

# **Agenda Item 21**

**2012 – 2014 Elk General Seasons  
and**

**2012 Elk Special Permits**

**WAC 232-28-358**

**WAC 232-28-360**

**Rule Action**

# Increased Opportunity

- **Blue Mountains special permits for bulls.**
- **Yakima special permits for bulls.**
- **Increased antlerless special permits in some of the Yakima units.**
- **Increase in bull permits for Nooksack.**

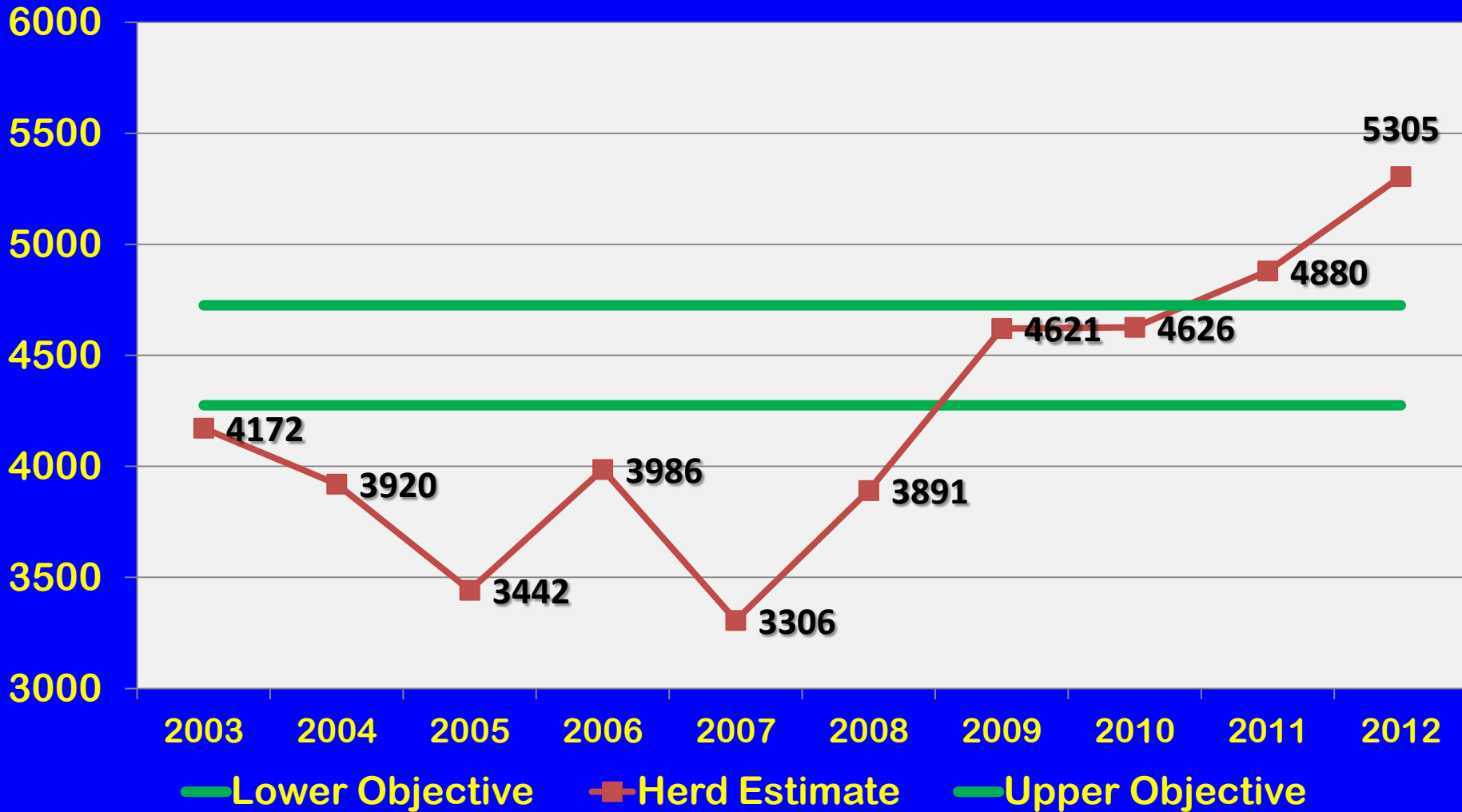
# Selkirk Elk

- **Recommend changing GMUs 101, 105, 108, 121, and 204 from “any elk” to “any bull” seasons.**
- **Intention is to promote growth in the elk population and create more elk hunting opportunity in the future.**
- **Eliminate “any elk” Master Hunter hunt in GMUs 127-142.**
- **Retain “antlerless” Master Hunter hunt in GMUs 127 and 130.**

