

WACs 220-415-050 and 220-415-060

Elk General Seasons and Elk Special Permits



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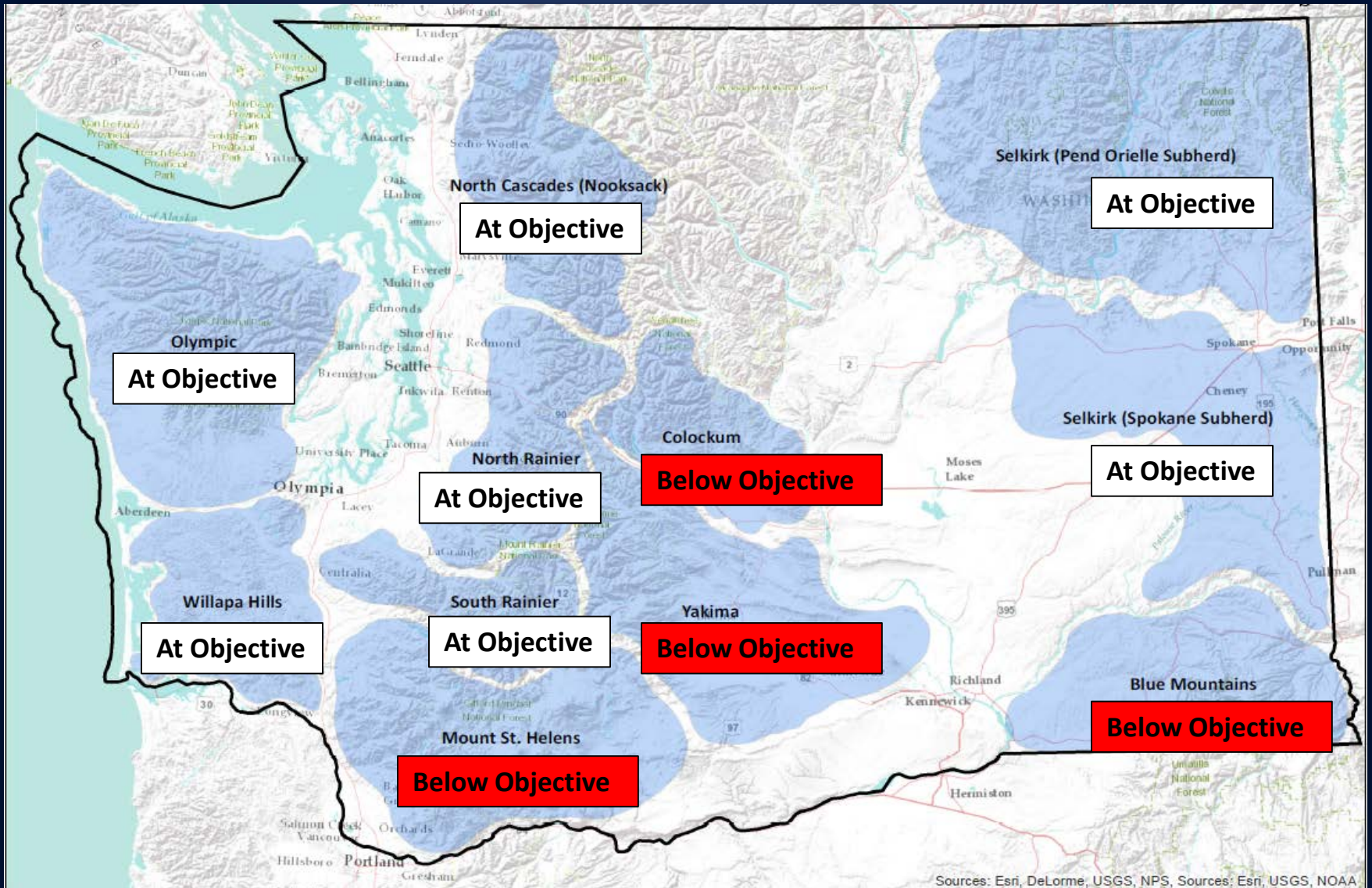
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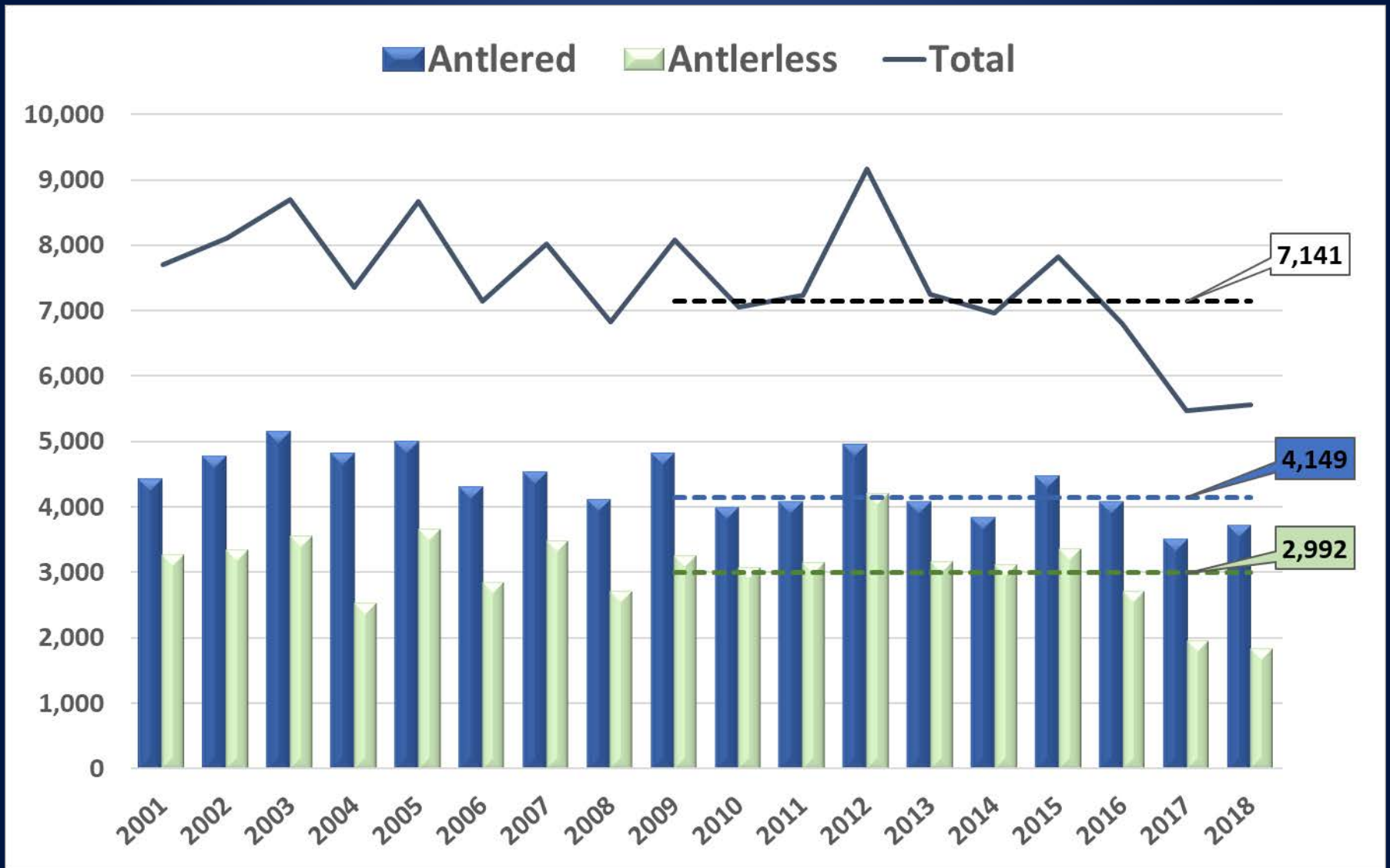
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Elk Herds

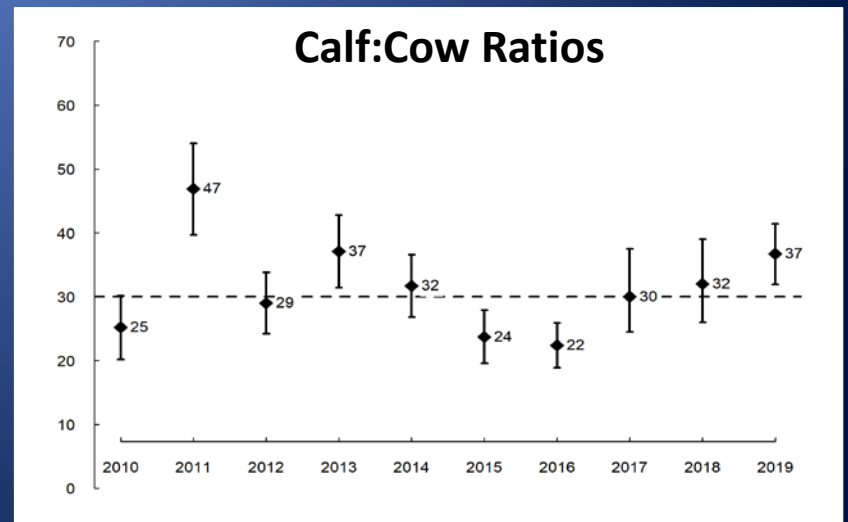
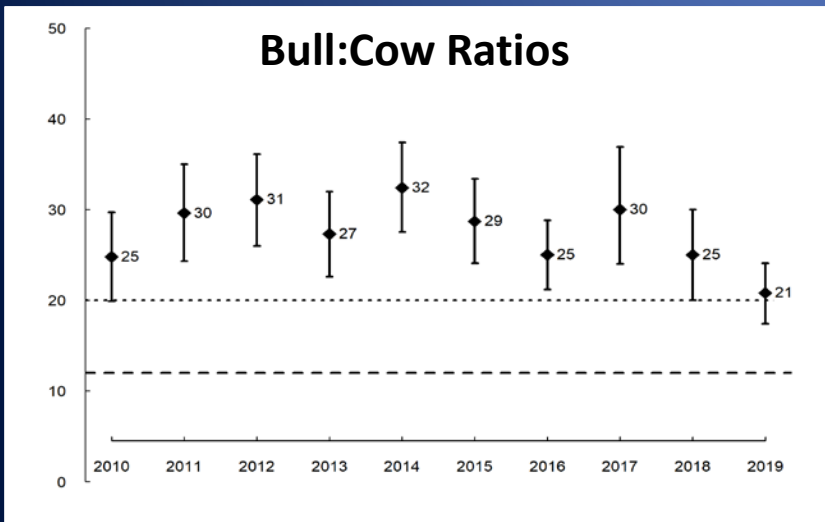
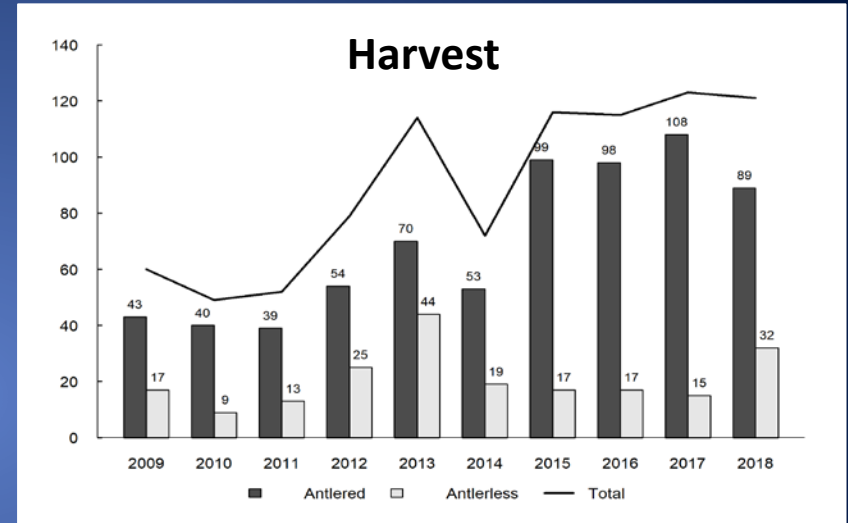
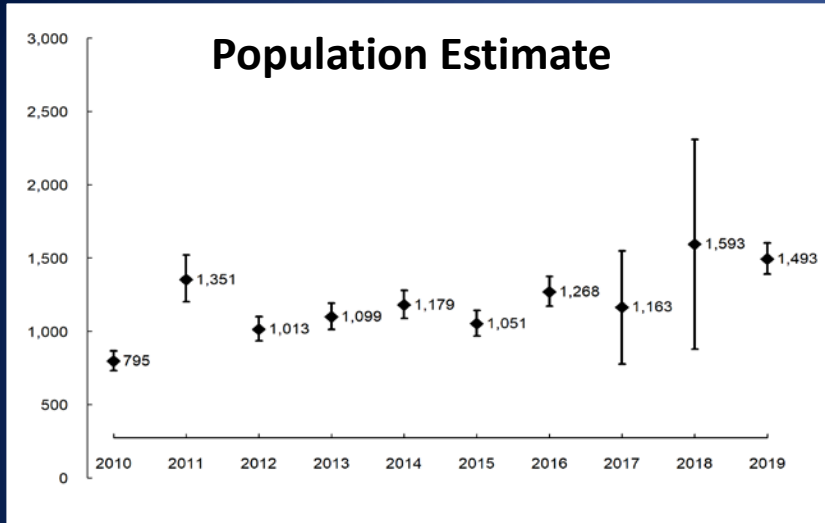


