

# 2025 GAME CODE

Game Committee Recommendations

May 14, 2024 Fish & Game Council Meeting

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Regulation Simplification

Recodification

# DEER

**Current Regulation Sets**

*Why?*

APR vs Non-APR

Season Openings/Closures

APR vs Non-APR

**Current Deer Regulation Sets**

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1	<b>No Zones Assigned</b>	28-2	30-2	2-2	6-2	17-2	3-1	31-2	117
2	1, 3*, 4, 18, 22, 26	28-2	30-2	2-2	6-2	17-2	3-1	31-2	117
3	30*, 55, 63*, 65	28-2	30-2	2-2	6-2	22-2	3-2	31-2	122
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8	10, 11, 13*, 14, 15, 36, 49, 50, 51	49-u(2)	63-u(2)	2-2	6-2	63-u(2)	44-u(2)	49-u(2)	276

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Expense \$\$\$

Youth Days

Hunter's Choice Buck

# DEER

- **Simplify Regulations**
  - Eliminate and combine regulation sets
  - Align season date structure
  - Reinstate 7 buck bag limit
- **Multi-Zone Permit**
  - Possible expansion to other regulations sets
- **Antler Point Restrictions (APR)**
  - Remove APR regulations



# DEER

## Council Meeting

**County Federation Meetings**  
19 Meetings Attended

## Hunter Forums

North  
Central  
South

**Deer Hunter Regulation Survey**  
April 8 to May 2  
81,198 Hunters (last 5-years)

## Farm Bureau

## Stakeholder Meeting

# STAKEHOLDERING

# DEER

**9,876 Respondents** (12% response rate)

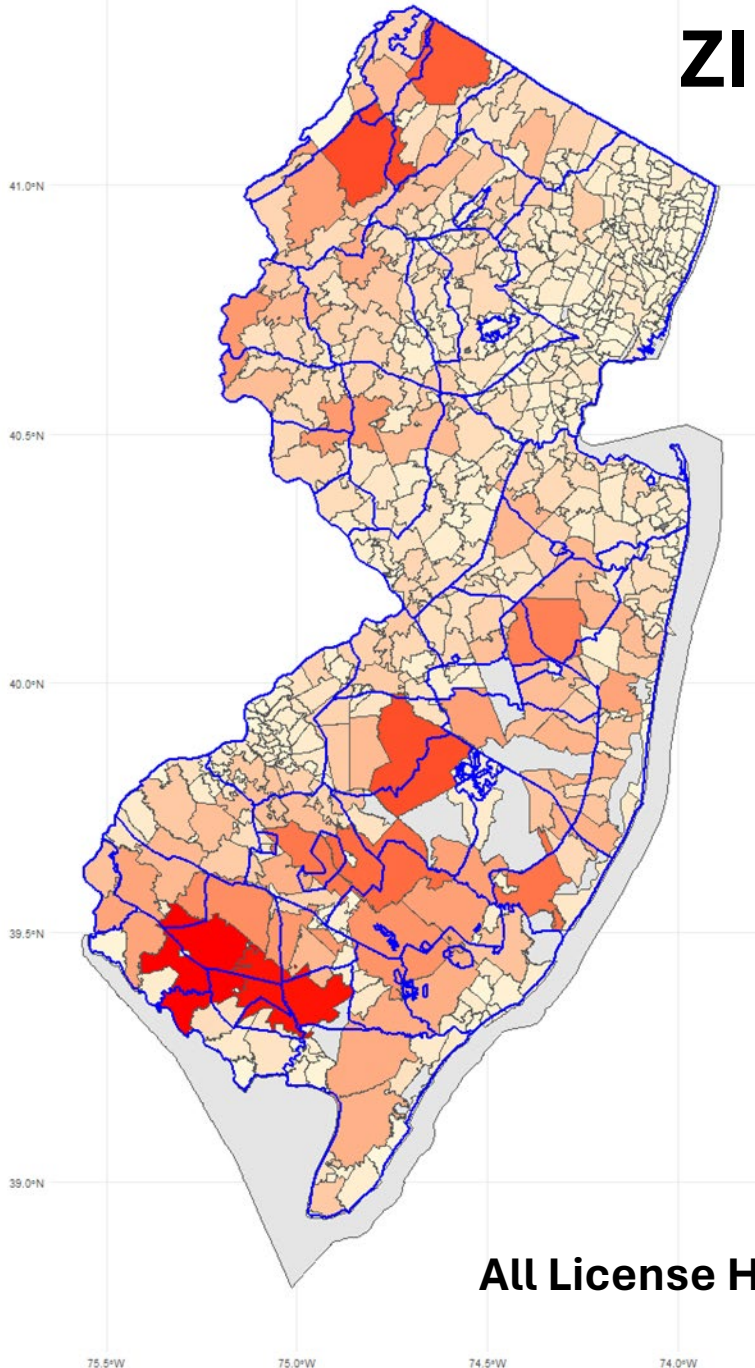
Data clean-up - Duplicate survey responses, invalid CID #s,  
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**7,887 Valid and Complete responses** (9.7% response rate)

