

# Deer General Seasons and Deer Special Permits

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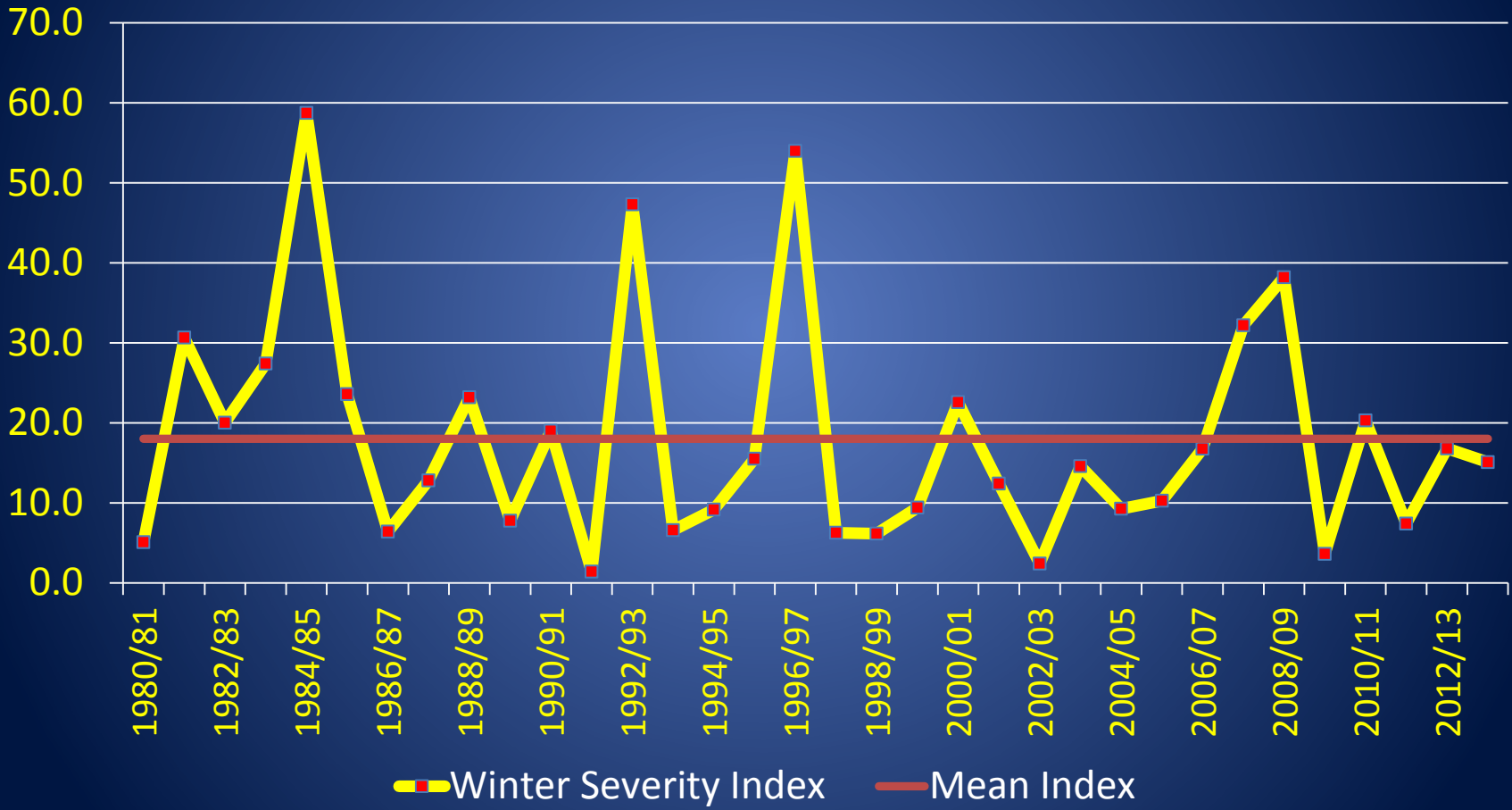
# Status of White-tailed Deer Populations