Statewide Elk Harvest 2001-2018





North Cascades Elk Herd





North Cascades Elk Herd

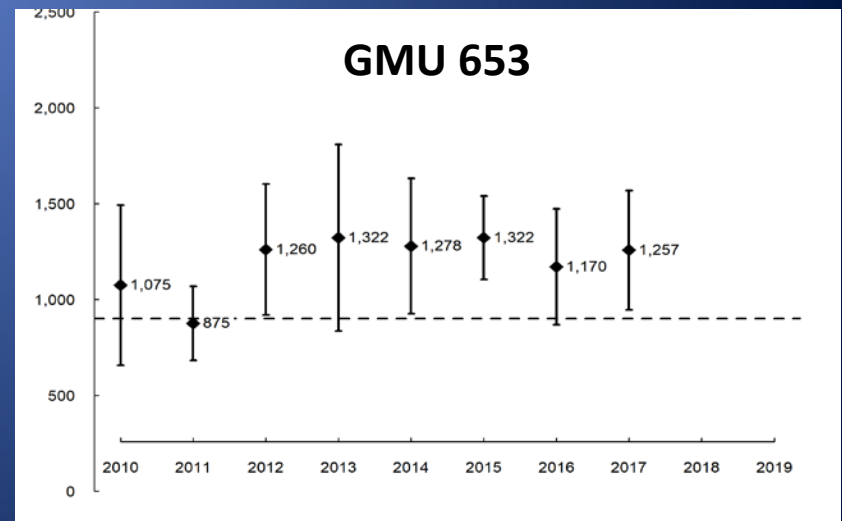
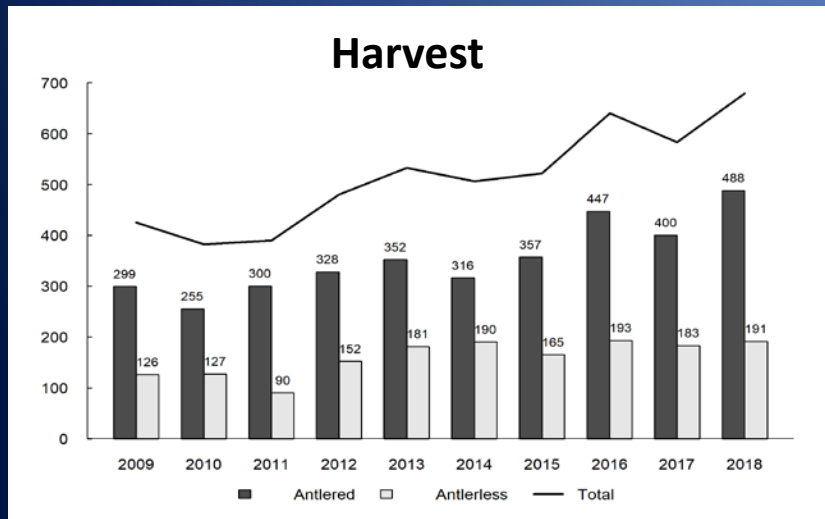
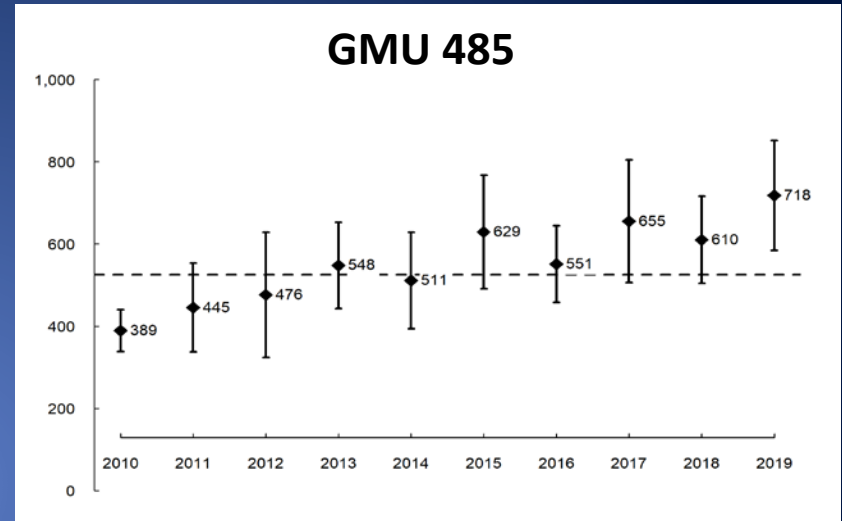
- No recommended changes for general season opportunities
- Special permit opportunities were developed in collaboration with Point Elliot Treaty Tribes and are presented as recommended adjustments

Quality Permits		2018	2019
GMU 418	Modern Firearm	12	13
GMU 418	Archery	7	8
GMU 418	Muzzleloader	7	8
Total		26	29
Bull Permits		2018	2019
EA 4941	Modern Firearm	5	6
EA 4941	Archery	8	9
EA 4941	Muzzleloader	5	6
Total		18	21
Antlerless Permits		2018	2019
EA 4941	Any Weapon	5	5
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Total		15	15



North Rainier Elk Herd

- Surveys in GMUs 485 and 653 conducted by the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe





North Rainier Elk Herd

General Seasons

- Add EA 6014 to list of areas open for Any Elk during the late general muzzleloader season

Special Permits

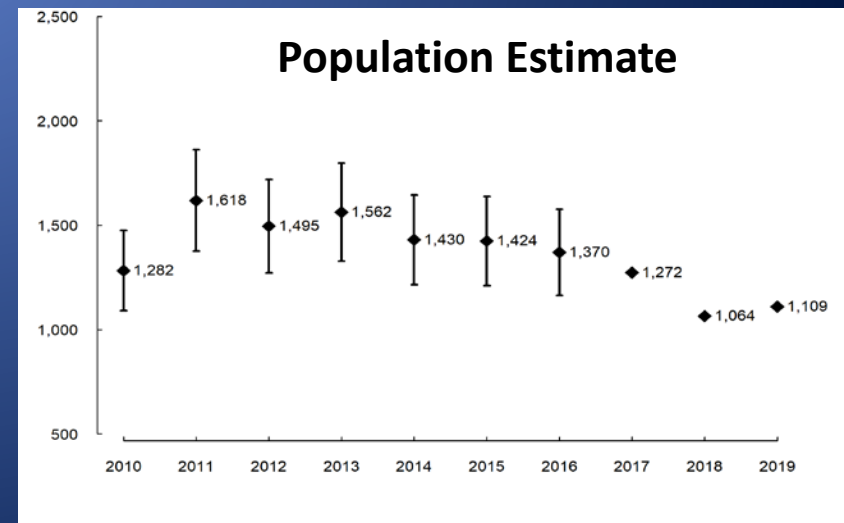
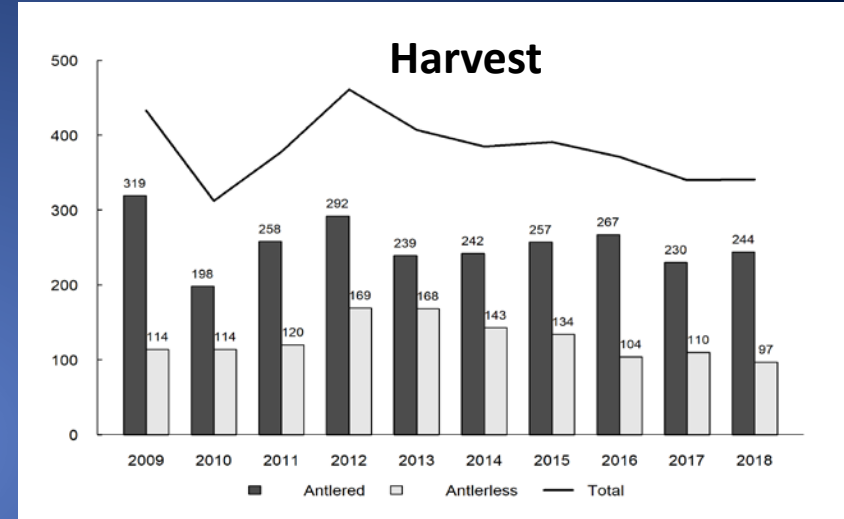
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Quality Permits		2018	2019
GMU 485	Any Weapon	10	10
GMU 653	Modern Firearm	2	2
GMU 653	Archery	19	16
Total		31	28
Bull Permits		2018	2019
GMU 653	Modern Firearm	37	35
GMU 653	Muzzleloader	7	7
Total		44	42
Antlerless Permits		2018	2019
GMU 485	Any Weapon	10	12



South Rainier Elk Herd

- Surveys limited to the Cowlitz River Basin and conducted by the Puyallup Tribe of Indians
- No recommended changes for general or special permit seasons





