

# **Agenda Item 7**

**WAC 232-28-286**

## **Spring Black Bear Seasons and Regulations**

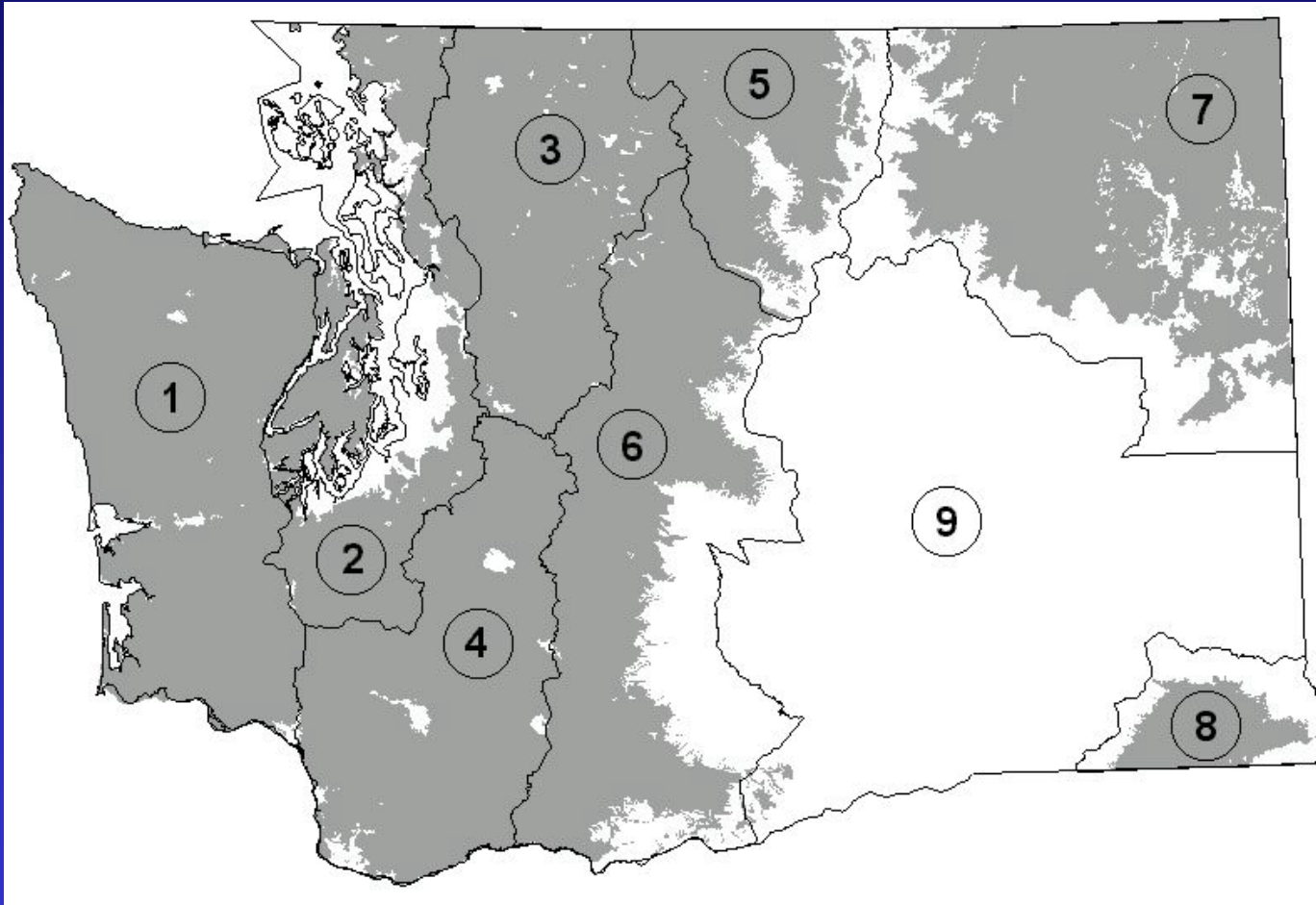
# Game Management Plan

## Objective 58

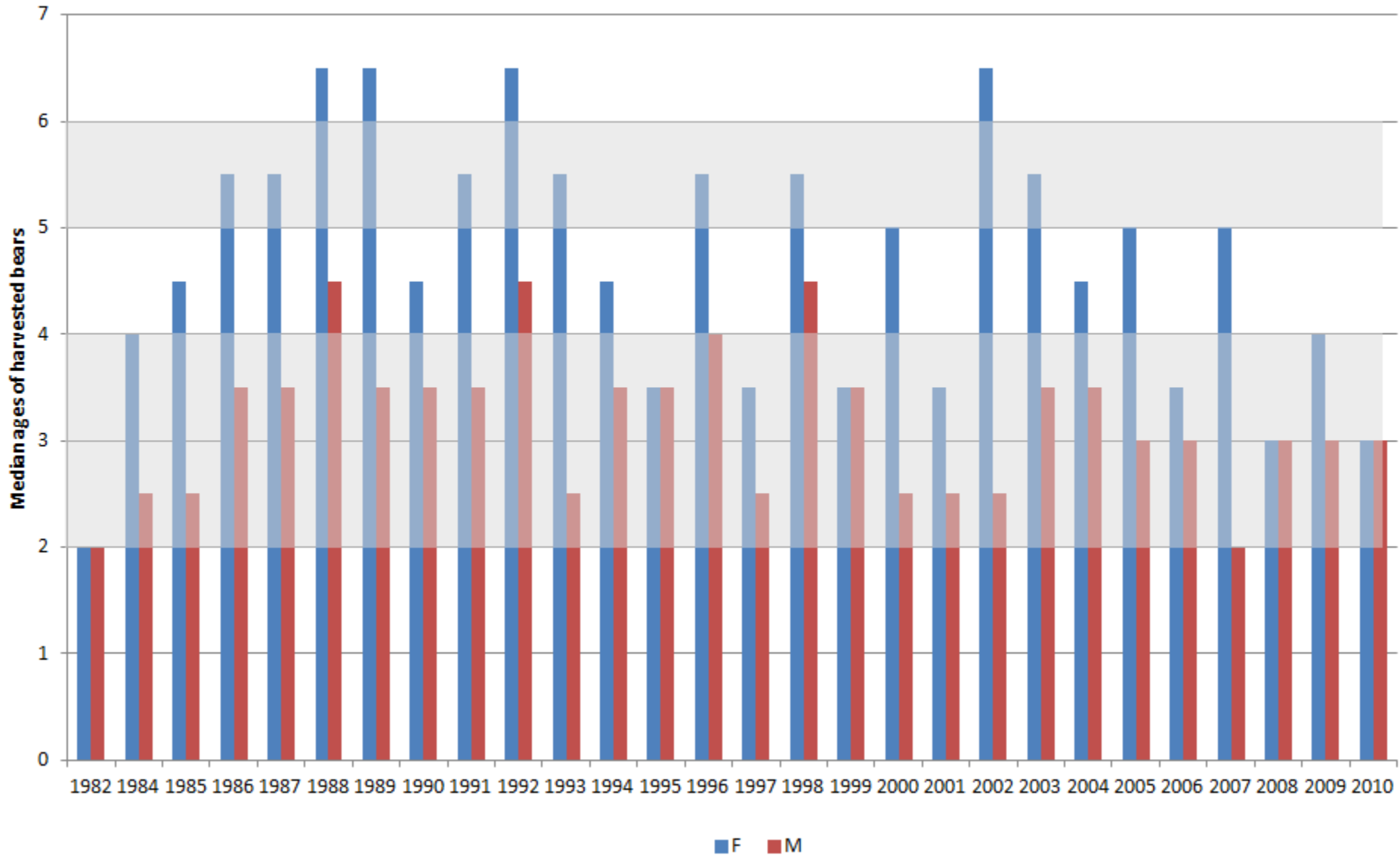
- Provide recreational hunting opportunities to annually harvest at least 800-1,200 bears statewide, while at the same time maintaining a sustainable bear population in each BBMU

| Parameter                       | Harvest    |            |           |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
|                                 | Liberalize | Acceptable | Restrict  |
| % Females in harvest            | < 35%      | 35-39%     | > 39%     |
| Median age of harvested females | > 6 years  | 5-6 years  | < 5 years |
| Median age of harvested males   | > 4 years  | 2-4 years  | < 2 years |