White-tailed Deer Zone	Status	Hunting Season
Selkirk	Prelim harvest data suggest slight increase.	Status Quo
Palouse	Stable	Status Quo
Blue Mountains	Harvest and north central aerial surveys. Stable to increasing.	Status Quo
Columbia Basin	Stable	Status Quo
North Cascades	Stable	Status Quo
Okanogan Highlands	Harvest Data Limited Survey	Status Quo

# White-tailed Deer in NE Washington

- History included aggressive antlerless hunting and 2 back-to-back severe winters
- Current objective is to increase the WTD population in GMUs 101-121
- Reduced antlerless opportunity over the last few years
- In 2011 the Commission adopted a 4 pt. min. antler point restriction in GMUs 117 and 121 to reduce buck mortality

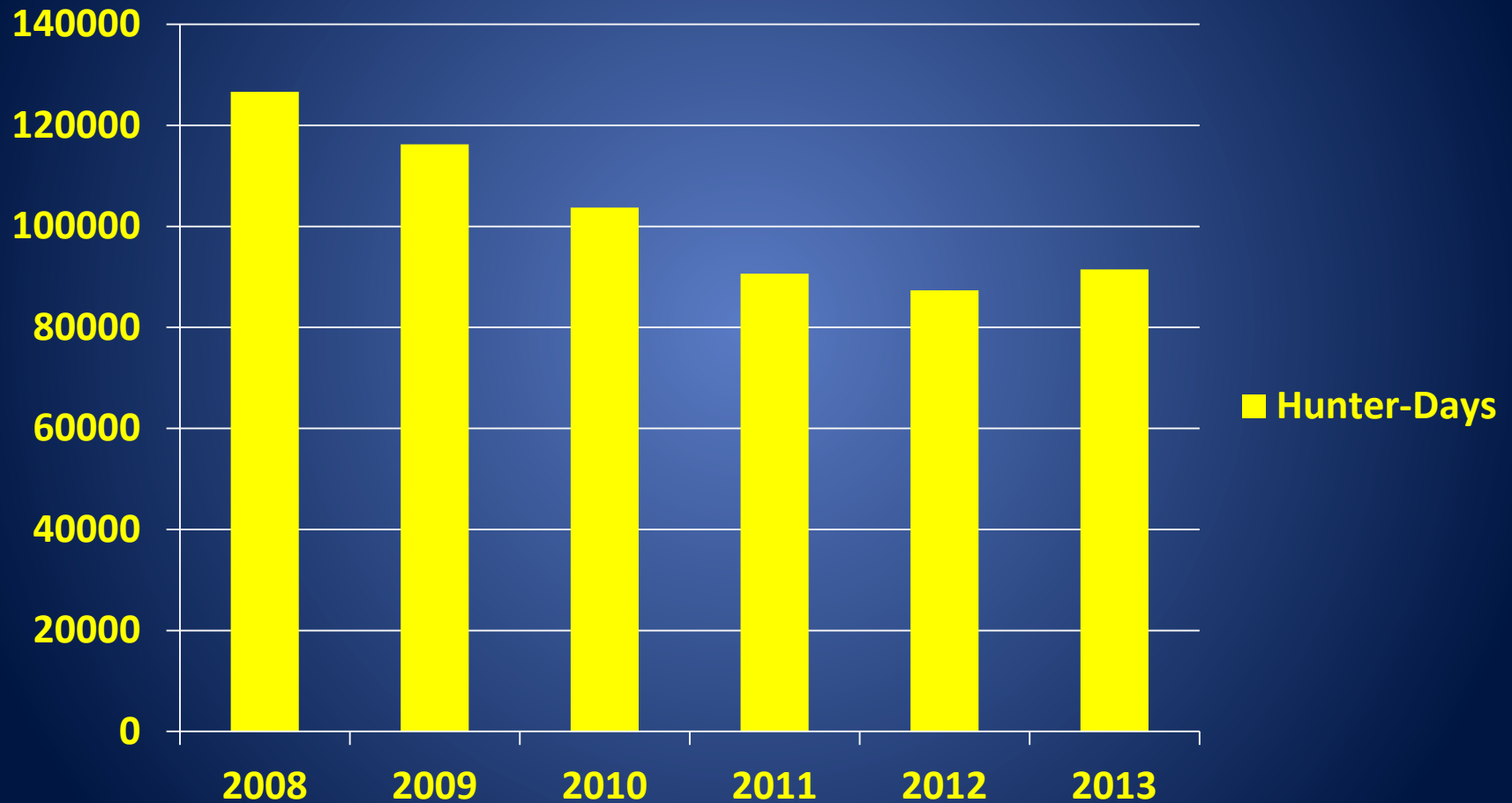
# Winter Severity Index



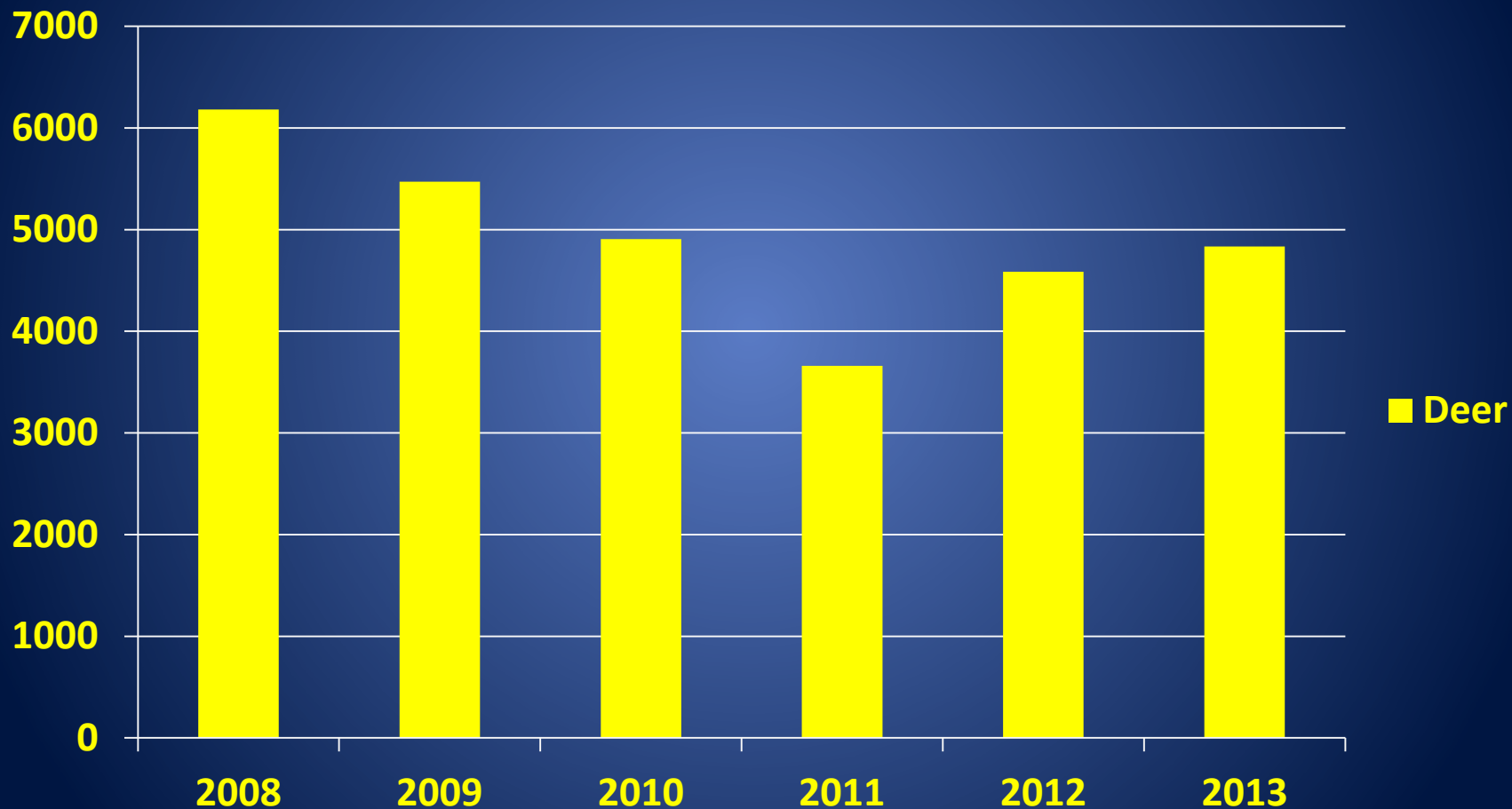
# Antlerless WTD Opportunity in Dist. 1

YEAR	GENERAL SEASON ANTLERLESS	SPECIAL PERMIT ANTLERLESS
2005	Y-S-D (29 days); Archery (30 days early, 26 days late); Muzzleloader (7 days early, 19 late in GMU 113)	1,500
2006	Y-S-D (14 days early, 14 late); Archery (30 days early, 26 days late); Muzzleloader (7 days early, 19 late in GMU 113)	2,200
2007	Y-S-D (14 days early, 15 late); Archery (30 days early, 26 late); Muzzleloader (7 days early, 19 late in GMU 113)	2,400
<u>2008</u>	Y-S-D (14 days early, 17 late); Archery (30 days early, 26 late); Muzzleloader (7 days early, 19 late in GMU 113)	1,305
<u>2009</u>	Y-S-D (14 days early); Archery (25 days early, 21 days late); Muzzleloader (9 days early, 13 late in GMU 113)	175
2010	Y-S-D (4 days early); Archery (21 days late)	245
2011	Y-S-D (4 days early); Archery (22 days late, 2 GMUs)	50
2012	Y-S-D (4 days early); Archery (21 days late, 2 GMUs)	105
2013	Y-S-D (4 days early); Archery (21 days late, 2 GMUs)	105
<b>*2014</b>	<b>*Y-S-D (4 days early); Archery (21 days late, 2 GMUs)</b>	<b>*225</b>