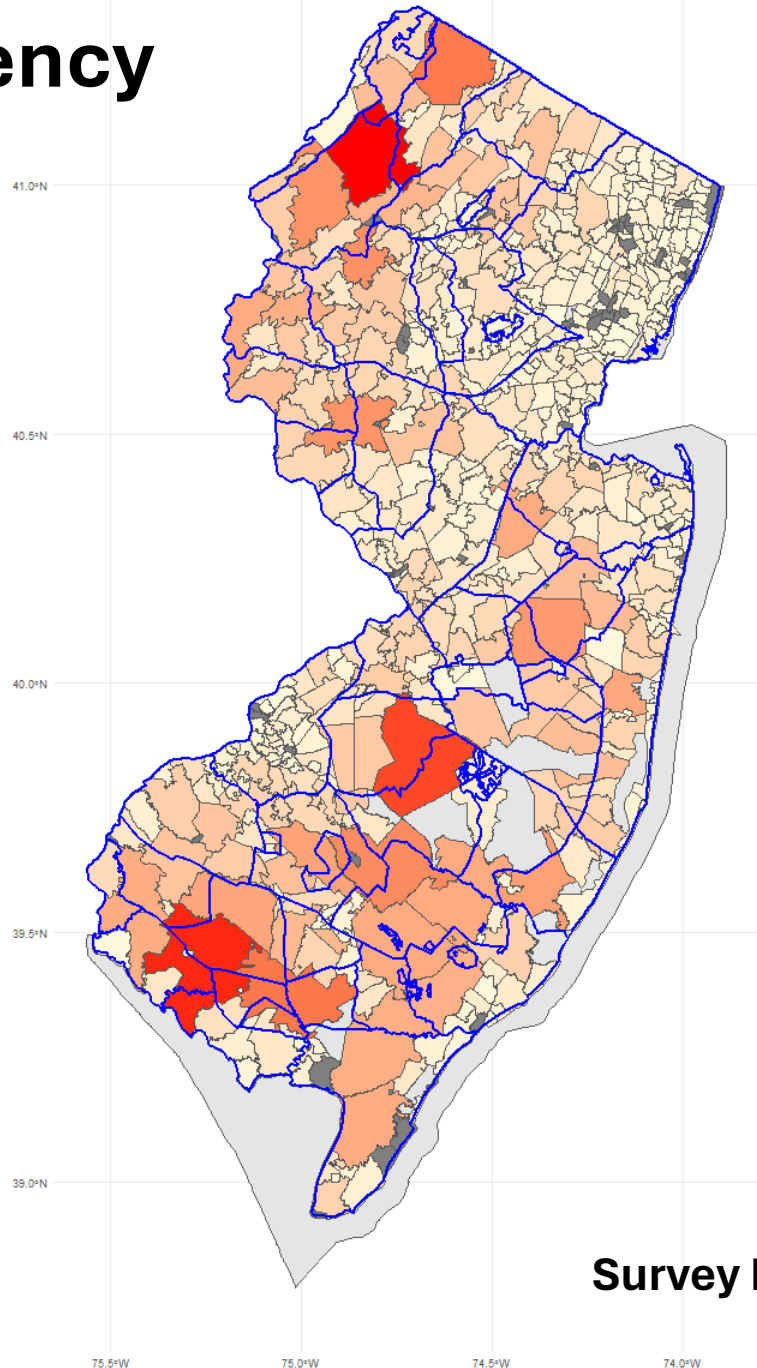
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# DEER HUNTER REGULATION SURVEY