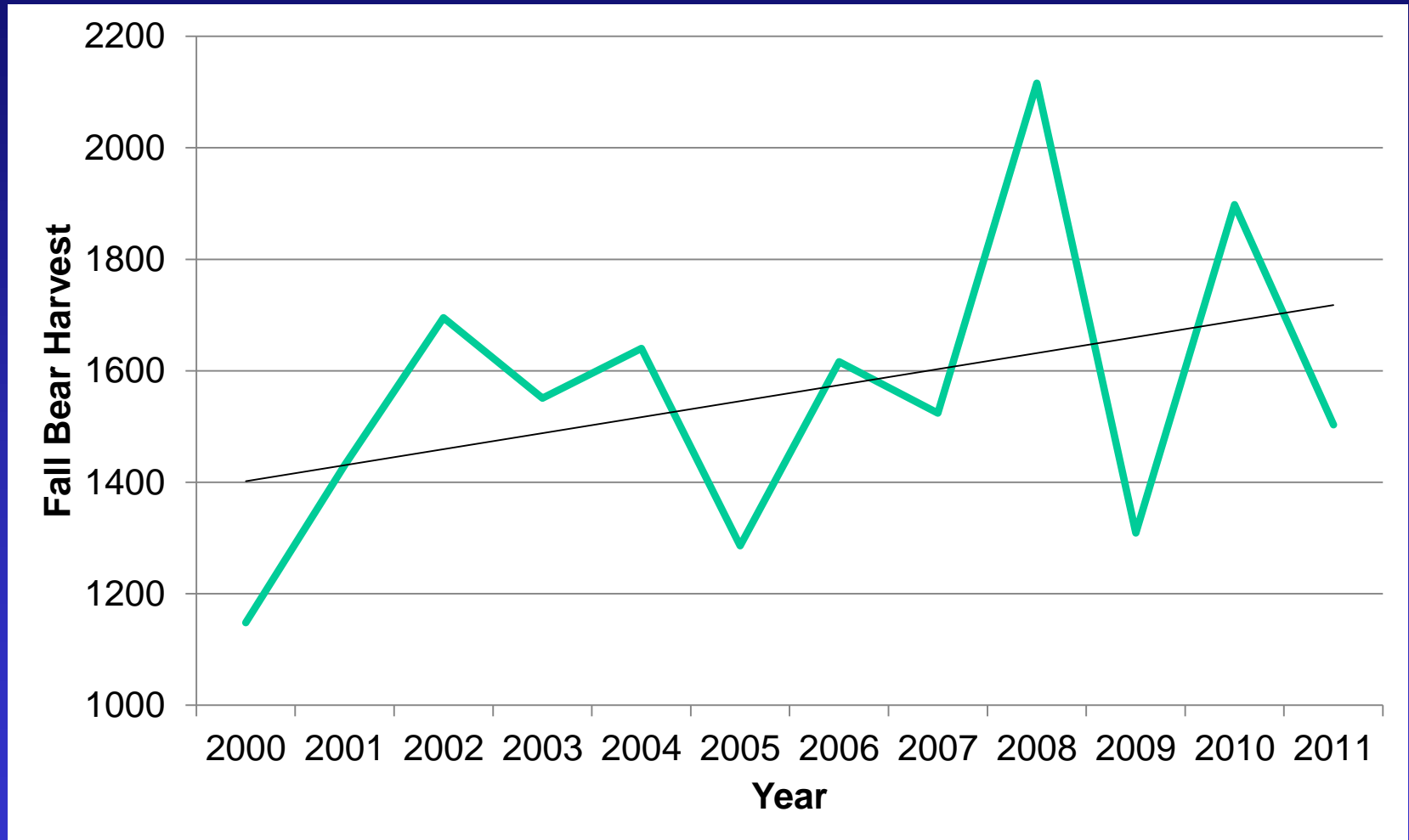
# Black bear Management Units



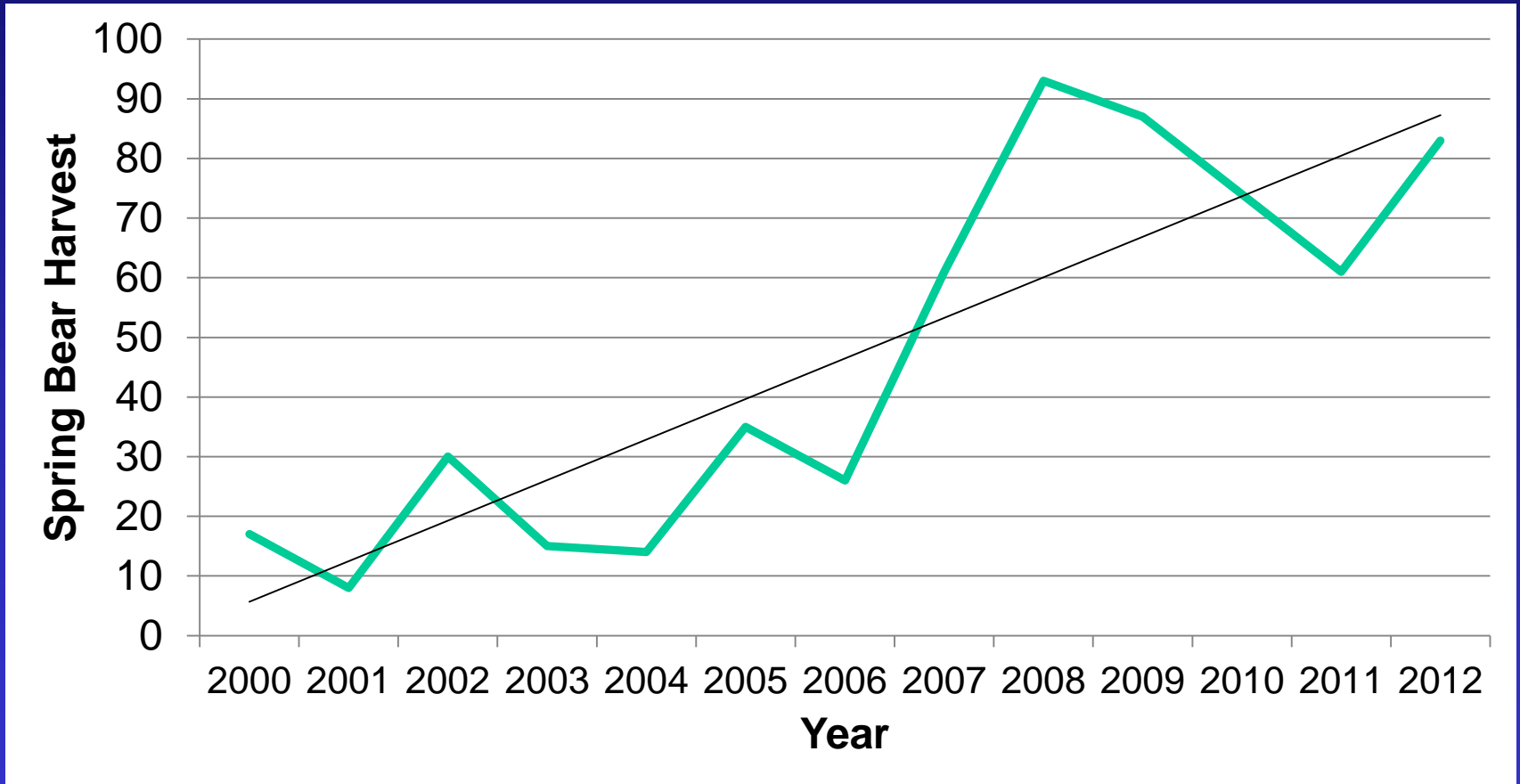