Olympic Elk Herd

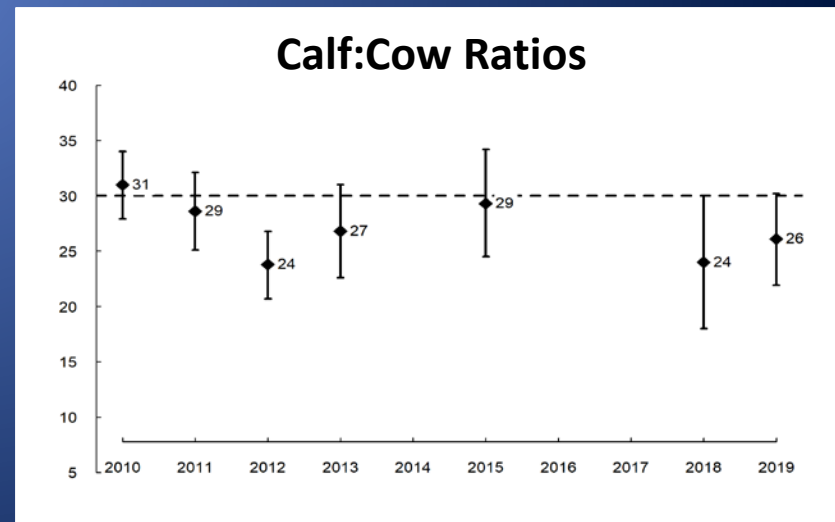
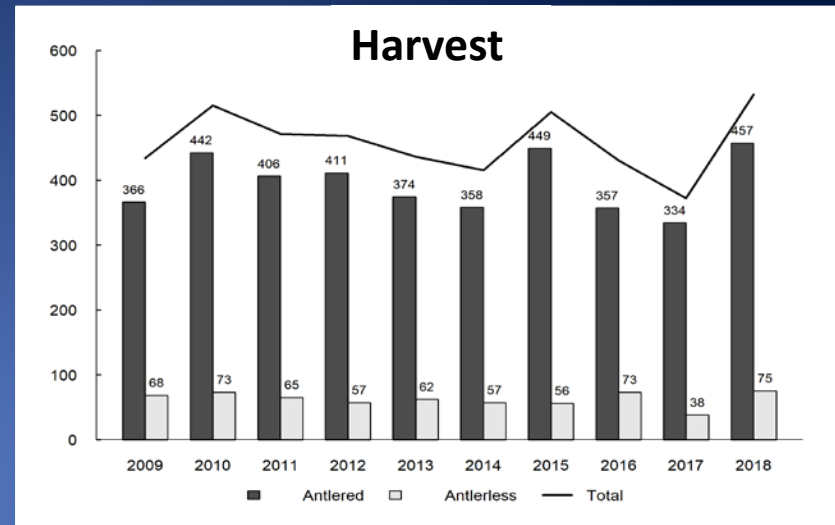
- Most surveys conducted by Olympic Treaty Tribes

General Seasons

- No recommended changes

Special Permits

- Reduce special archery permits for antlerless elk in GMU 648 from 110 to 100



Willapa Hills Elk Herd

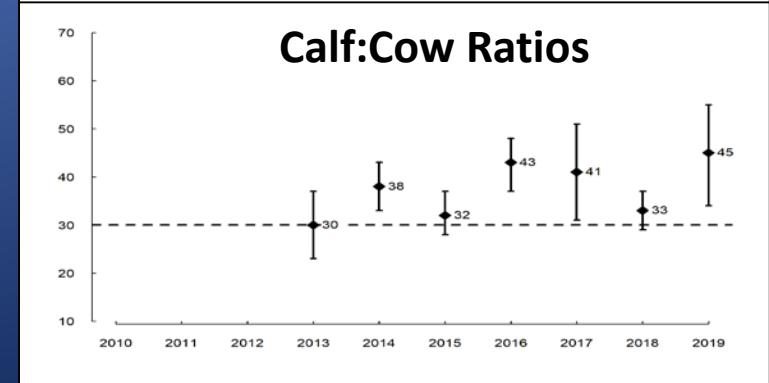
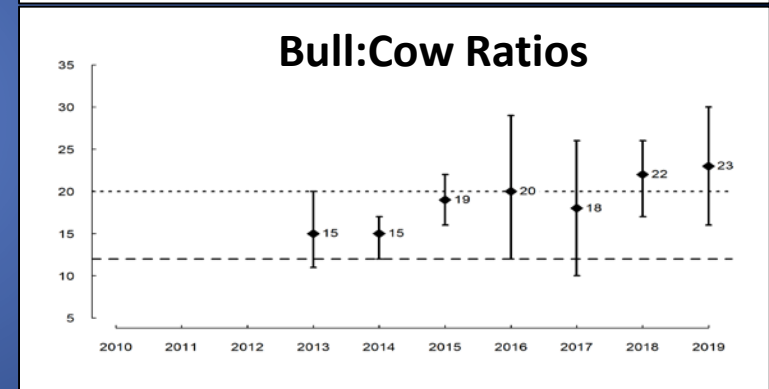
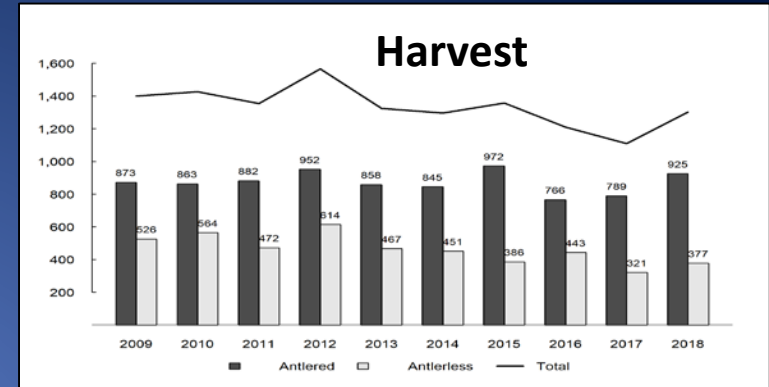


General Seasons

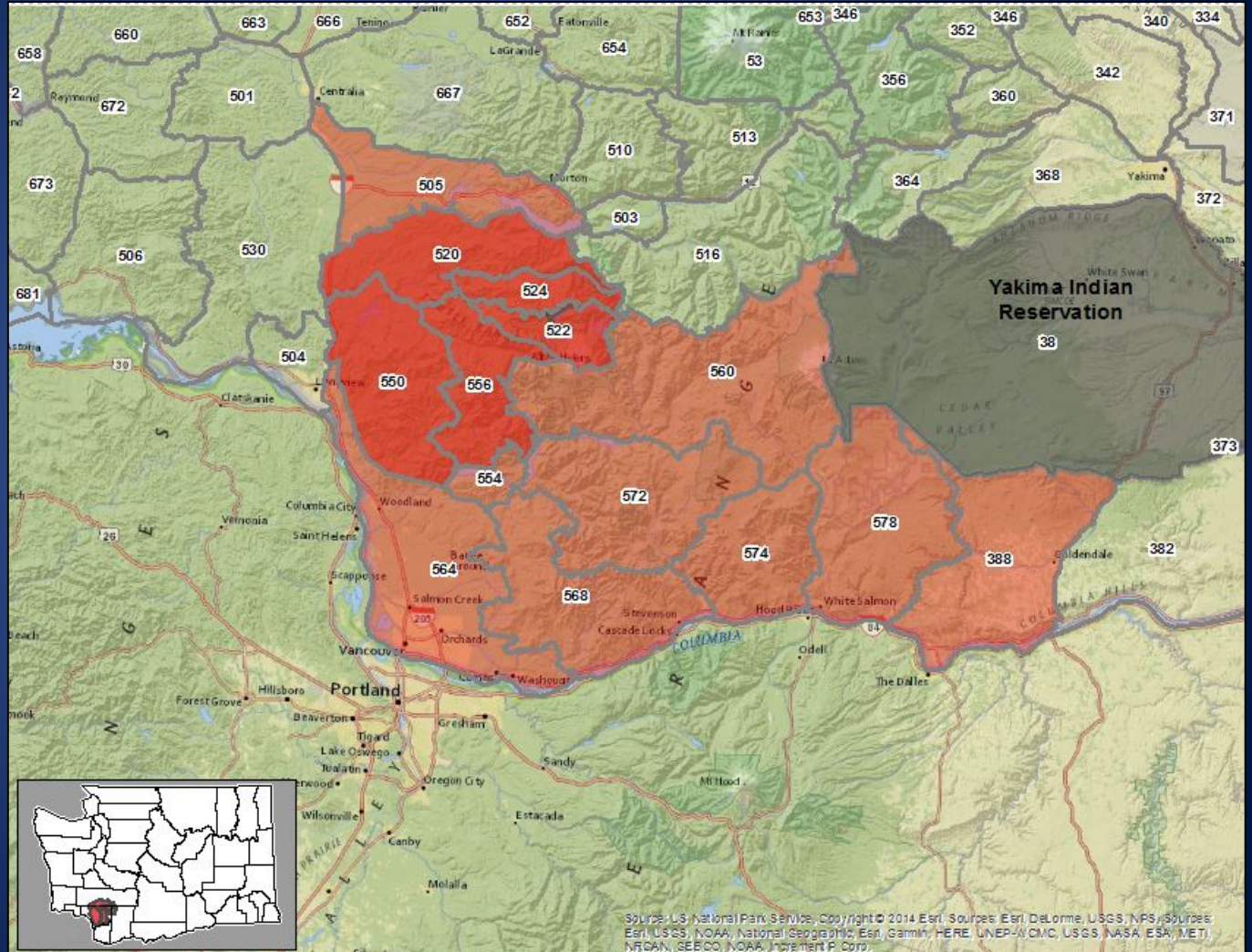
- No recommended changes

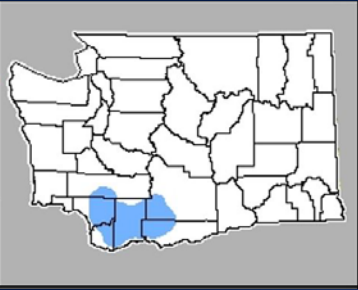
Special Permits

Antlerless Permits		2018	2019
GMU 506	Modern Firearm	25	20
GMU 506	65+	0	5
GMU 530	65+	10	5
Total		35	30