# ZIP of Residency

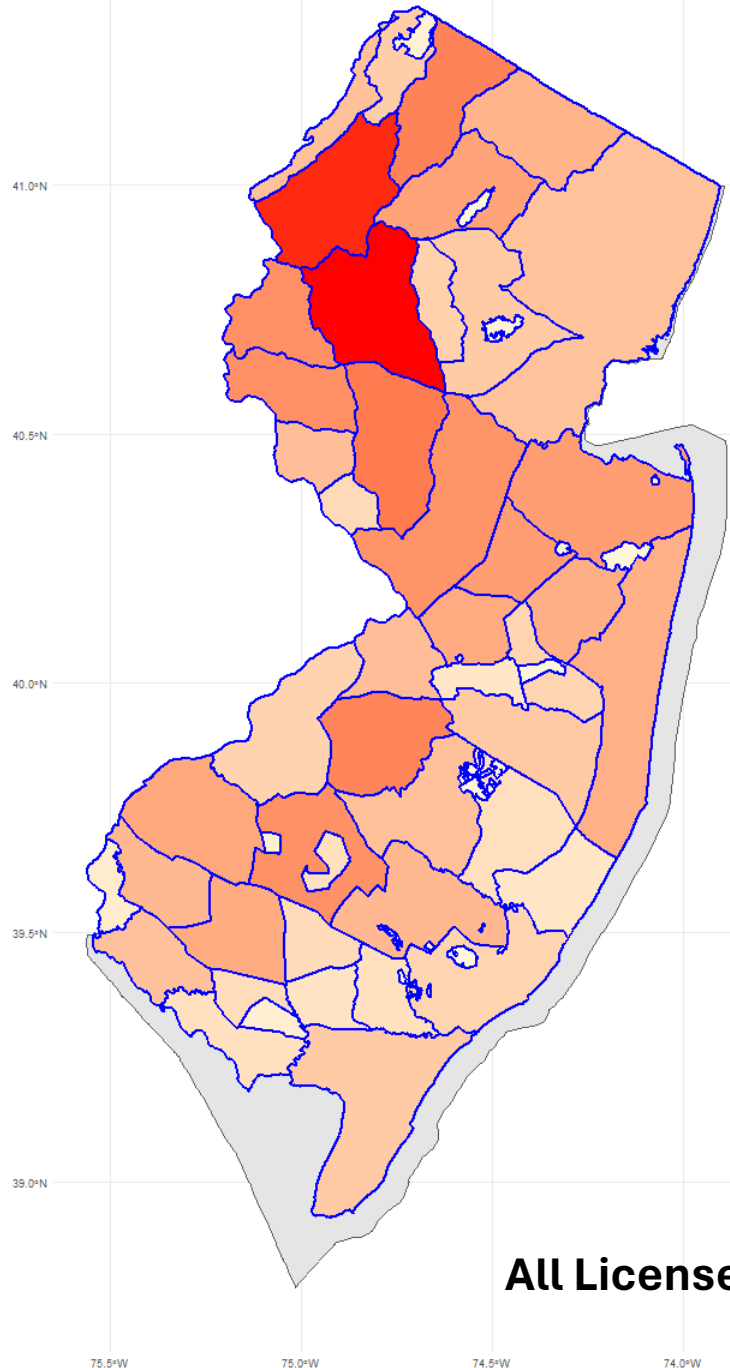


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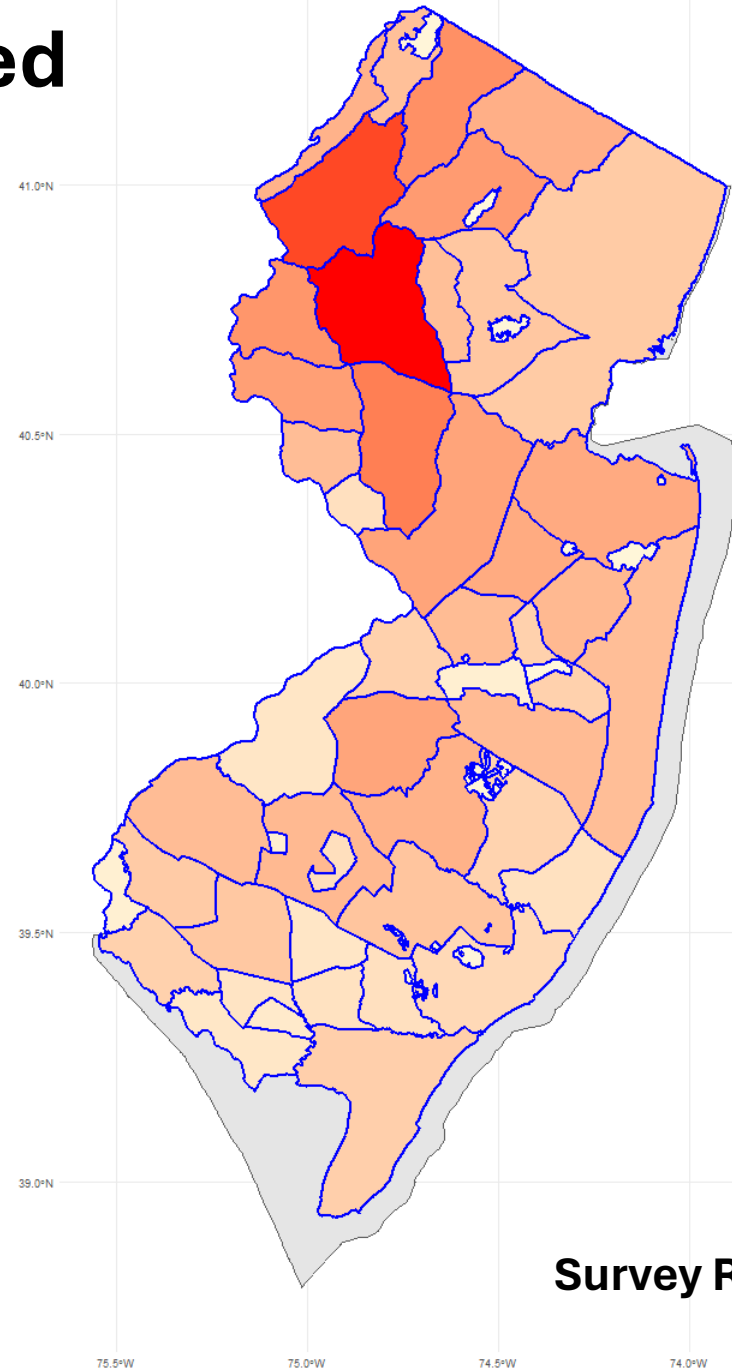