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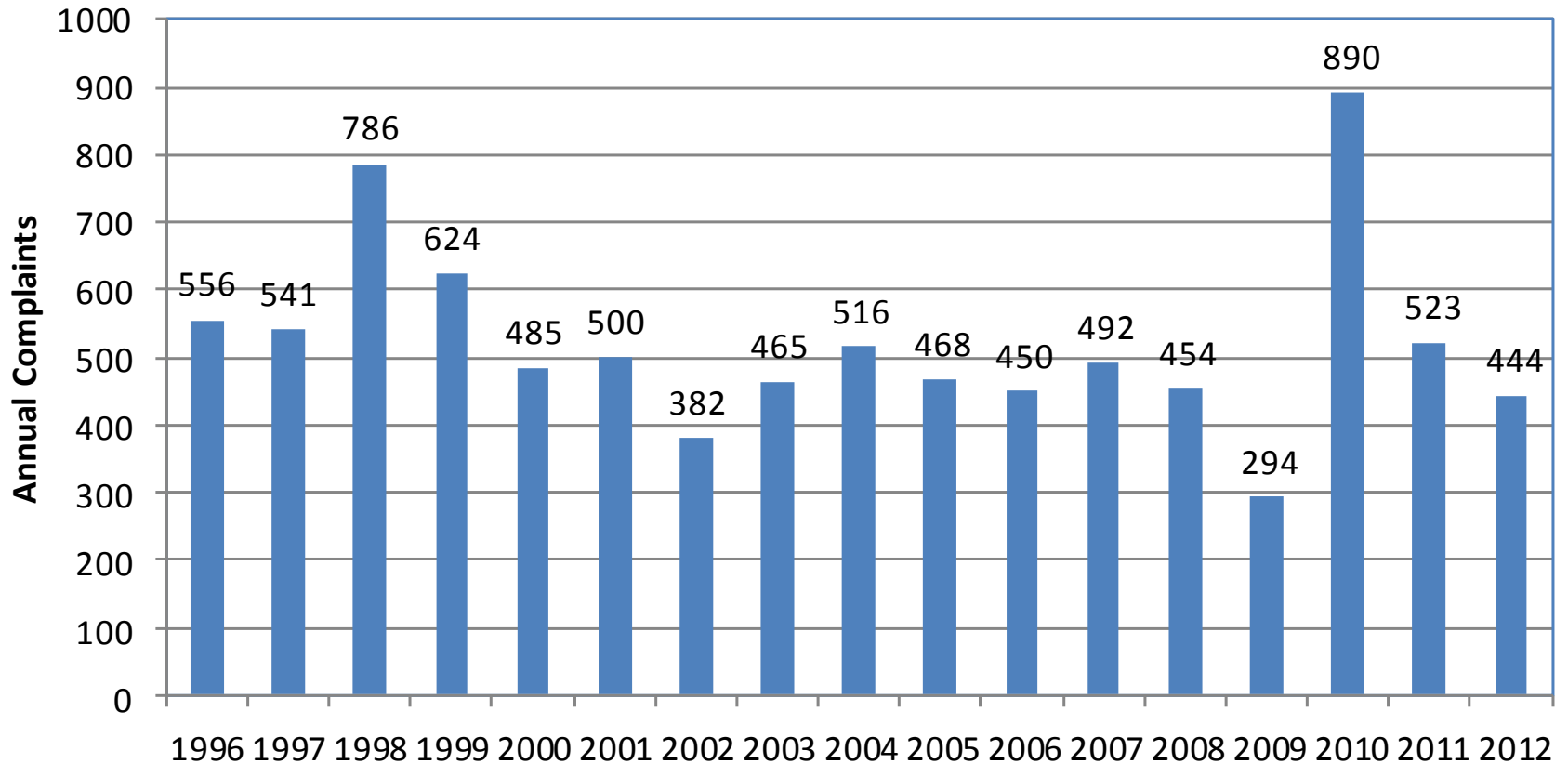