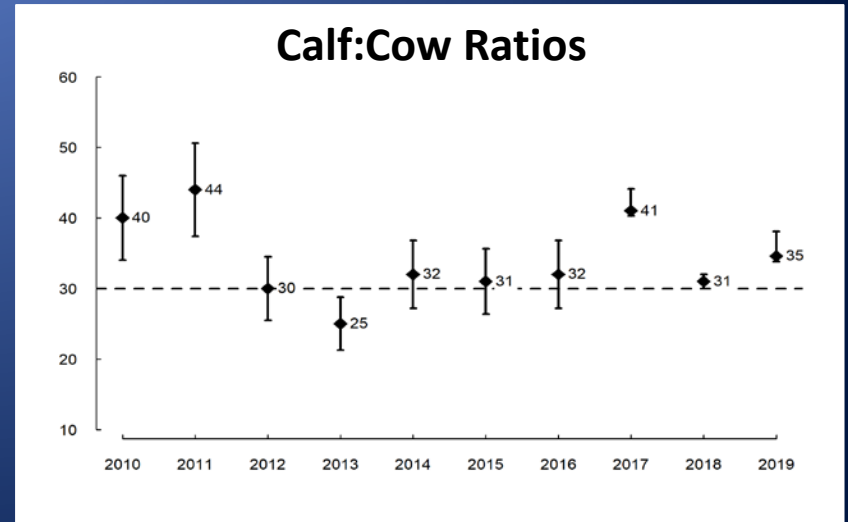
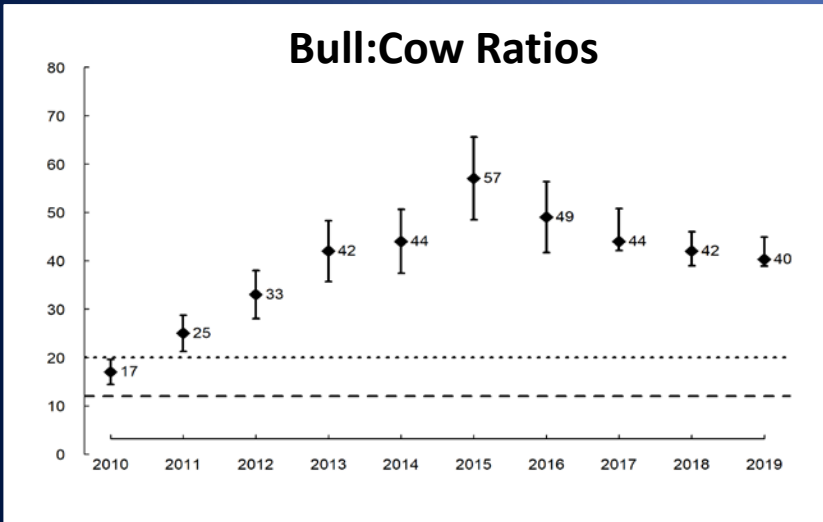
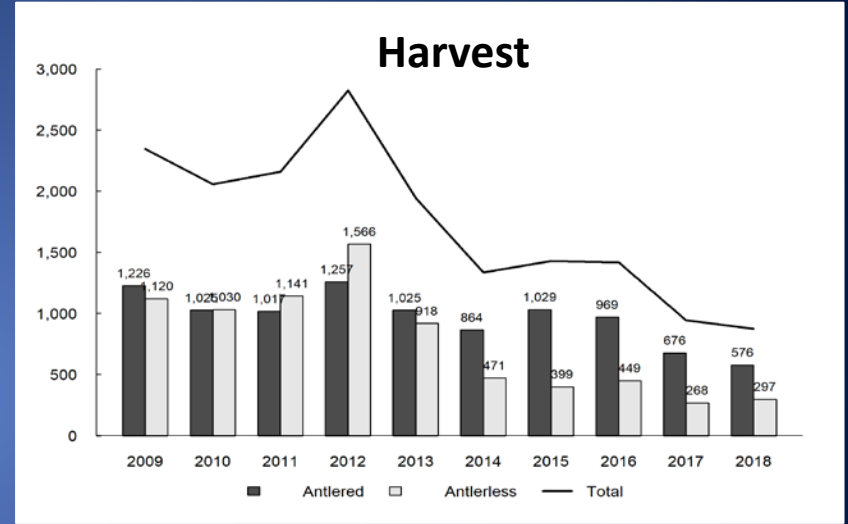
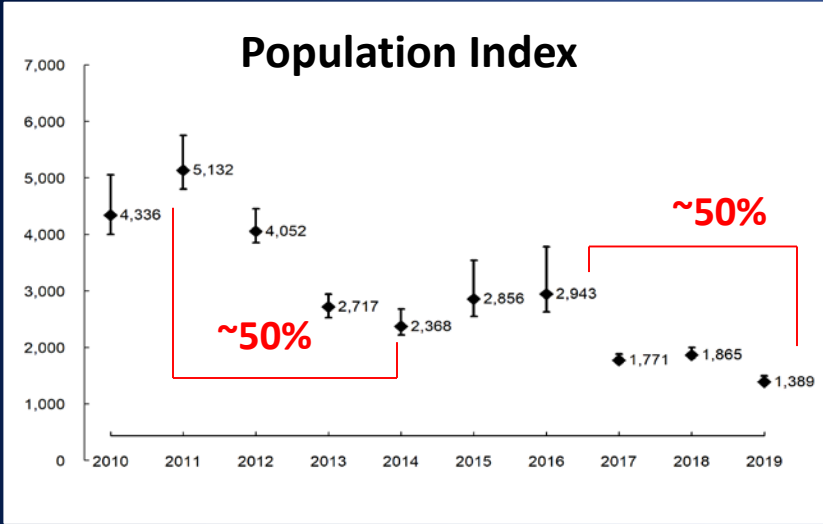


Mount St. Helens





Mount Saint Helens Elk Herd



General Seasons

- Reduce the number of days hunters can harvest an antlerless elk in GMU 578 during the late muzzleloader season from 14 to 6 days

Special Permits

- Proposed reductions in Quality, Bull, and Antlerless Special Permits

Other GMUs

Antlerless Permits		2018	2019
GMU 560	Modern Firearm	25	15
GMU 568	Modern Firearm	20	10
GMU 572	Modern Firearm	15	10
GMU 574	Modern Firearm	25	15
GMU 578	Modern Firearm	45	30
GMU 554	Muzzleloader	35	20
GMU 560	Muzzleloader	10	5
GMU 568	Muzzleloader	20	10
GMU 574	Muzzleloader	30	20
GMU 578	Youth	15	10
GMU 568	Disabled	10	5
Total		250	150

Core Area

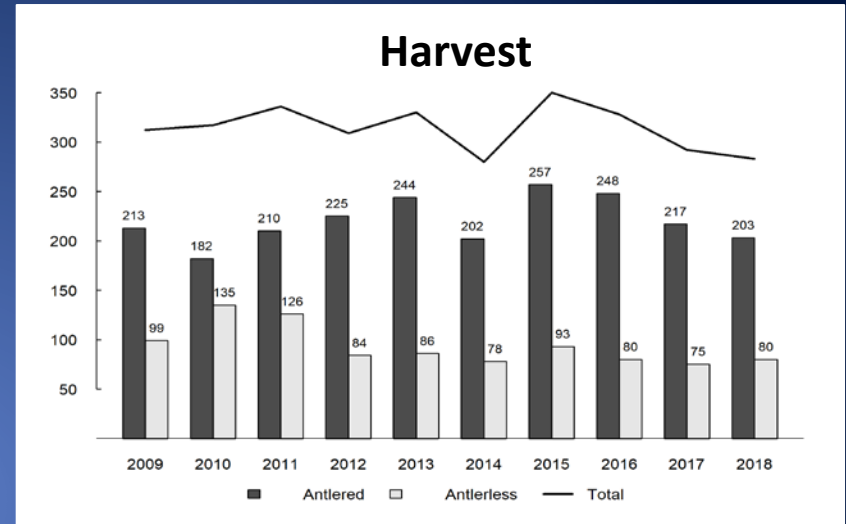
Bull Harvest Target		2018	2019
		38	25
Quality Permits		2018	2019
GMU 556	Modern Firearm	44	29
GMU 556	Archery	30	20
GMU 556	Muzzleloader	19	13
Total		93	62
Bull Permits		2018	2019
EA 5064	Modern Firearm	2	1
Antlerless Permits		2018	2019
GMU 520	Modern Firearm	25	10
GMU 550	Modern Firearm	15	10
GMU 556	Modern Firearm	15	5
GMU 560	Modern Firearm	25	15
EA 5064	Modern Firearm	2	0
EA 5065	Modern Firearm	1	0
EA 5066	Modern Firearm	5	3
EA 5069	Modern Firearm	5	3
GMU 556	Archery	15	10
EA 5064	Archery	2	0
EA 5099	Archery	7	5
GMU 520	Muzzleloader	15	5
GMU 550	Muzzleloader	15	10
GMU 556	Muzzleloader	15	10
GMU 560	Muzzleloader	10	5
EA 5064	Muzzleloader	2	0
GMU 550	Youth	15	10
GMU 556	Youth	20	10
EA 5063	Master Hunter	7	3
Total		216	114