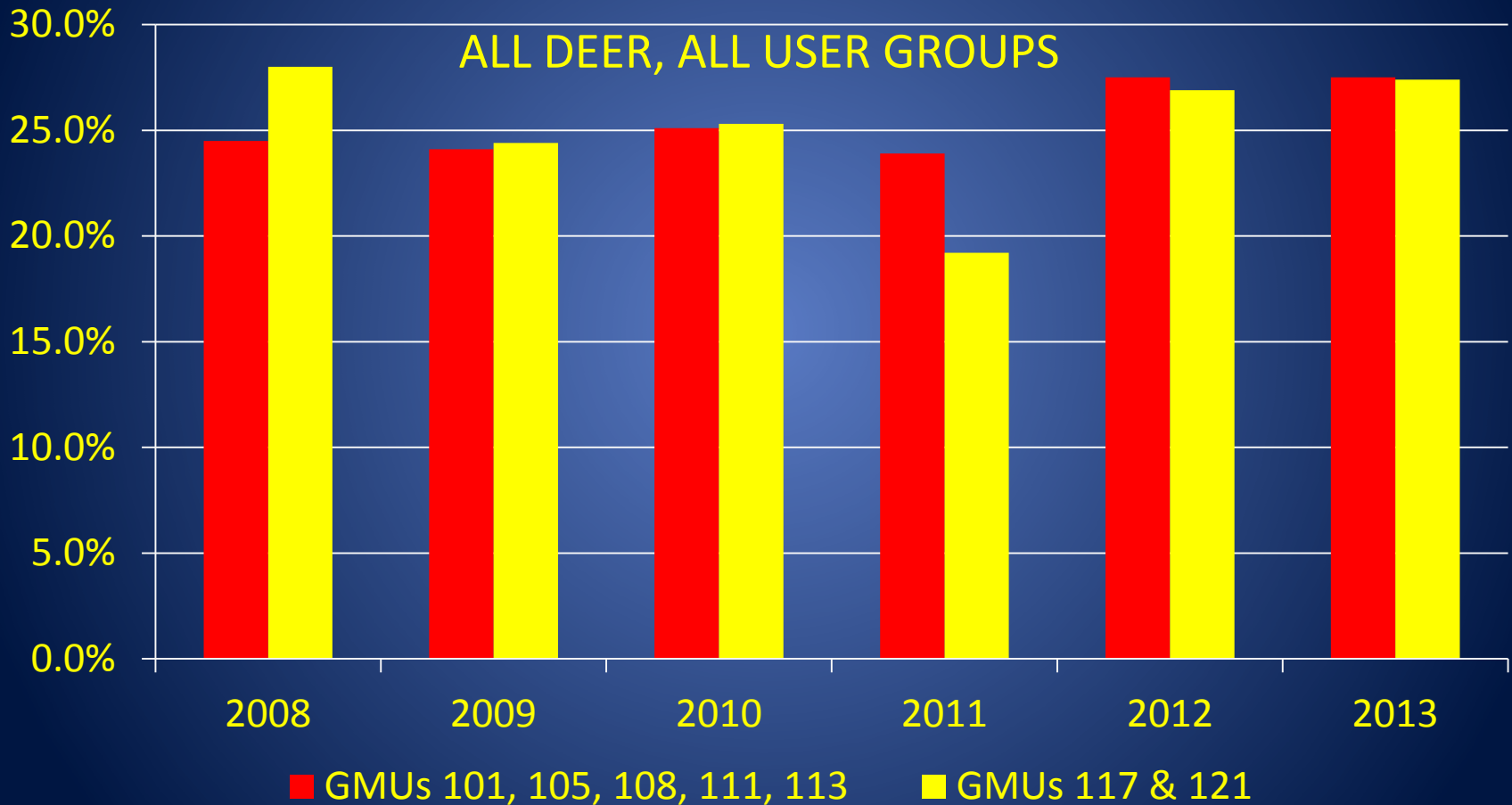
# Estimated Hunter Days GMUs 101-121



# Estimated Deer Harvest GMUs 101-121

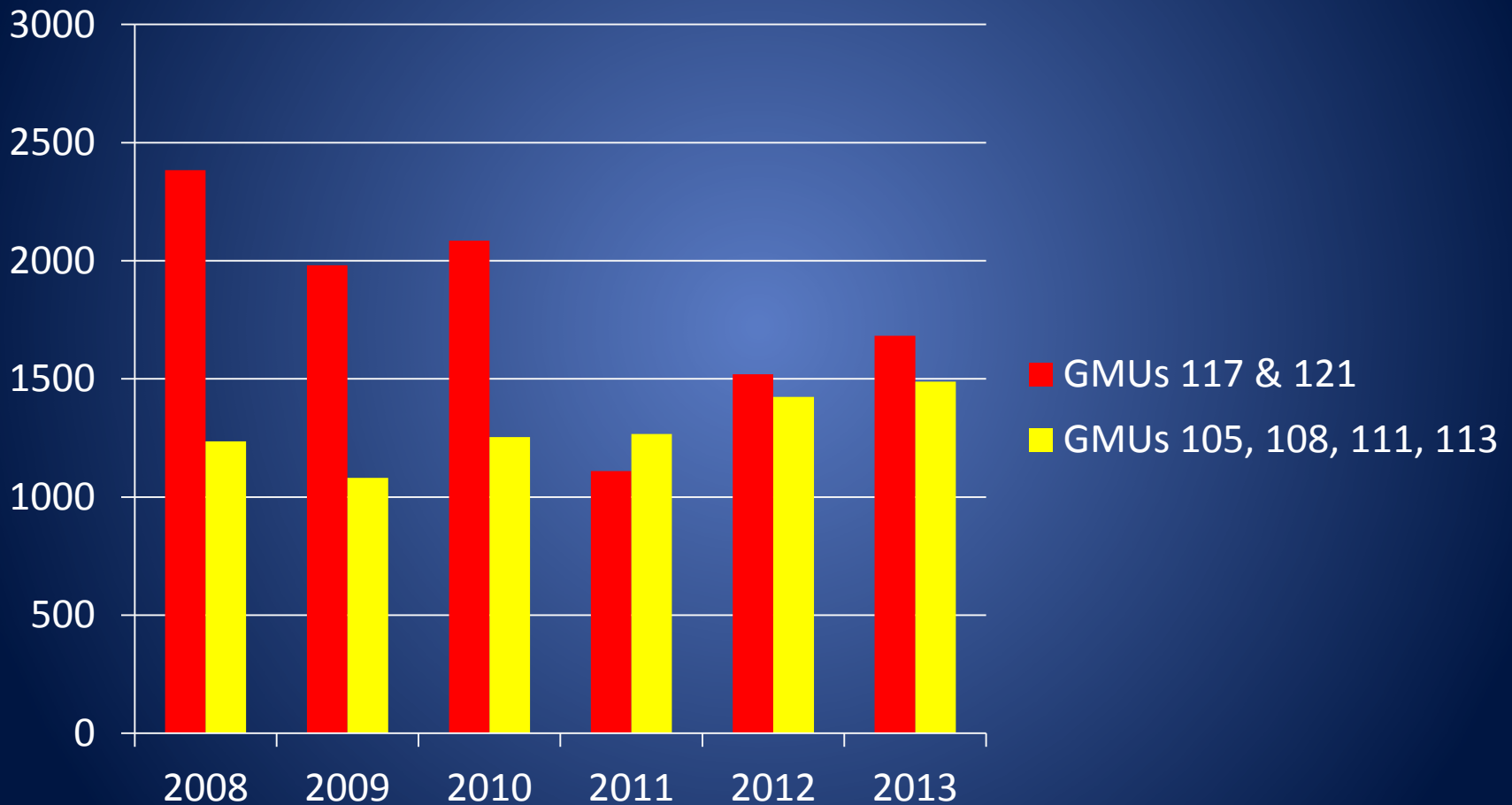


# Average Success Rates



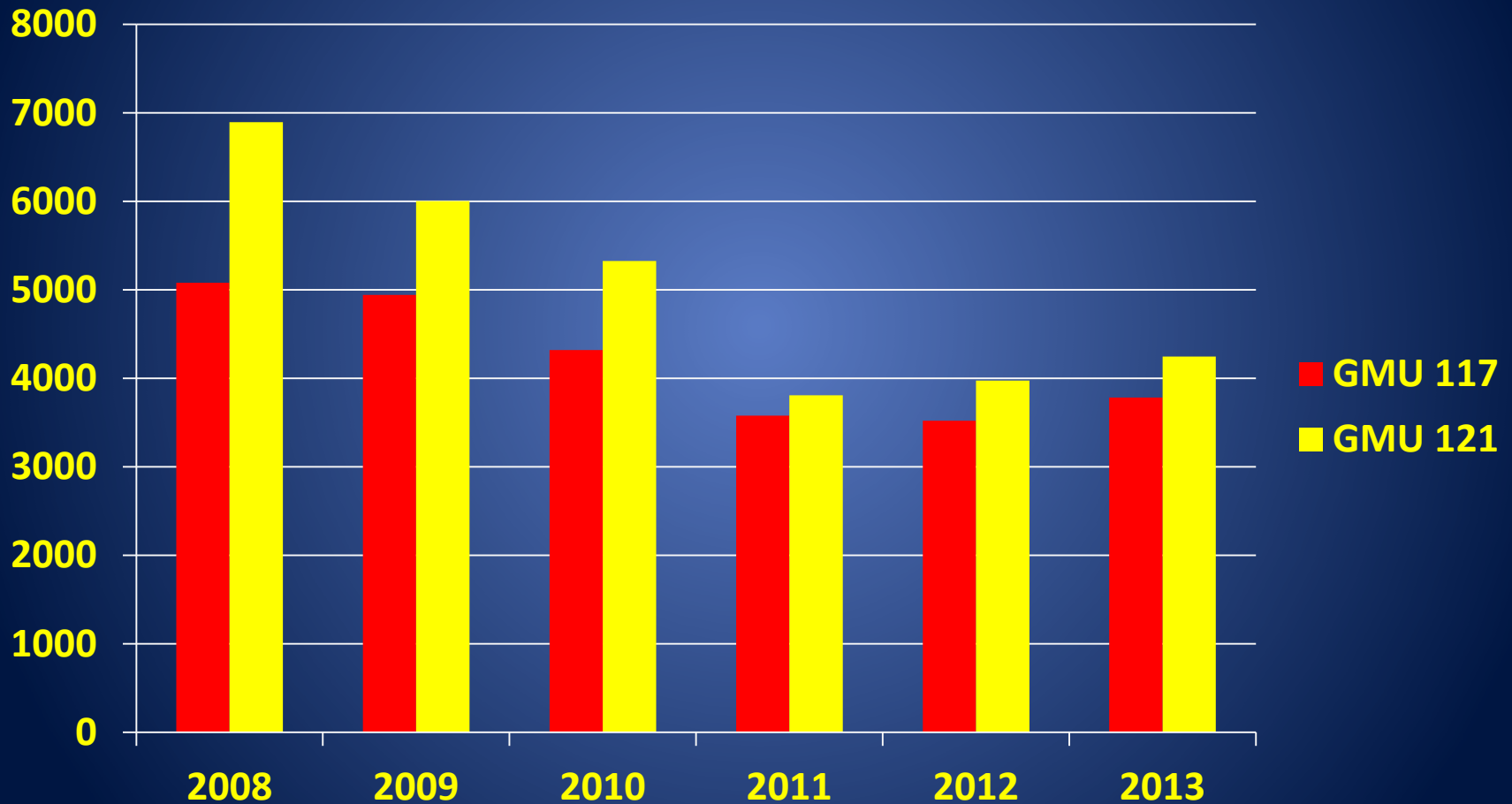


# Estimated WTD Buck Harvest for GMUs 117 and 121 and GMUs 105-113



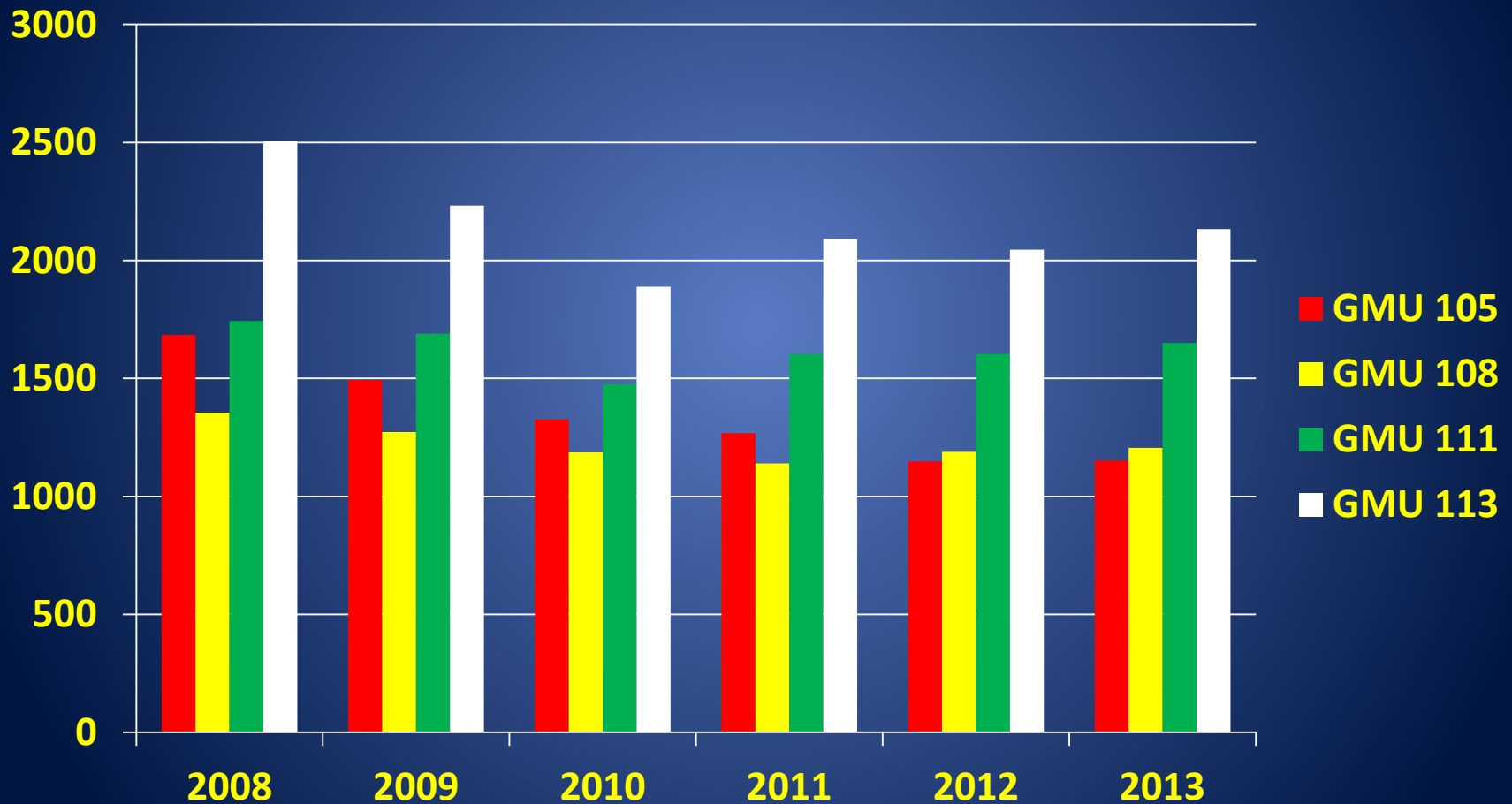
# Estimated Number of Hunters

## GMUs 117, 121



# Estimated Number of Hunters