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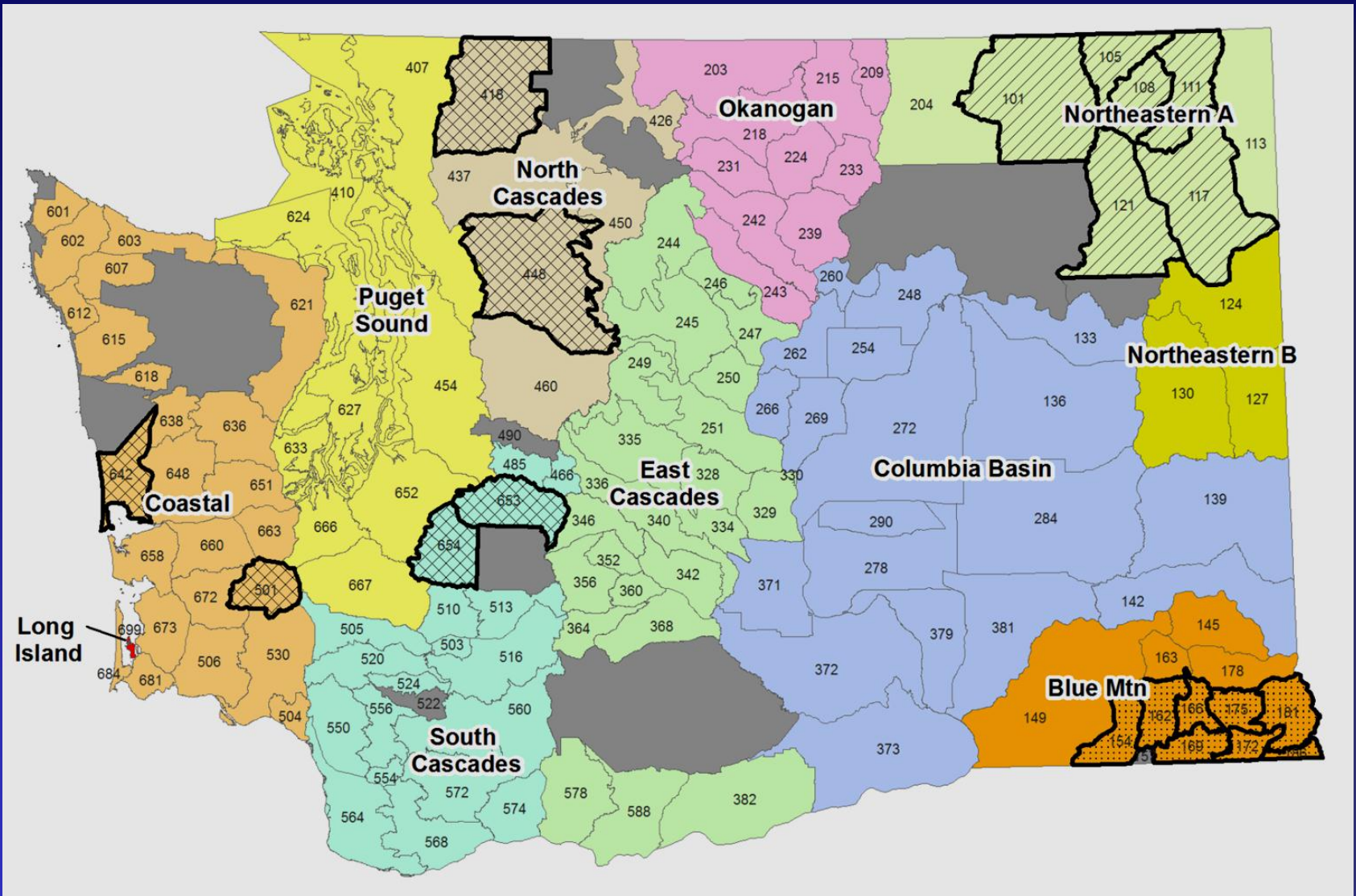