Survey Respondents

# Zones Hunted



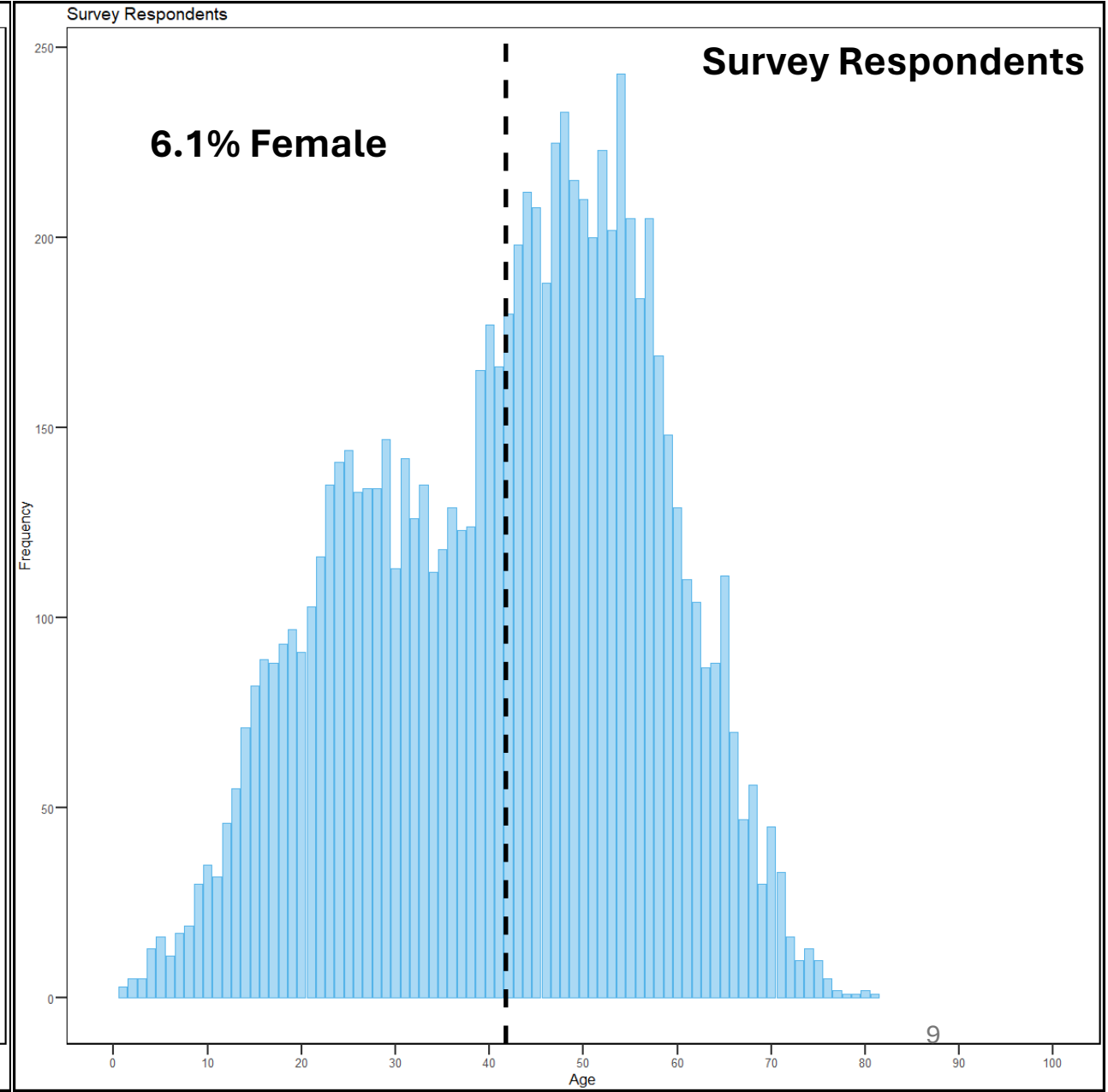
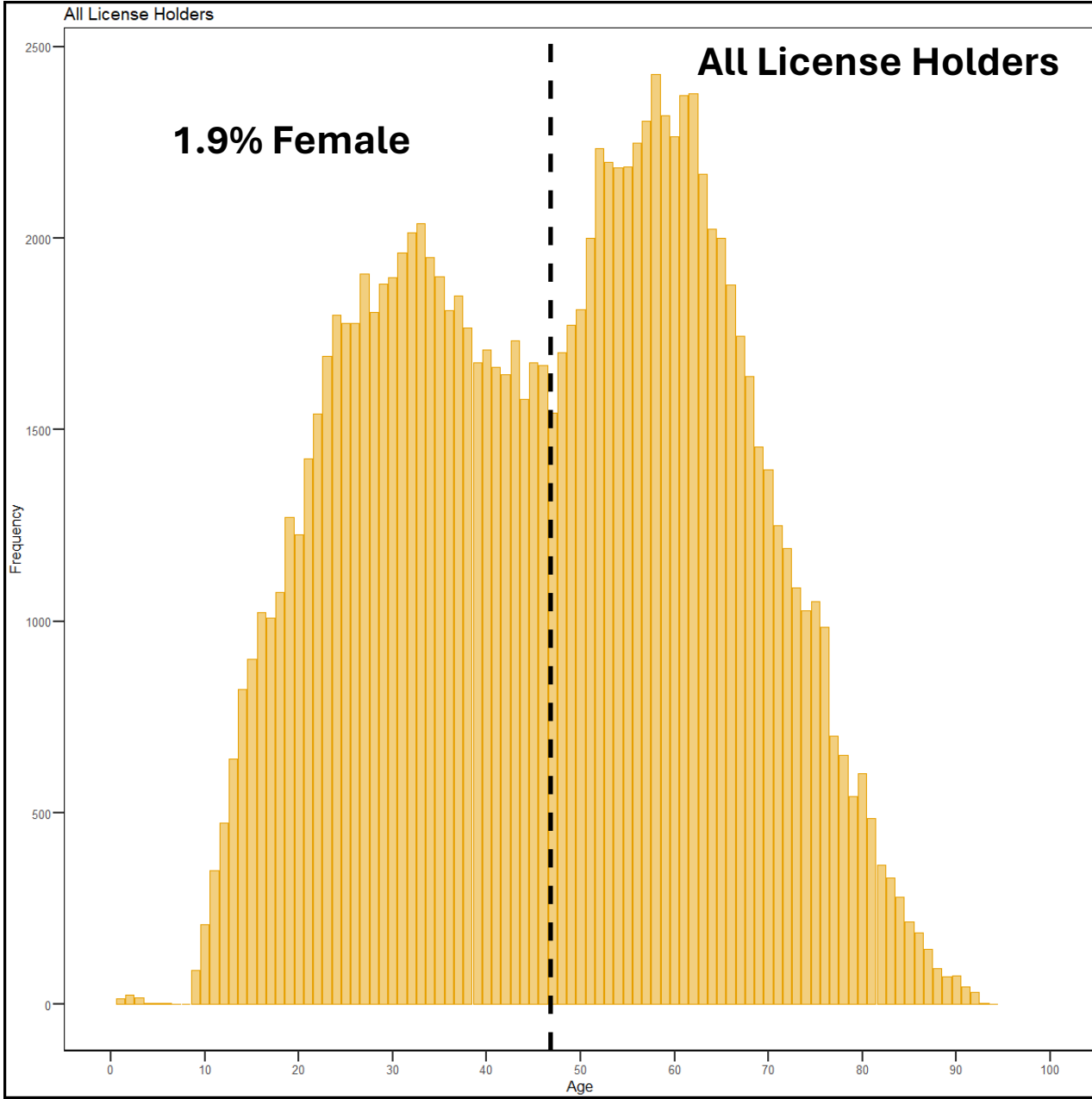
