabilities, Antlerless, special permits to the northwest Olympic Peninsula.



Questions?