# Statewide Spring Bear Harvest

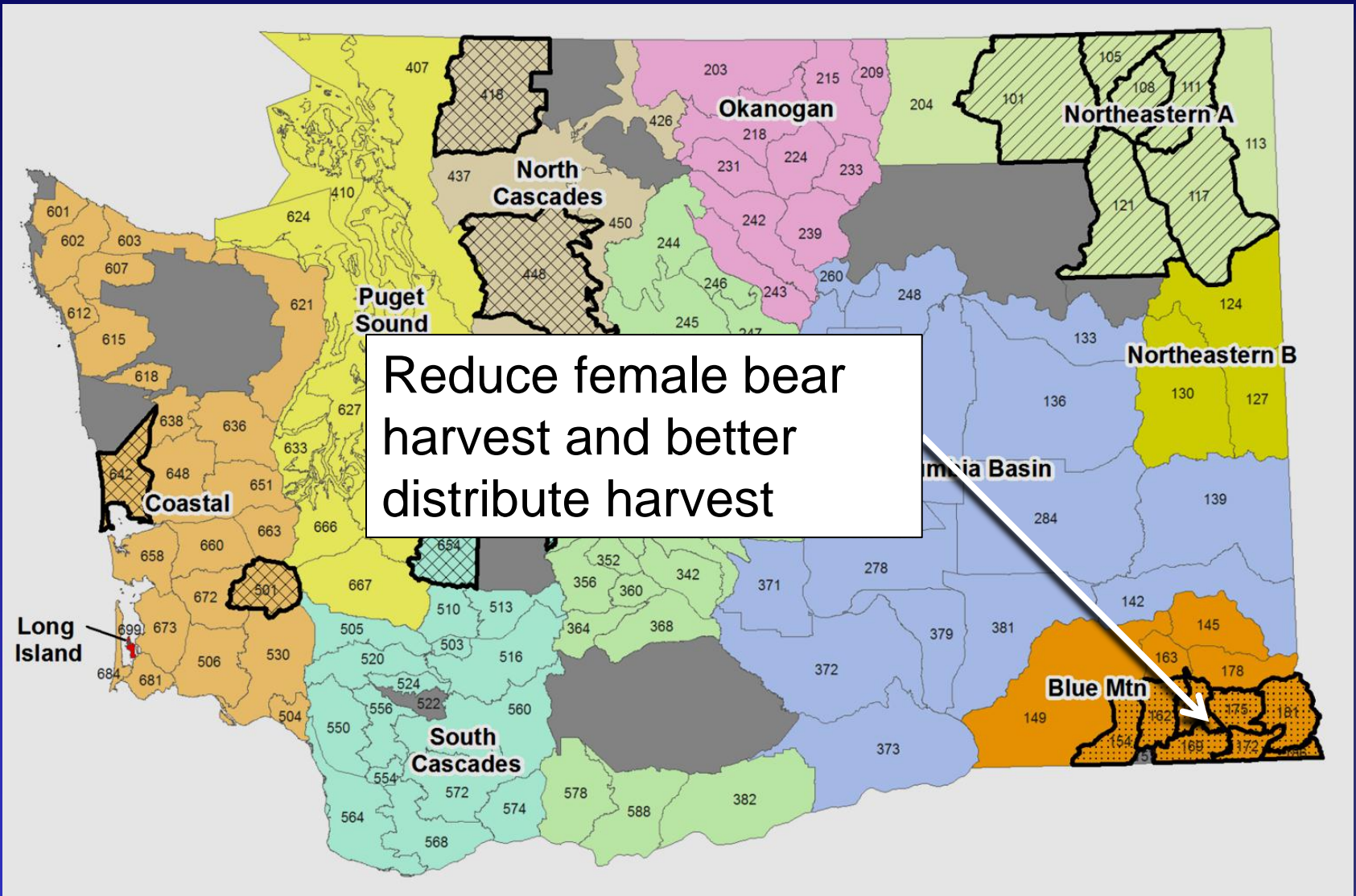


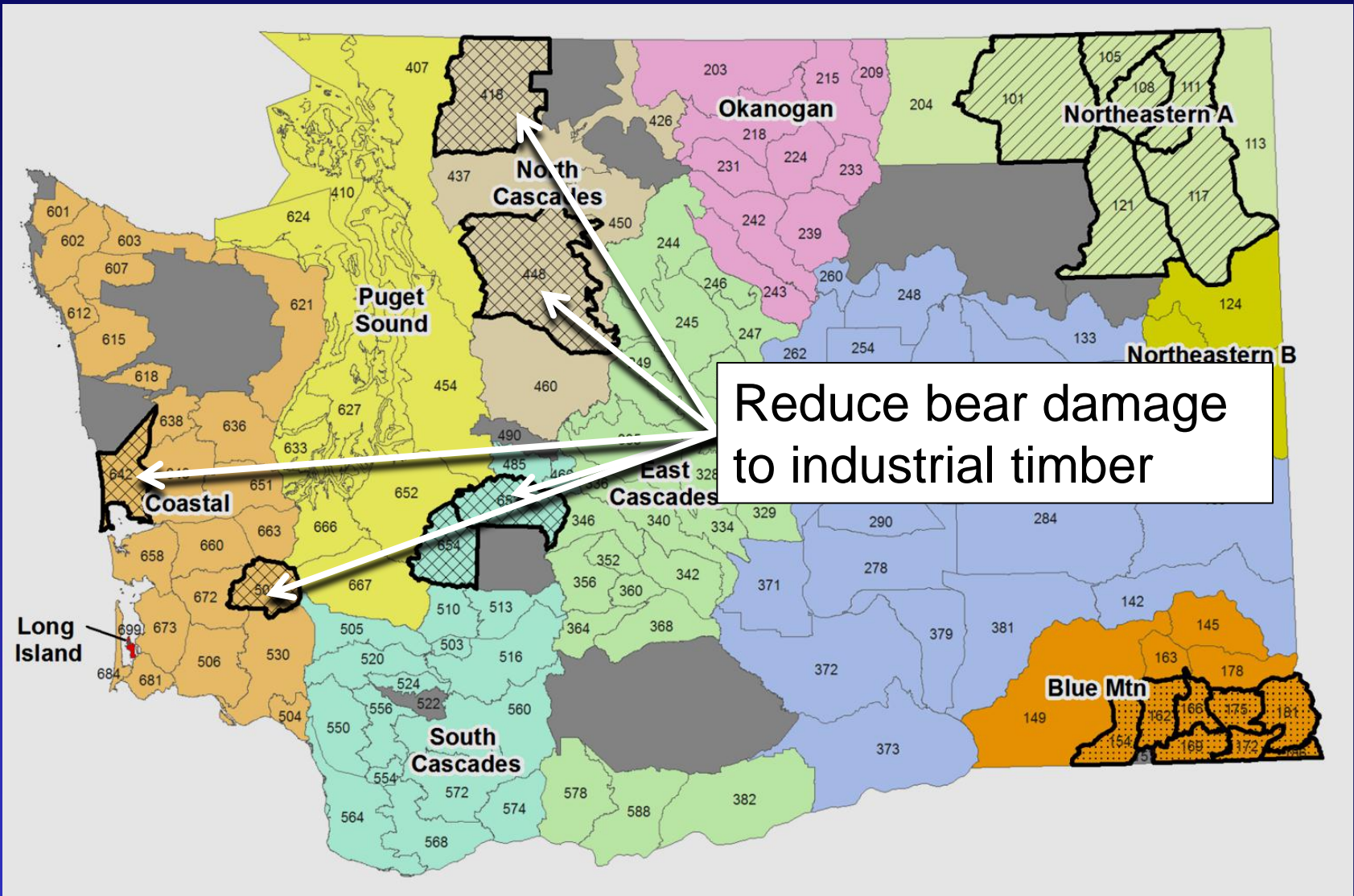
# Confirmed Bear Complaints



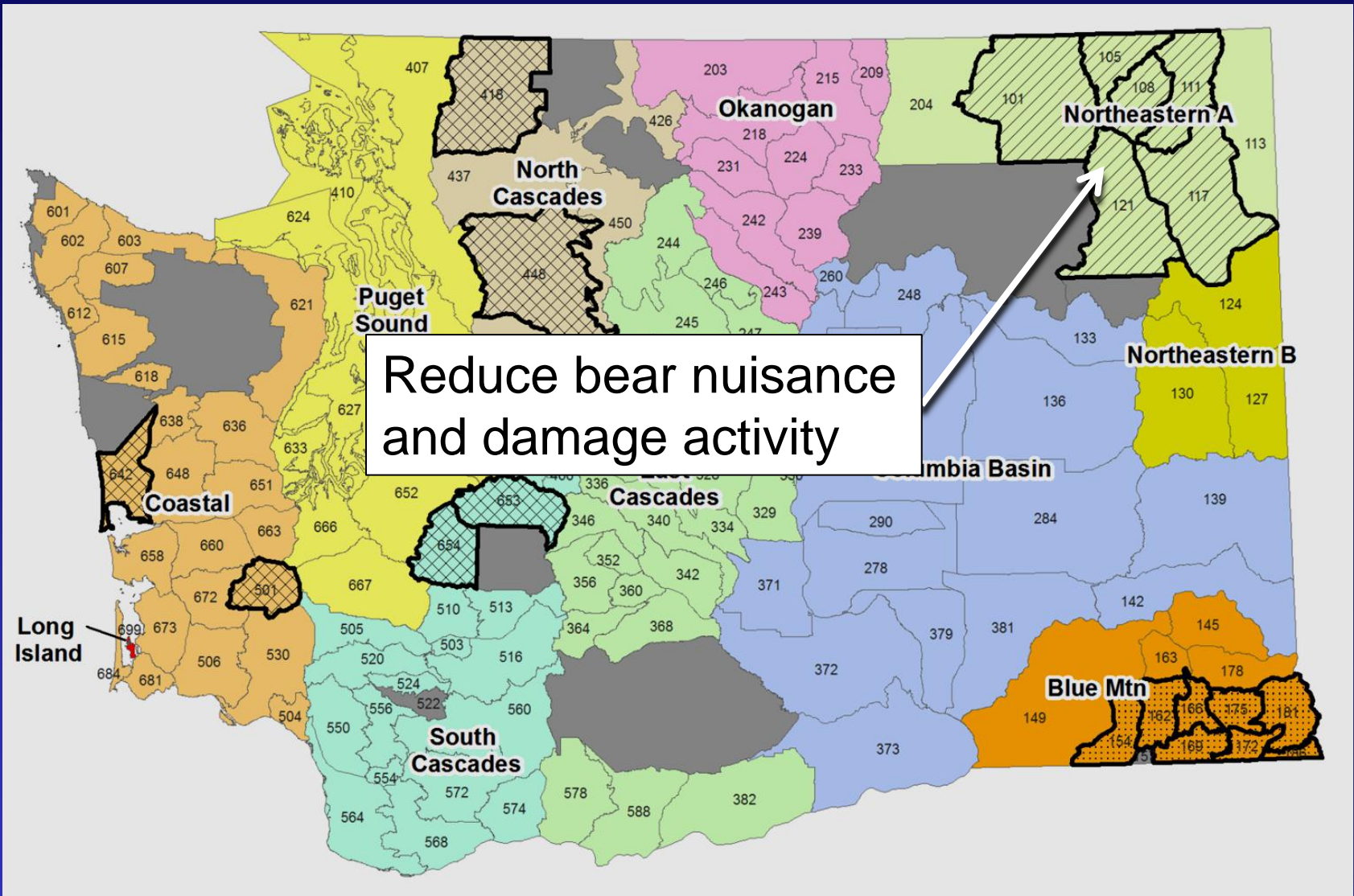












| Hunt Choice | Hunt Name                 | Hunt Area   | 2013 Hunt Dates <sup>b</sup> | Permits       | 2012 Apps/<br>Avg Pts |
|-------------|---------------------------|---|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 7000        | Sherman                   | GMU 101   | April 1-June 15              | 25            | 445 / 4               |
| 7001        | Kelly Hill                | GMU 105   | April 1-June 15              | 25            | 264 / 4               |
| 7002        | Douglas                   | GMU 108   | April 1-June 15              | 20            | 204 / 3               |
| 7003        | Aladdin                   | GMU 111   | April 1-June 15              | 25            | 236 / 2               |
| 7004        | 49 Degrees North          | GMU 117   | April 1-June 15              | 50            | 345 / 4               |
| 7005        | Huckleberry               | GMU 121   | April 1-June 15              | 50            | 366 / 3               |