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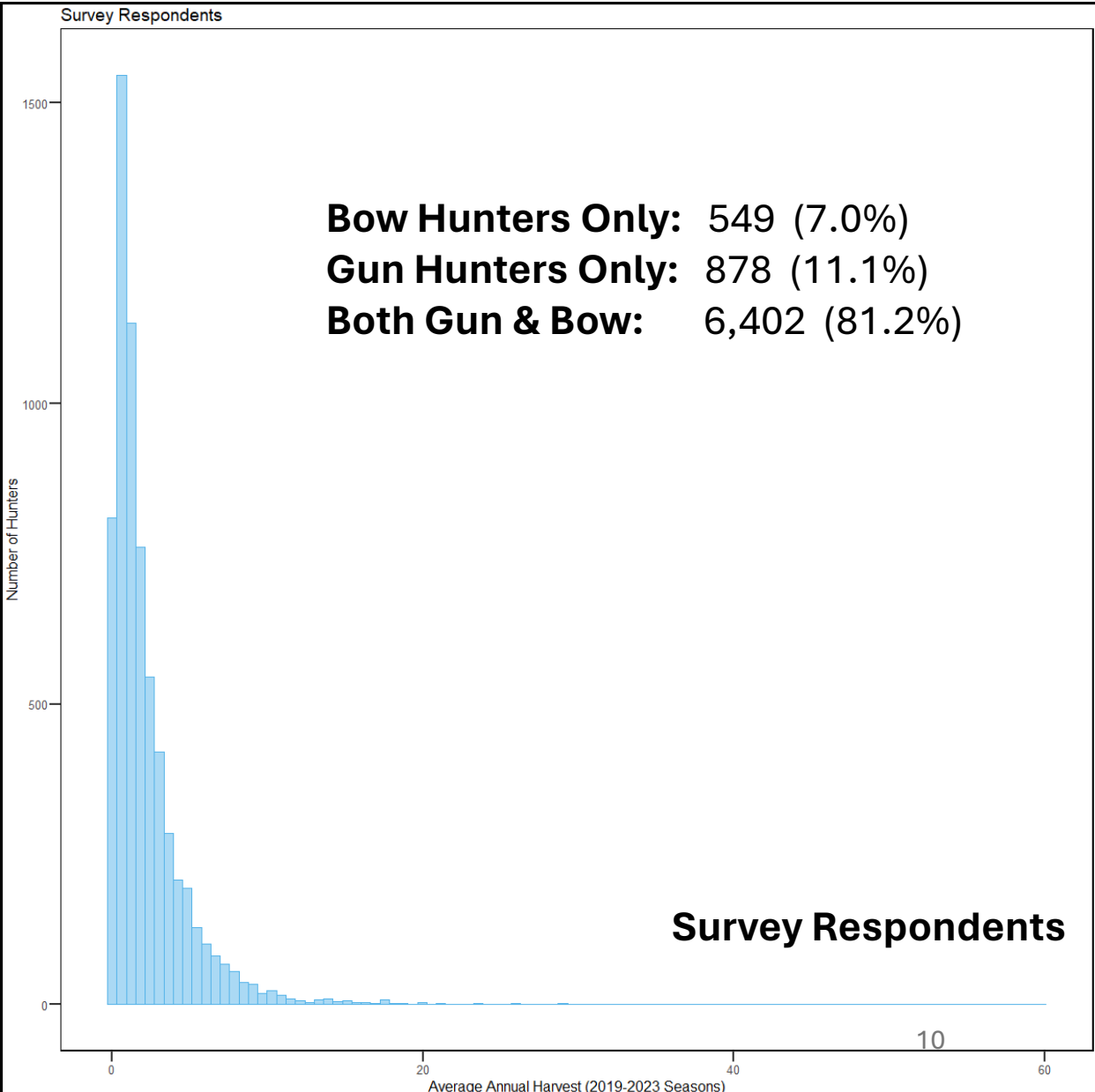
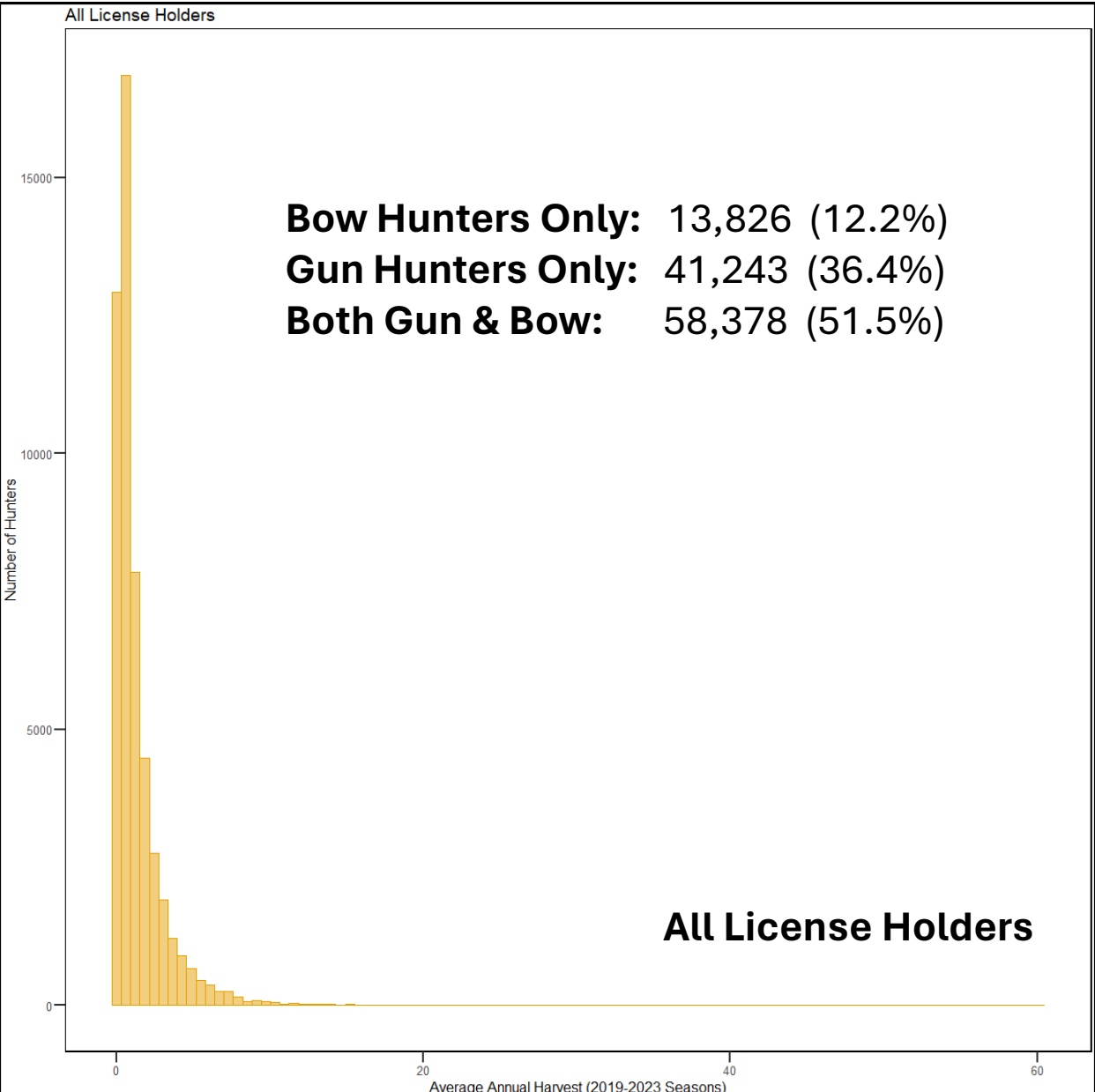