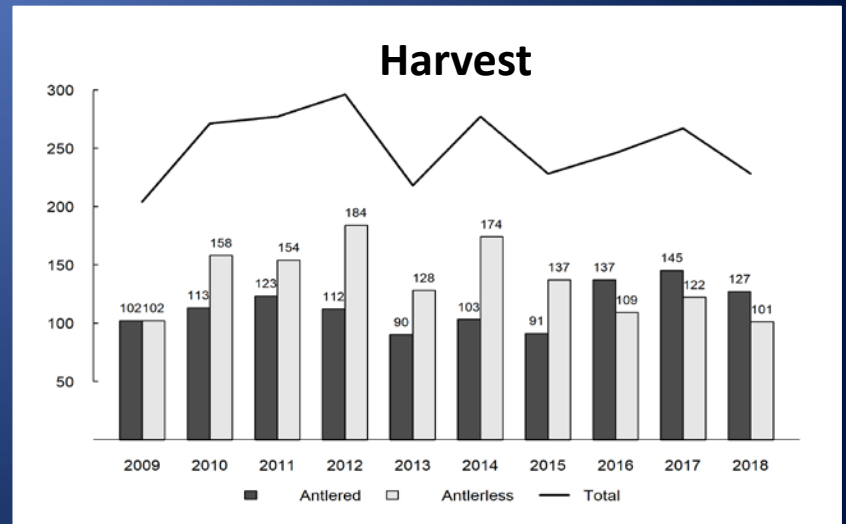
Selkirk Elk Herd

- No recommended changes for general or special permit seasons

Pend Oreille Subherd

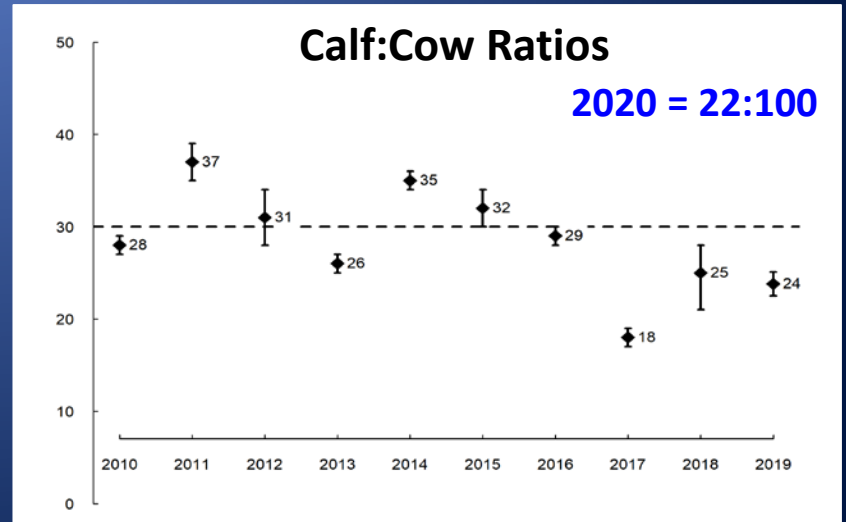
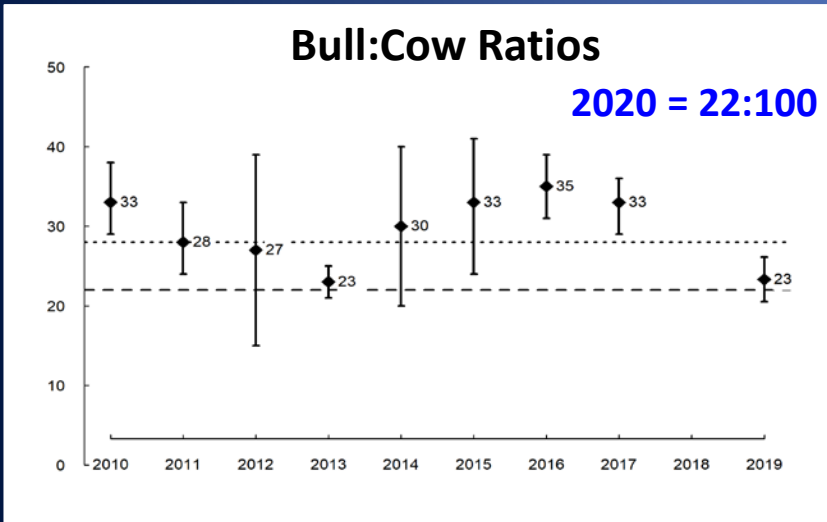
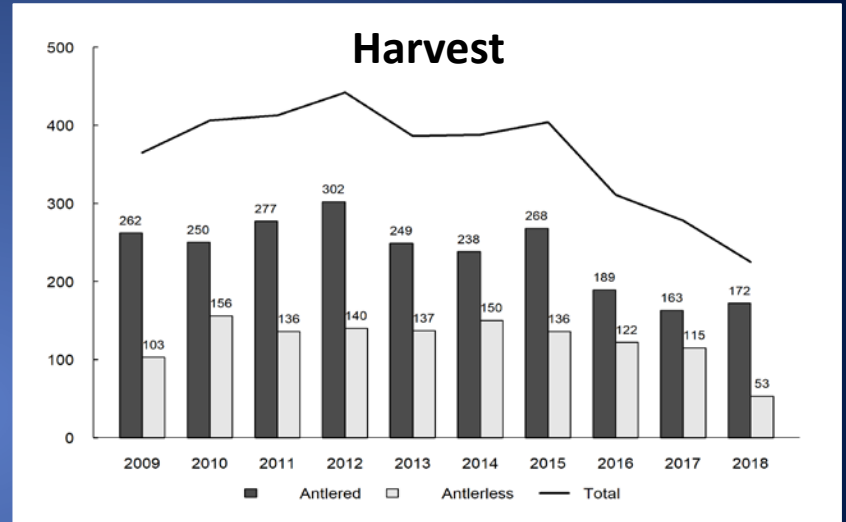
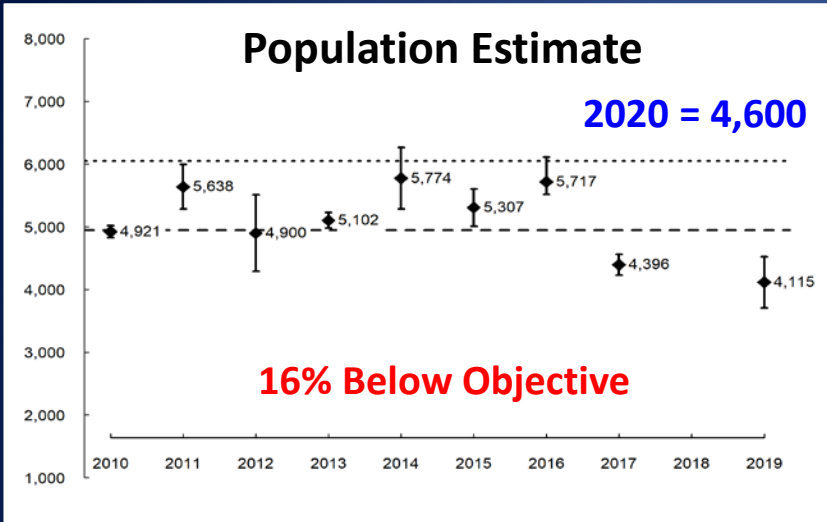


Spokane Subherd





Blue Mountains Elk Herd





Blue Mountains Elk Herd

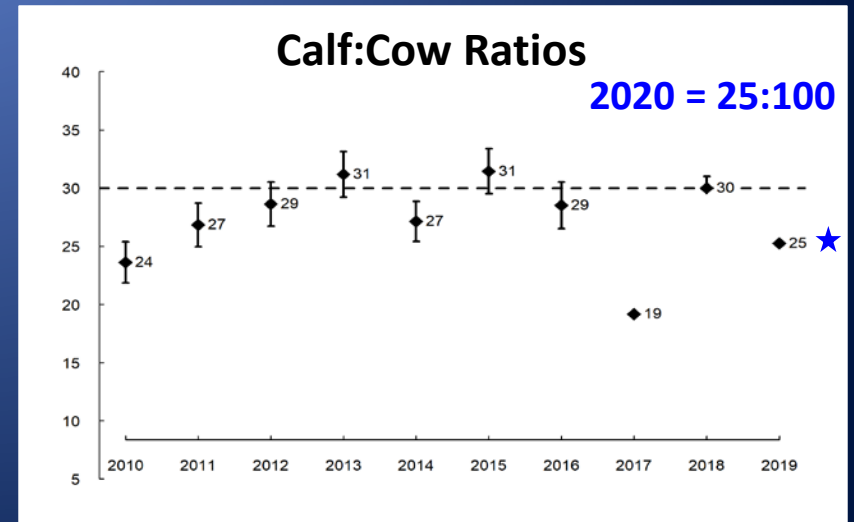
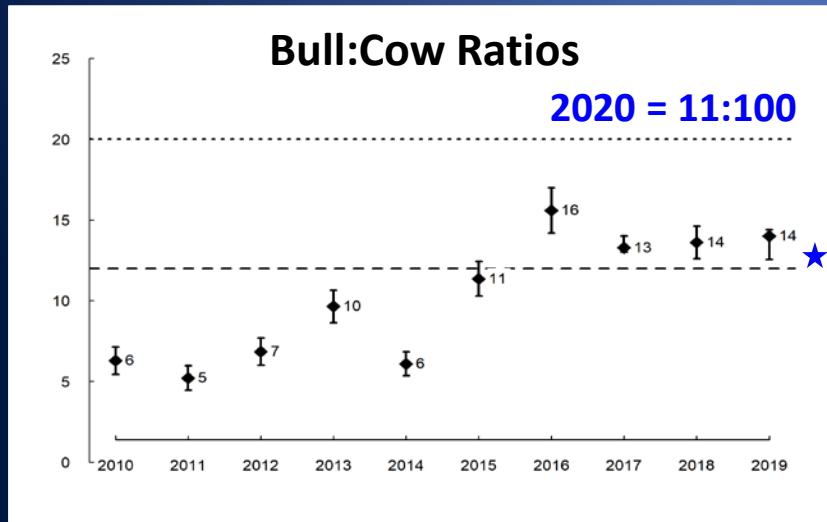
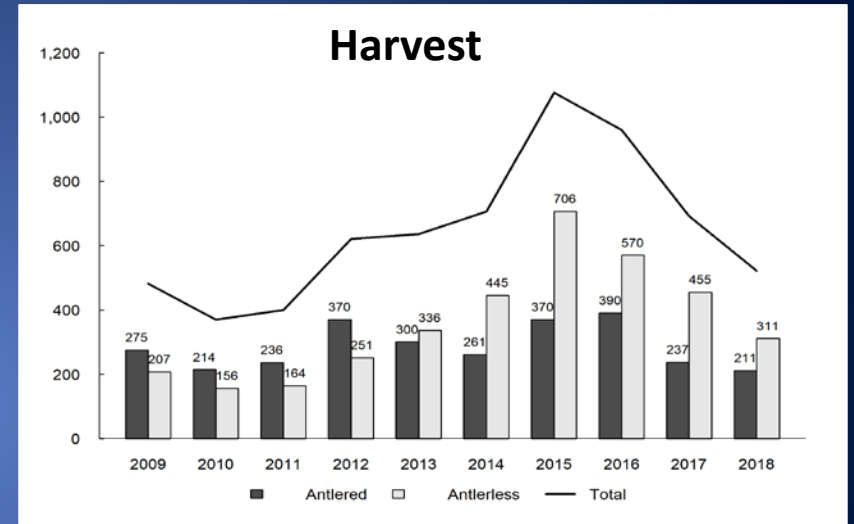
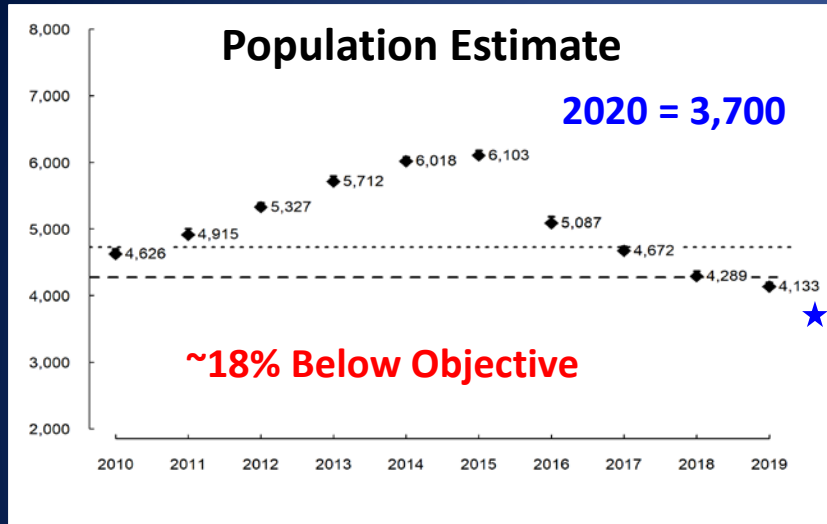
- No recommended changes for general seasons

Antlerless Permits		2018	2019
EA 1040	Modern Firearm	5	
EA 1081	Modern Firearm	40	30
EA 1082	Modern Firearm	5	
EA 1081	Muzzleloader	20	10
EA 1082	Muzzleloader	5	
GMU 162	Youth	3	
EA 1010	Youth	0	3
EA 1040	Youth	5	3
Total		83	46

Bull Harvest Target		2018	2019
		80	51
Quality Permits		2018	2019
GMU 181	Modern Firearm	4	3
GMU 154	Archery	6	5
GMU 162	Archery	3	1
EA 1010, GMU 163	Archery	3	2
GMU 166	Archery	5	2
EA 1009	Archery	3	2
GMU 172	Archery	9	4
GMU 175	Archery	3	2
GMU 181	Archery	3	2
GMU 162	Muzzleloader	2	1
GMU 166	Muzzleloader	2	1
GMU 172	Muzzleloader	5	2
Total		48	27
Bull Permits		2018	2019
EA 1040	Modern Firearm	5	0
EA 1081	Modern Firearm	40	30
EA 1082	Modern Firearm	5	0
EA 1081	Muzzleloader	20	10
EA 1082	Muzzleloader	5	0
Total		75	40