| 7006        | Blue Creek                | GMU 154   | April 15-May 31              | 15            | 352 / 4               |
| 7007        | Dayton                    | GMU 162   | April 15-May 31              | 15            | 624 / 5               |
| 7008        | Tucannon                  | GMU 166   | April 15-May 31              | 5             | 376 / 4               |
| 7009        | Wenaha                    | GMU 169   | April 15-June 15             | 45            | 488 / 4               |
| 7010        | Mt. View                  | GMU 172   | April 15-May 31              | 15            | 190 / 3               |
| 7011        | Lick Creek                | GMU 175   | April 15 - May 31            | 15            | 267 / 4               |
| 7012        | Couse                     | GMU 181   | April 15-May 31              | 4             | 37 / 3                |
| 7013        | Grande Ronde              | GMU 186   | April 15-May 31              | 5             | 49 / 2                |
| 7014        | North Skagit <sup>a</sup> | That portion of GMU 418 that is designated as the hunt area by DNR, Sierra Pacific, and Grandy Lake Timber company.                       | April 15-May 31              | <del>20</del> | 327 / 3               |
| 7015        | Monroe <sup>a</sup>       | That portion of GMU 448 that is designated as the hunt area by DNR, Campbell Group, and Longview Timber Lands.                            | April 15-May 31              | 25            | 334 / 3               |
| 7016        | Copalis <sup>a</sup>      | That portion of GMU 642 that is designated as the hunt area by Rayonier Timber Company.   | April 15-June 15             | 100           | 255 / 2               |
| 7017        | Kapowsin <sup>a</sup>     | That portion of GMUs 653 and/or 654 that is designated as the hunt area by Hancock Forest Management and International Forestry.          | April 15-June 15             | 150           | 480 / 2               |
| 7018        | Lincoln <sup>a</sup>      | That portion of GMU 501 that is designated by Weyerhaeuser Company and other participating commercial timber landowners as the hunt area. | April 15-June 15             | 78            | 395 / 2               |