## GMUs 105, 108, 111, 113



# Status of Mule Deer Populations

Mule Deer Zone	Status	Hunting Season
Okanogan	Methow Watershed and Okanogan Watershed, stable. Buck ratios at objective.	Status Quo
Chelan	Flew composition counts. Buck ratios at objective.	Status Quo
Blue Mountains	Harvest and north-central aerial surveys. Stable to increasing.	Status Quo
Columbia Basin / Palouse	Phase III coverage. New baseline.	Status Quo
Douglas	Driven routes. Buck ratios stable.	Status Quo
Central Cascades	Harvest data	Status Quo
North Half	Harvest data	Status Quo

# Status of Black-tailed Deer Populations

Black-tailed Deer Zone	Status	Hunting Season
Western Washington	Harvest Data	Status Quo
Klickitat MD and BTD	Air and ground counts. Stable.	Status Quo.

# Deer Season Recommendations

- Status Quo for Most Seasons
- Adjust  $\uparrow\downarrow$  Special Permits via Special Permit Allocation Formula
- Adjust Antlerless Special Permits to Address Agricultural Damage Issues
- Adjust Special Permits in Response to Population Numbers
- Move the Proposed Antlerless Special Permits in GMUs 117 and 121 to Youth/Senior/Disabled

# Floor Changes

- Page 9, Quality, Modern Firearm, Teanaway, change the dates to Nov. 11-19.
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# Questions