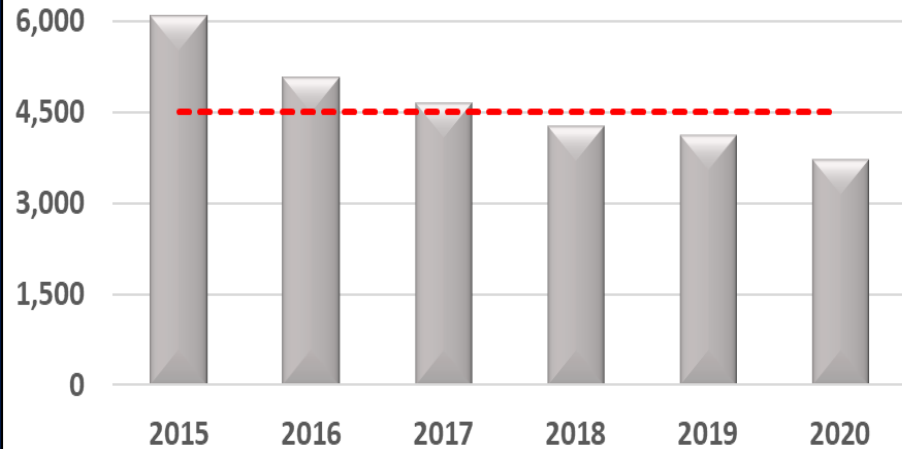


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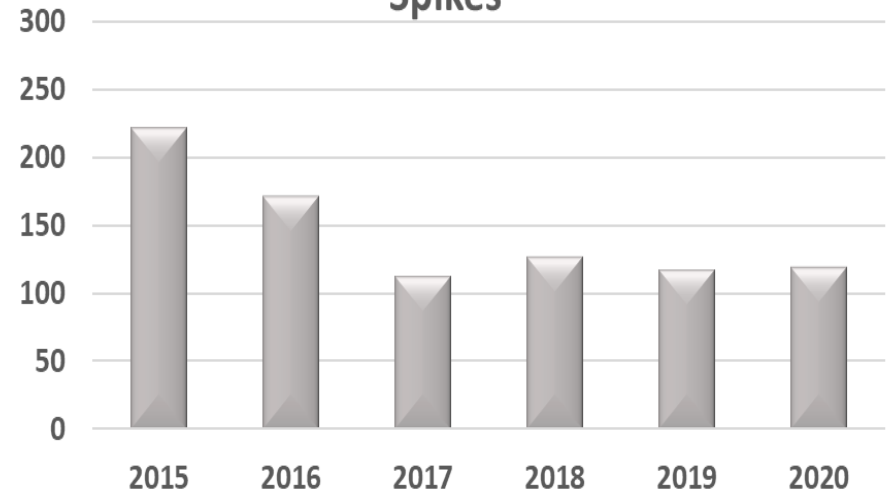


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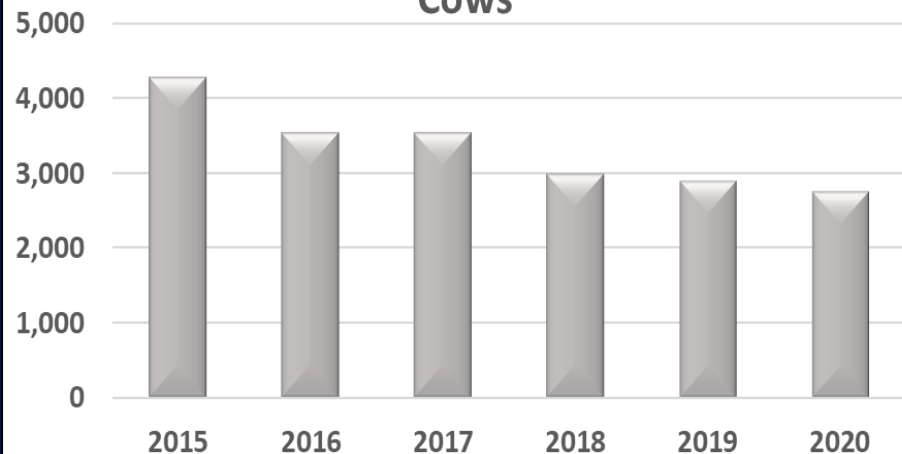
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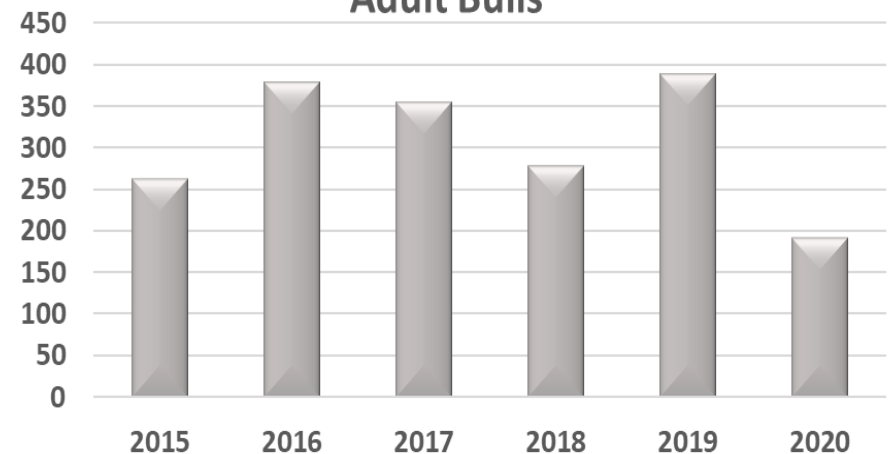
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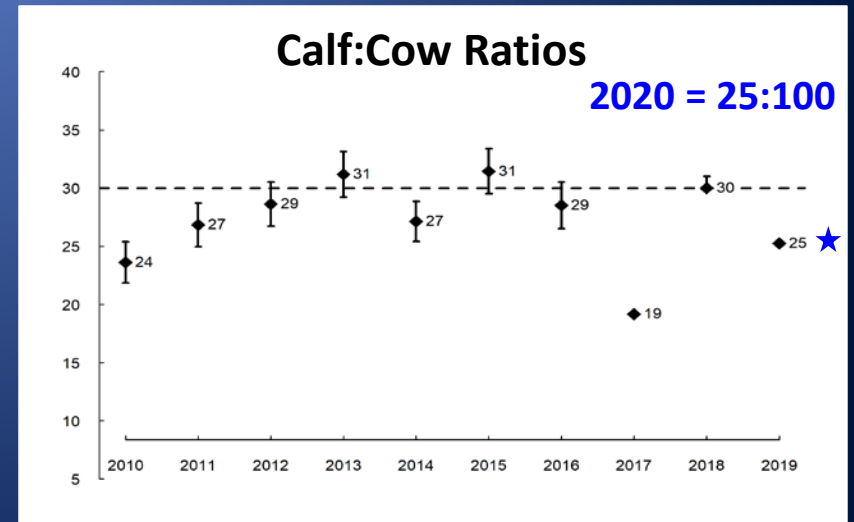
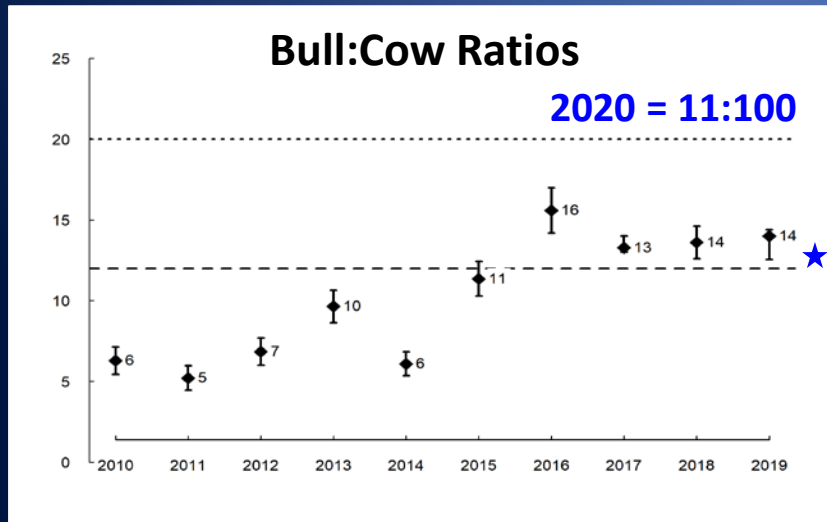
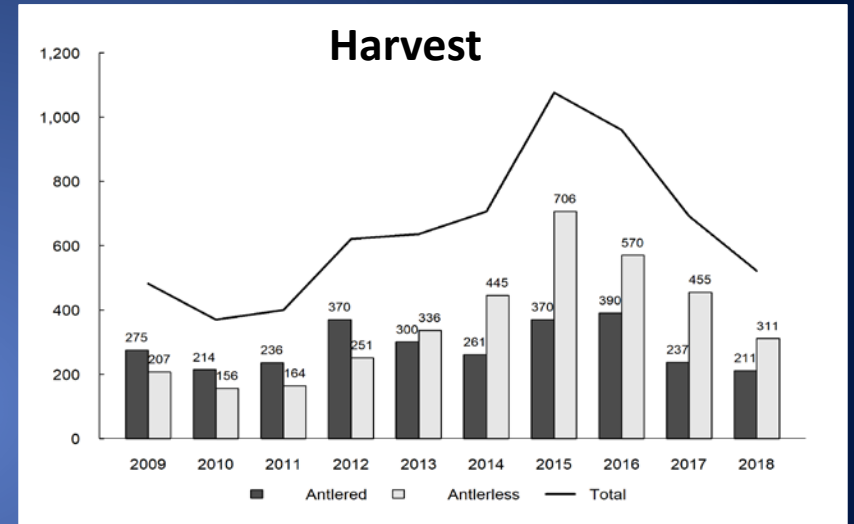
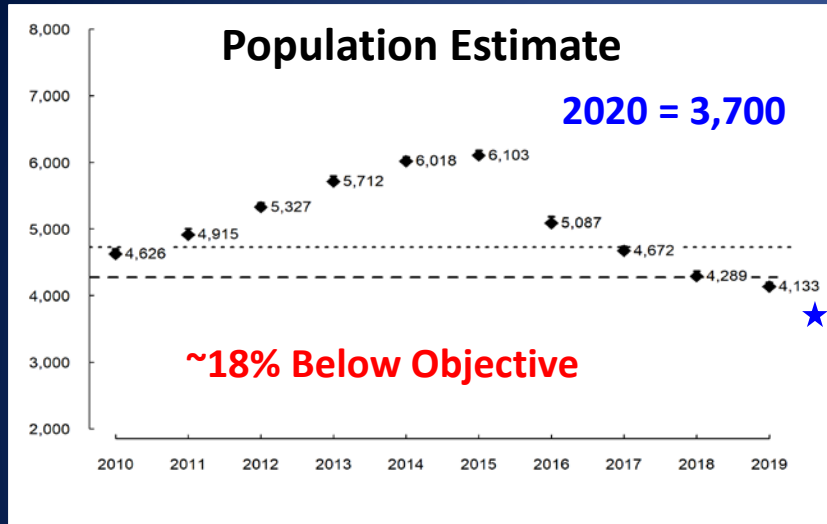


