

**WAC 220-413-030,
220-415-020, and WAC 220-415-030**

Deer General Seasons, Deer Special Permits, and Carcass Importation



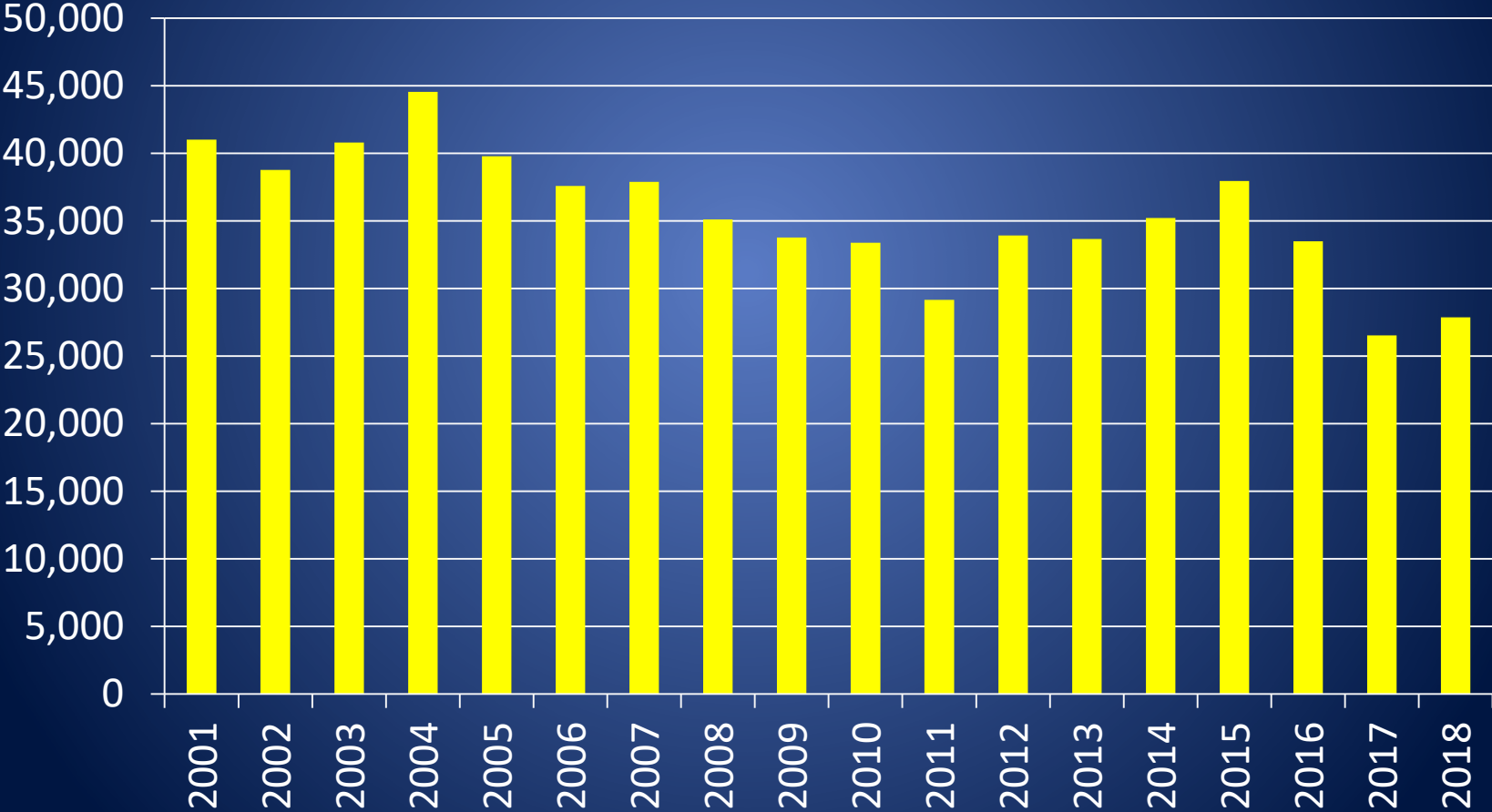
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Statewide Deer Harvest 2001 to 2017

General Season and Special Permit Combined



Deer General and Permit Seasons

WACs 220-415-020 & 220-415-030

- General Seasons
 - Second year of three-year package
 - No major changes for black-tailed or mule deer
- Permit Seasons
 - Quality special permits were adjusted through the special permit allocation process
 - Adjusted antlerless special permits up or down depending on management goal

Deer General and Permit Seasons

WACs 220-415-020 & 220-415-030

- Proposed to add five days to the general early archery white-tailed deer season in GMUs 169 and 175
- Proposed to add early, antlered general season opportunity for muzzleloader in GMU 621
- Proposed to add late, general season antlerless opportunity for muzzleloader in GMU 667
- Proposed to remove the late general season muzzleloader opportunity in Deer Area 6020

Deer General and Permit Seasons

WACs 220-415-020 & 220-415-030

- Proposed to retain late general muzzleloader season for black-tailed deer in GMU 654
- Proposed to reduce quality archery and modern permits in GMUs 382, 388, 578, and 574
- Proposed to increase modern firearm Buck permits in GMU 284

District 1 White-Tailed Deer

- Substantial changes proposed in District 1
- Season setting process begins in early winter before harvest data is available
- Hunter feedback at check stations indicated reduced hunter success and low deer numbers
- Initial recommendation included substantial reduction in antlerless permits
- Received numerous comments during public review process

District 1 White-Tailed Deer

- Common themes included:
 - Concerns regarding the status and decline of white-tailed deer populations in District 1
 - Eliminating antlerless deer harvest
 - Reinstating antler-point restrictions
- The Department values public feedback and proposed to eliminate all antlerless opportunities for the 2019 season

District 1 White-Tailed Deer

- The Department did not propose recommended adjustments that would reduce buck harvest
 - (1) Antler-point restrictions; (2) shortening season lengths for antlered deer; or (3) eliminating late-season opportunities
- The number of bucks has not been shown to affect productivity until ratios are in the single digits
 - Buck:doe ratios have consistently been 25-30:100
- Late-season rutting activity not uncommon in white-tailed deer populations

District 1 White-Tailed Deer

- We implemented antler-point restrictions 2011-2014 and there was no biological effect
- Antler-point restrictions resulted in a 30-35% reduction in hunter numbers and harvest
- Antler-point restrictions are not universally supported by hunters
- Antler-point restrictions need to be considered in association with a 3-year season setting package

District 1 White-Tailed Deer

- Proposed to eliminate all general season antlerless, white-tailed deer opportunities in GMUs 101-121
- Proposed to eliminate all antlerless, white-tailed deer special permit opportunities in GMUs 101-121

Questions?



Motion Language

I move to adopt WACs 220-415-020
and 220-415-030 as presented.

Importation and Retention of Dead Nonresident Wildlife WAC 220-413-030

- One of the intentions of this WAC is to reduce the risk of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) entering Washington
- To date, Washington has not detected CWD in the state
- In recent months, the state of Tennessee has detected CWD in wild, free-ranging deer
- Proposed to add the state of Tennessee to the list of states and provinces in this WAC

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