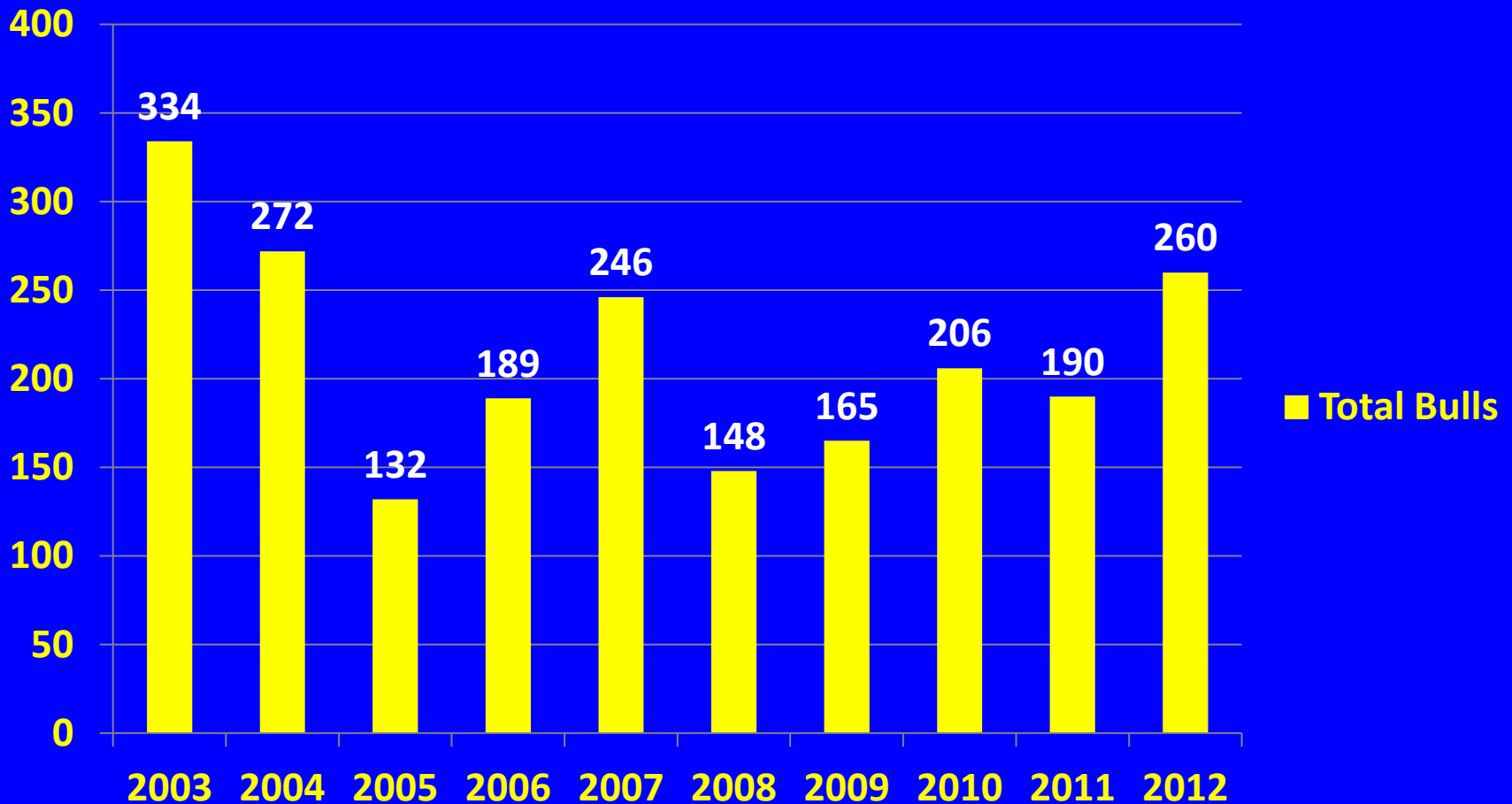
# Colockum Elk



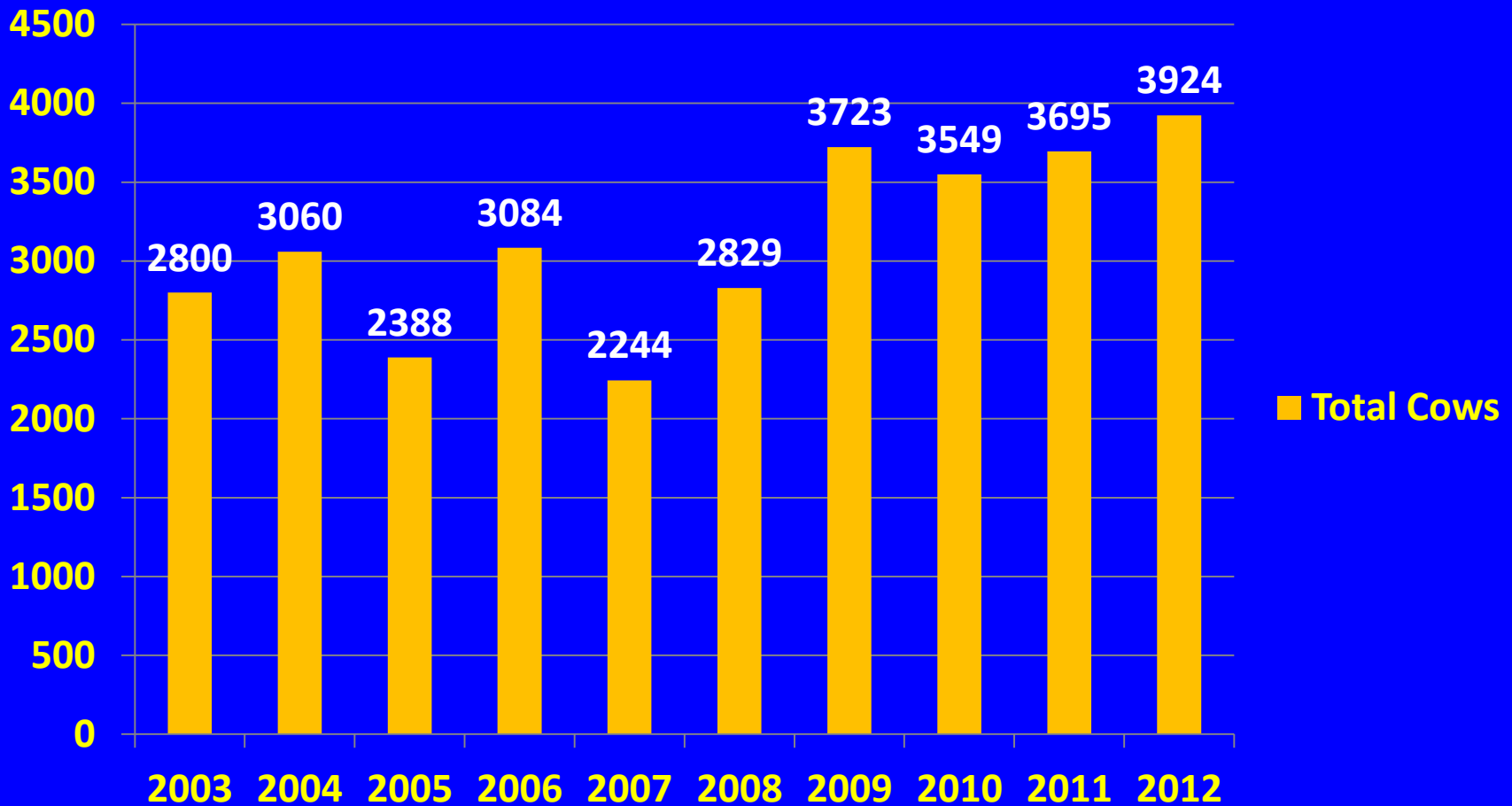
# Colockum Herd Size



# Colockum Bull Population

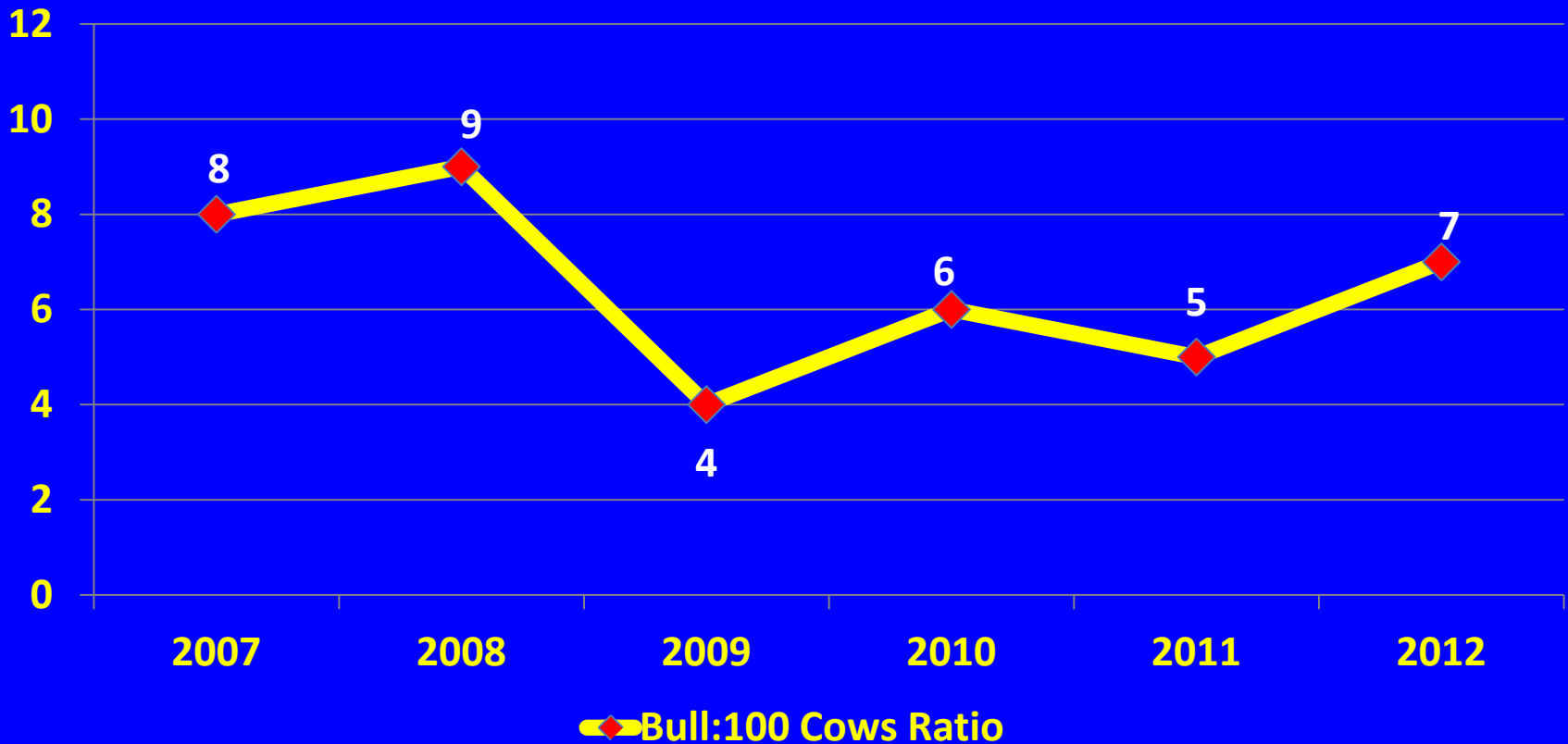


# Colockum Cow Population



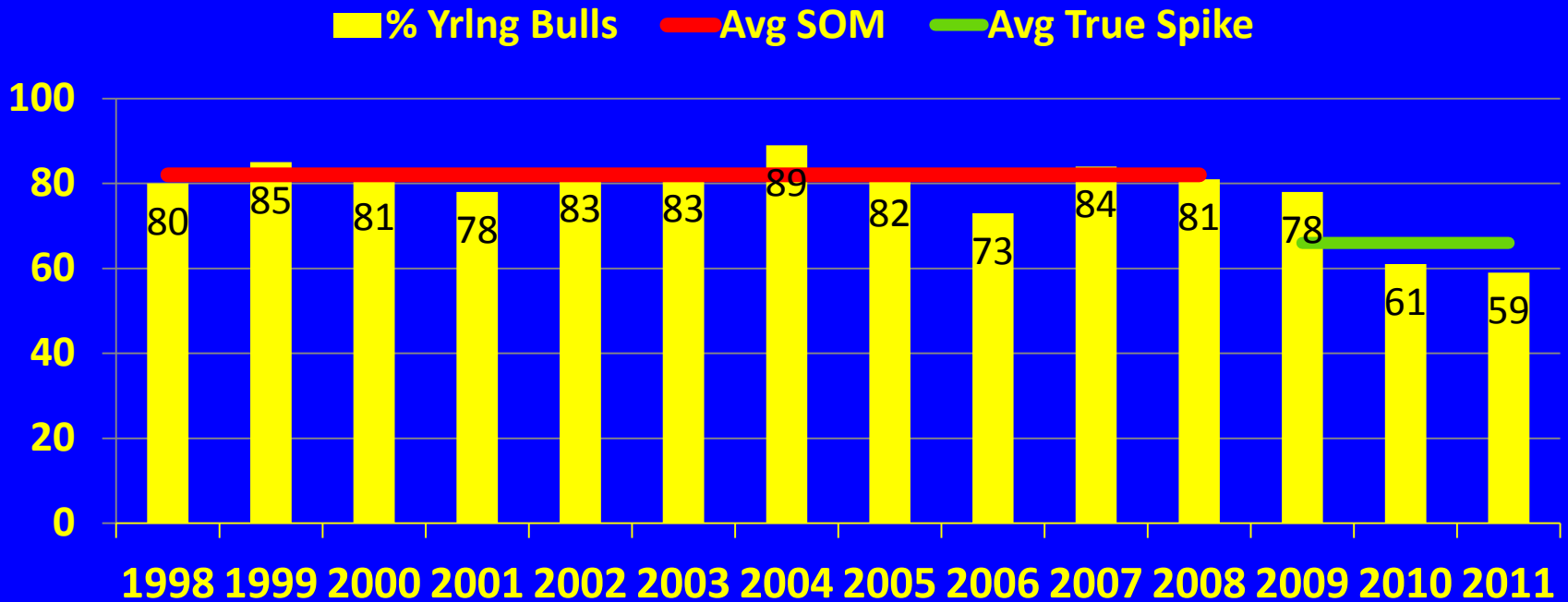
# Colockum Post-Hunt Bull:Cow Ratios

## March Bull:Cow Ratios





# Percentage of Yearling Bulls Harvested



- **Percent Yearling Bulls Harvested Under Spike Only Management (SOM)**

- Colockum ~82%
- Yakima ~70%
- Blue Mountains ~60%
- Colockum Under True Spike ~66%



# Special Permit Any Bull Hunts

## GMUs 328 and 329

Year	Permits	Bull Harvest
2007	14	10
2008	6	2