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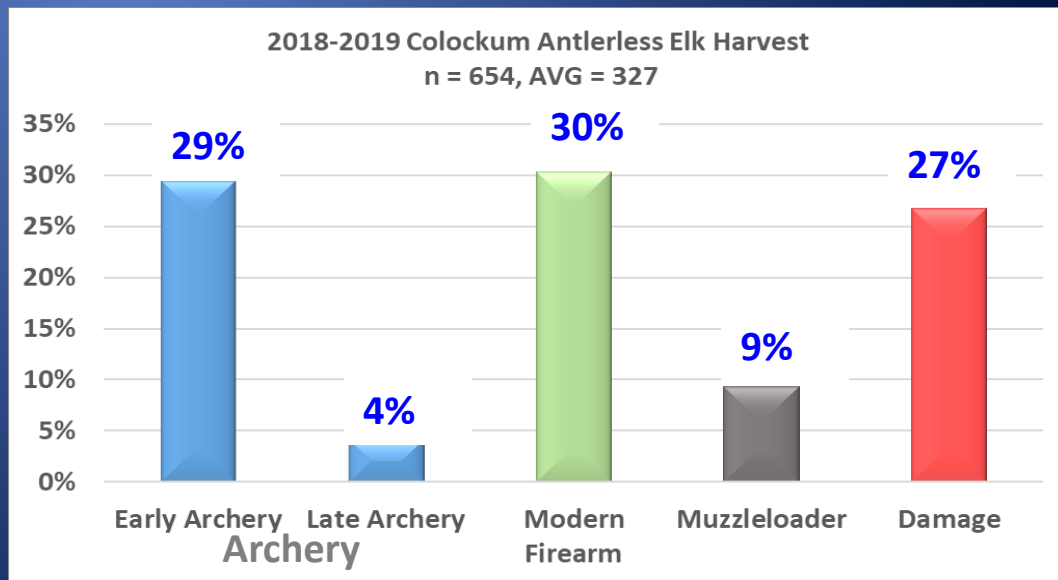
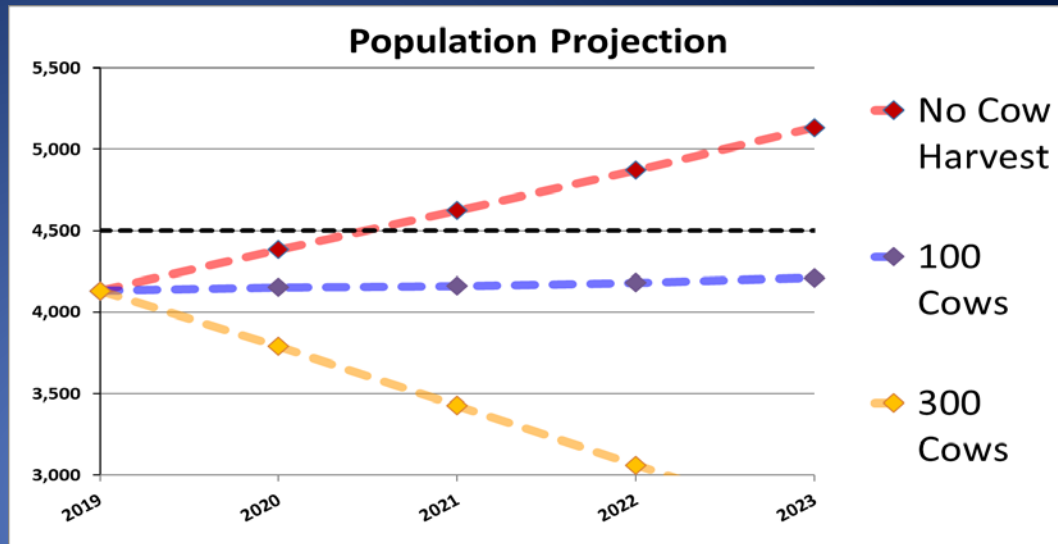
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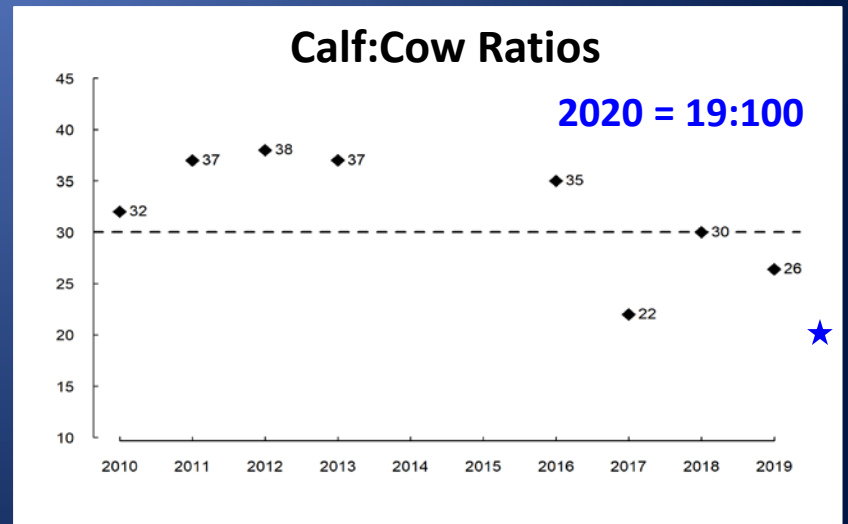
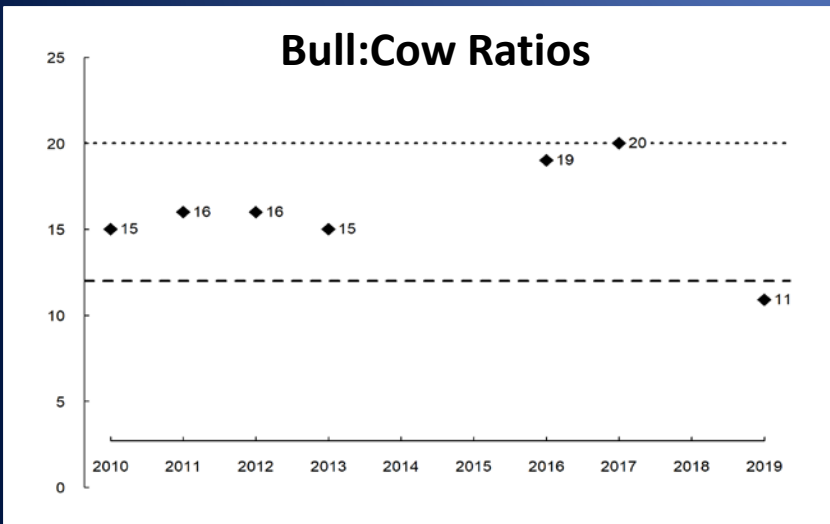
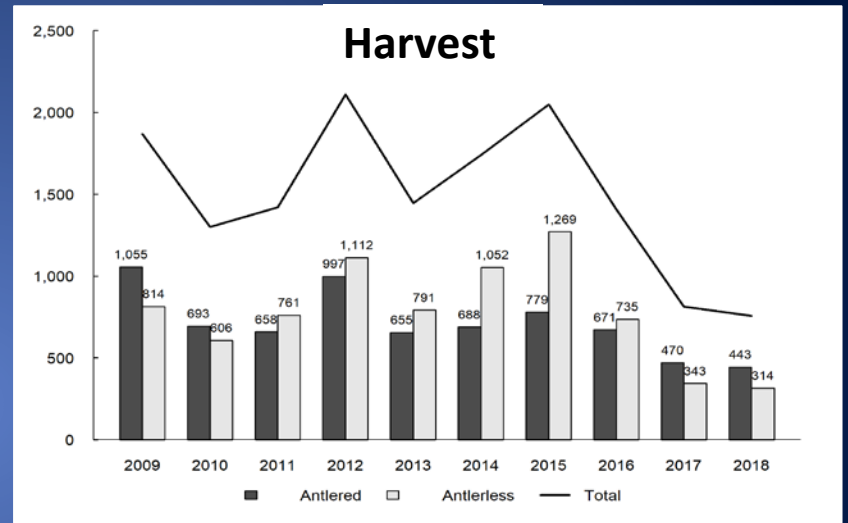
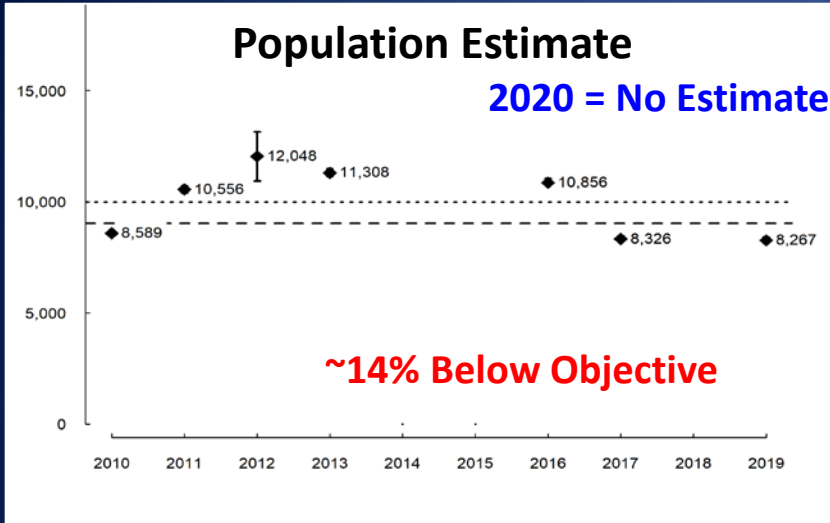
Colockum Elk Herd

- Have made preliminary recommendation to reduce special permits for antlerless elk by 65 permits
- Will make final recommendations for antlerless opportunities when 2019 harvest estimates and 2020 survey results are available
- Special bull permits will be similar to 2019 and are presented as recommended adjustments





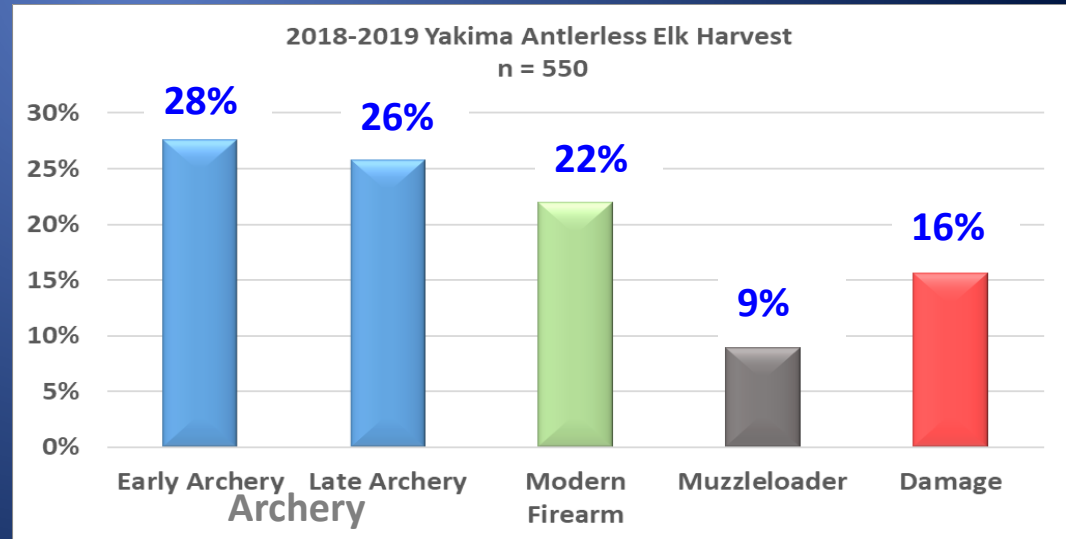
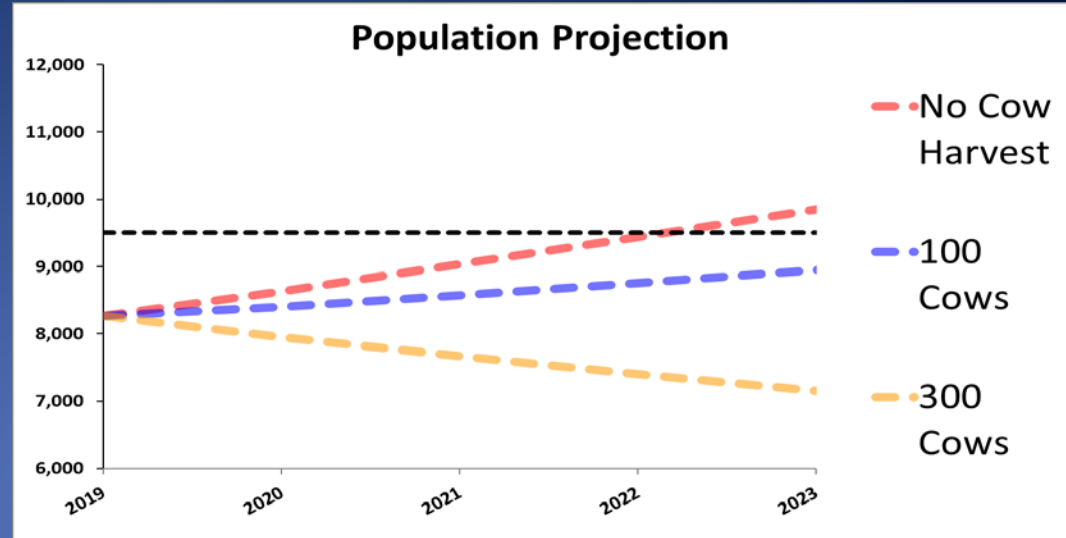
Yakima Elk Herd