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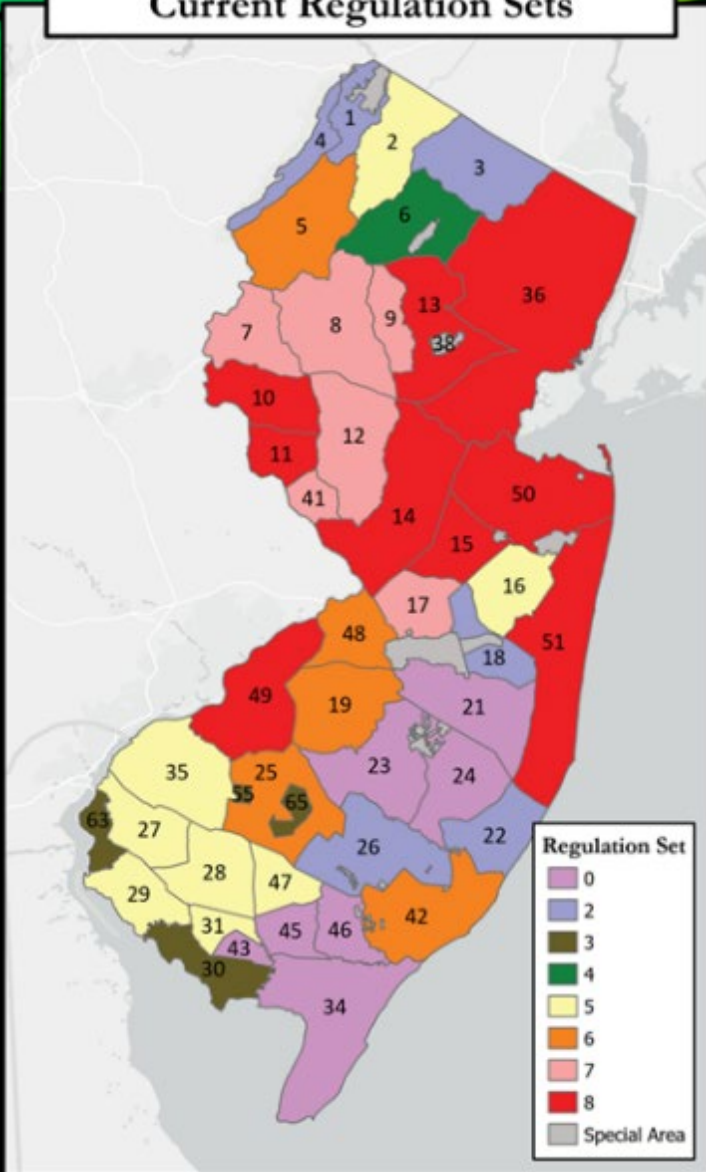