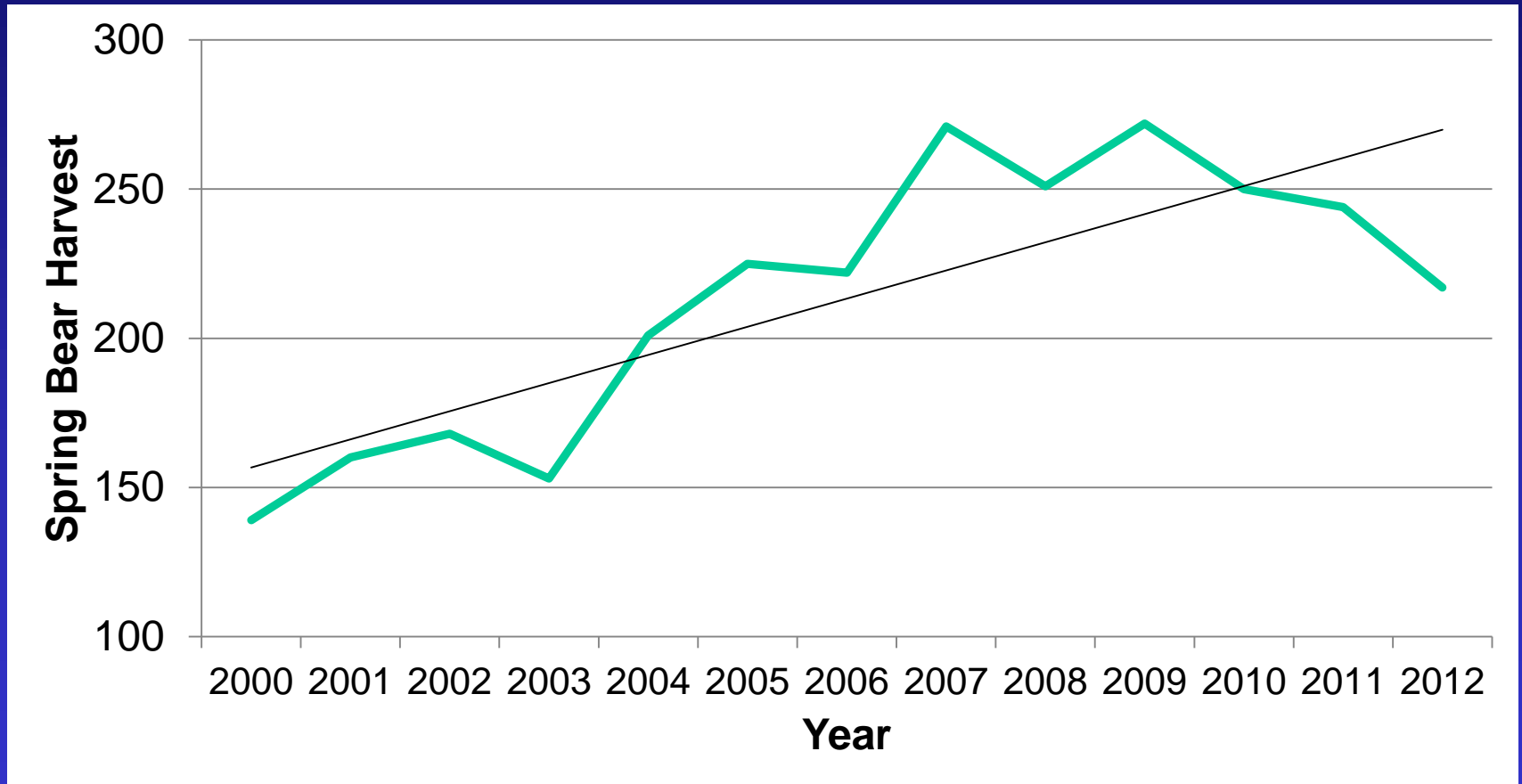
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# Questions

# Statewide Spring Bear Harvest

## Spring Seasons and Tree Depredation Kills



# Spring Bear Permits and Harvest

## Eastern Washington only

| Year | Permits | Eastside | Success |
|------|---------|----------|---------|
| 2004 | 105     | 14       | 13%     |
| 2005 | 105     | 13       | 12%     |
| 2006 | 105     | 17       | 16%     |
| 2007 | 225     | 40       | 18%     |
| 2008 | 225     | --       | --      |
| 2009 | 225     | 42       | 19%     |
| 2010 | 185     | 31       | 17%     |
| 2011 | 209     | 33       | 16%     |
| 2012 | 264     | Pending  | Pending |
| 2013 | 314     | --       | --      |

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