Yakima Elk Herd

- Have made preliminary recommendation to reduce special permits for antlerless elk by 38 permits
- Will make final recommendations for antlerless opportunities when 2019 harvest estimates and 2020 survey results are available
- Special bull permits will be similar to 2019 and are presented as recommended adjustments





Yakima Elk Herd

General Seasons

- Reduce season length for Master Hunter Only hunts in GMU 371 from August 1-January 20 to August 1-October 15

Special Permits

- Added special antlerless permits for modern firearm (20) and muzzleloader (10) youth hunters in GMU 371

Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits			
Area	Restrictions	GMUs	Permits
Region 3	Any Bull	336, 346 336-368	1
Region 3	Any Bull	352-360	1
Region 3	Any Bull	364-368	1
Region 5	Any Elk	382, 388 and all 500 series GMUs EXCEPT 522	2
Region 6	Any Elk	618, 638-648, 654, 658, 663, 672, 699	1

Elk General Seasons

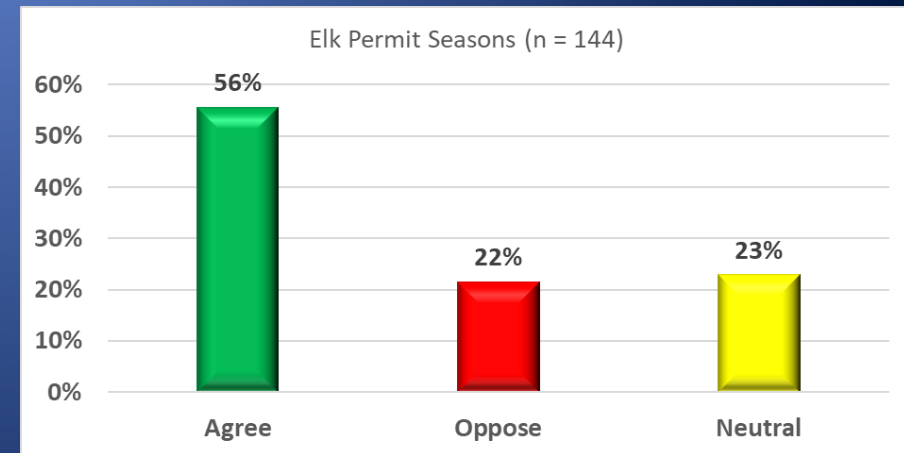
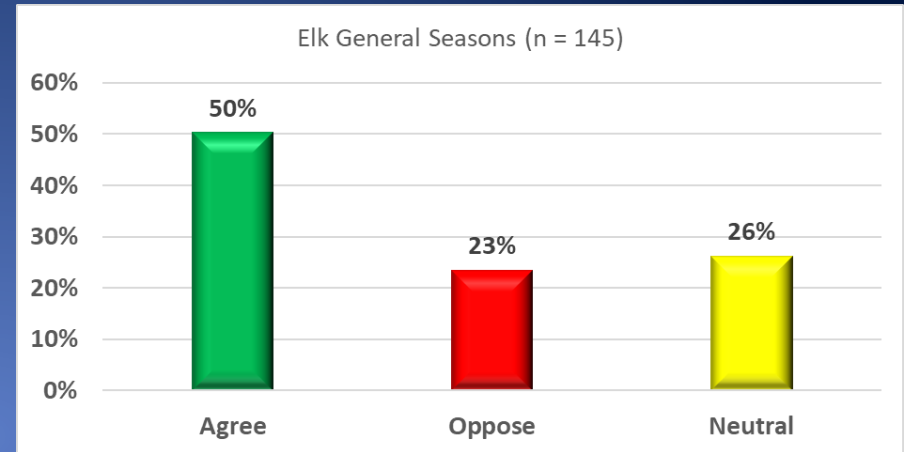
- Removed GMU 655 (Anderson Island) from the list of GMUs open during modern firearm general elk seasons in western Washington

Elk Special Permits

- Added language that clarifies the bag limit is one elk, even if permits are drawn in more than one category

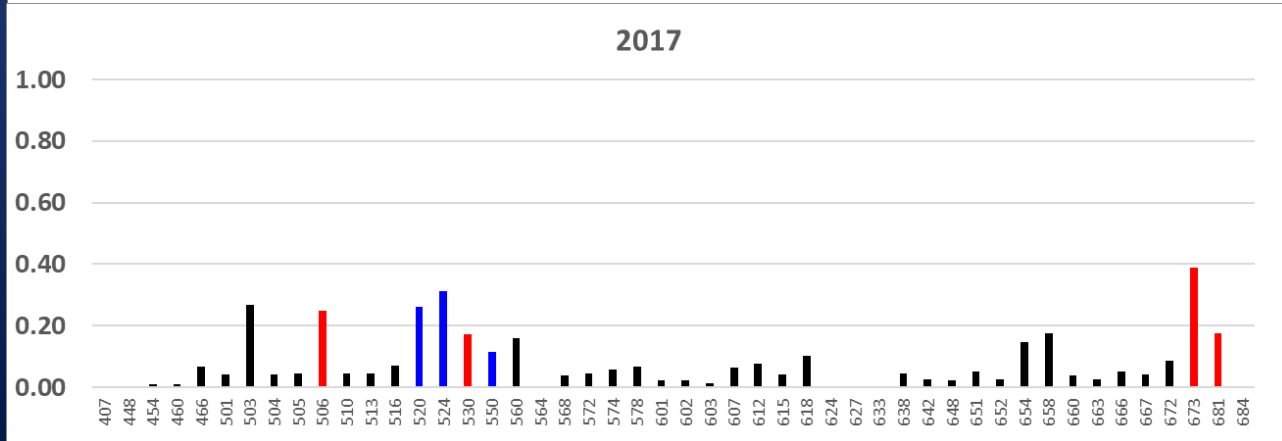
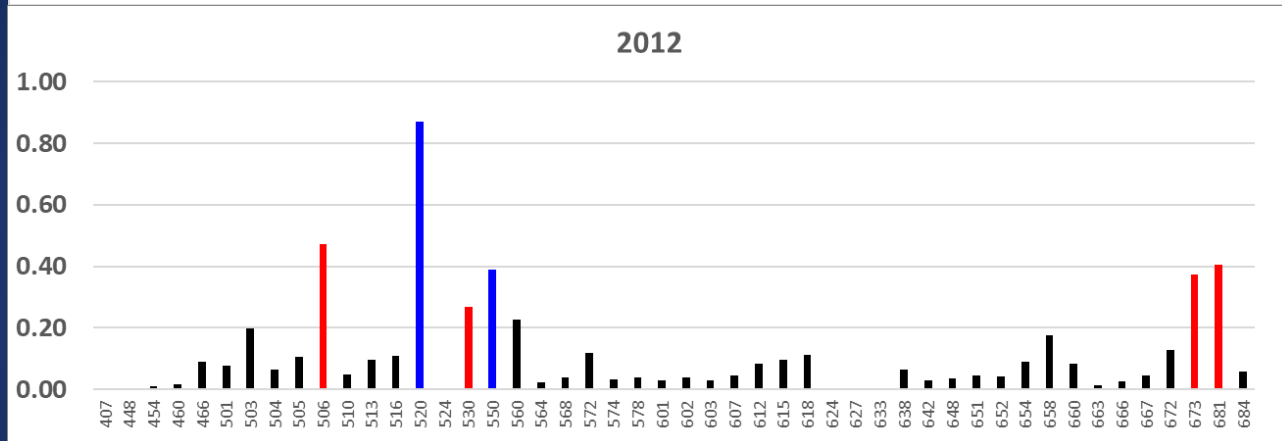
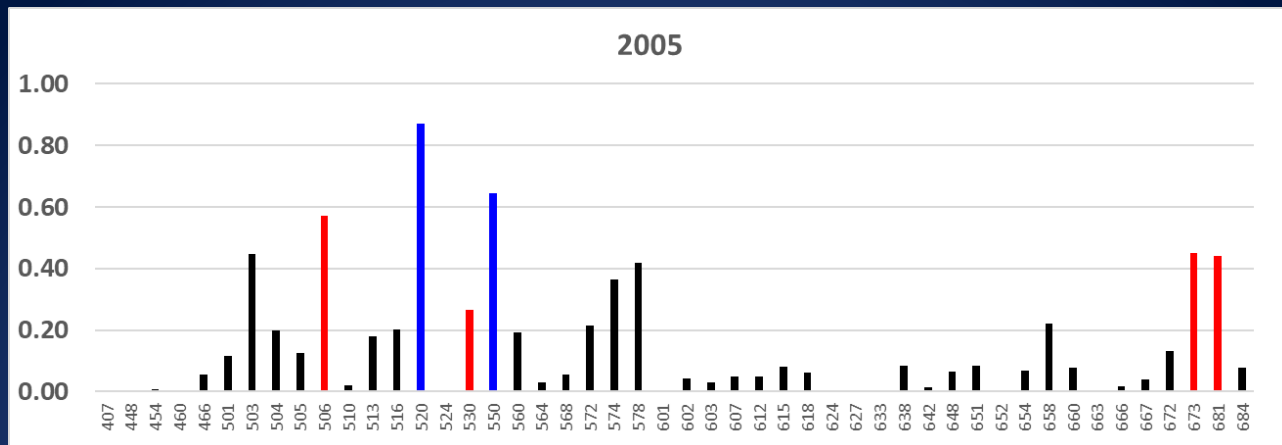
Public Comment

- Comments indicated general support and understanding for reducing antlerless harvest, but consensus on how opportunity should be reduced was lacking
- Other themes included predator management and reducing tribal harvest



Questions?





Mount St. Helens

General Seasons

- Reduce the number of days hunters can harvest an antlerless elk in GMU 578 during the late muzzleloader season from 14 to 6 days

Special Permits

- Proposed reductions in Quality, Bull, and Antlerless Special Permits