2009	11	9
2010	6	4
2011	6	3
2012	15	10?

## GMU 335

Year	Permits	Bull Harvest
2007	63	16
2008	38	9
2009	40	13
2010	31	10
2011	25	8*
2012	35	10?

\*Occasionally yearling bulls are killed under “any bull” seasons.

# Colockum Elk

- **Colockum special permits for bulls.**
  - Increase modern firearm from 3 permits to 8 permits.
  - Increase archery permits from 2 permits to 6 permits.
  - Maintain muzzleloader permits at 1.
  - Overall increase from 6 permits to 15 permits for bulls.
- **Goal is to return total population to objective.**
- **Antlerless opportunity for Colockum**
  - General season: late archery GMUs 328, 335
  - Special permits
  - GMUs 328, 329 create 40 permits modern, 50 archery and 30 muzzleloader. Harvest target ~ 75
  - GMU 335 reduce from 50 to 30 permits

# Floor Amendments

- **Page 34: Change the number of permits for Nooksack, WF, Oct. 8-Nov. 16, Any bull, from 4 permits to 5 permits.**
  - March flights confirmed more bull permits could be offered in the Nooksack unit.
- **Page 35: Change the dates for Peninsula WF (GMUs 602, 607, 612), Quinault WF (GMU 638), and White River WF (GMU 653) hunts from Sept. 16-20 to Sept. 24-28.**
  - These three changes eliminate overlaps between modern firearm special permit hunts and archery deer and elk general seasons.

# Floor Amendments

- March flights confirmed more bull permits could be offered in the Nooksack unit.
- Page 35: Change the number of permits for Nooksack, WA, Sept. 1-23 and Dec. 1-31, Any bull, from 2 permits to 3 permits.
- Page 36: Change the number of permits for Nooksack, WM, Sept. 24-Oct. 7 and Nov. 24-30, Any bull, from 2 permits to 3 permits.
- Page 37: Change the number of permits for Nooksack, WA, Sept. 1-23 and Dec. 1-31, Spike only from 2 permits to 3 permits.
- Page 38: Change the number of permits for Nooksack, WM, Sept. 24-Oct. 7 and Nov. 24-30, Spike only, from 2 permits to 3 permits.



# Questions