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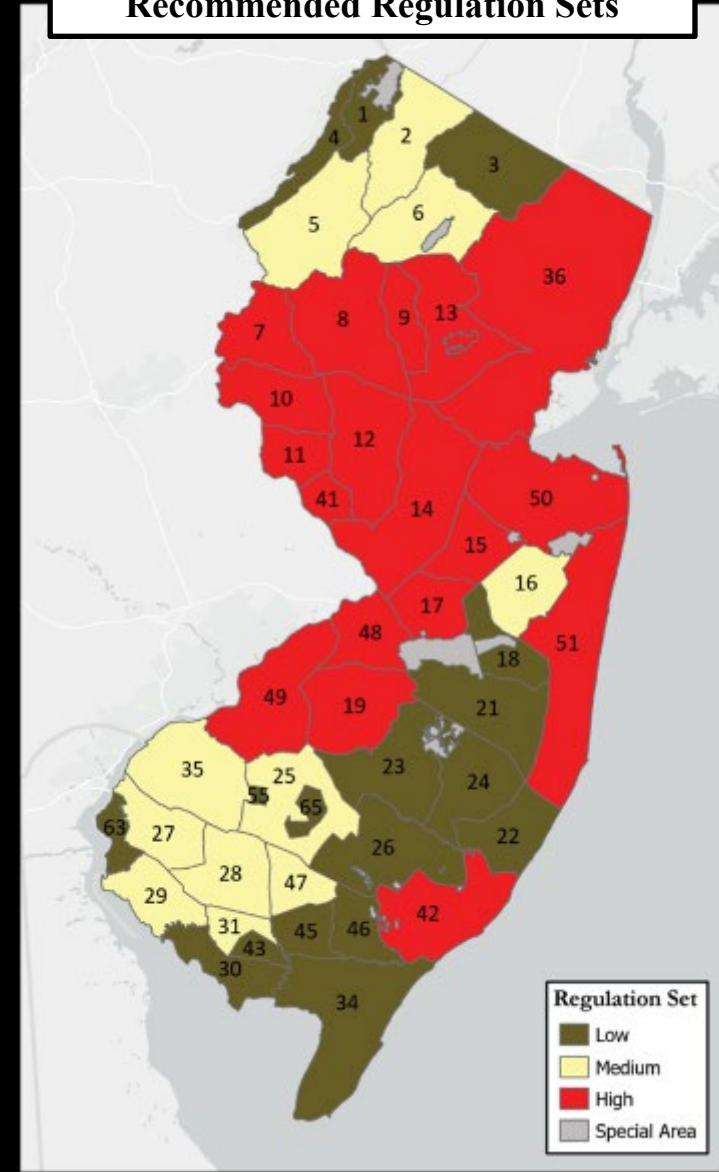
# Number of Hunters with x Average Annual Harvest



Current Regulation Sets



Recommended Regulation Sets



COMBINE REGULATION SETS

# EXISTING REGULATION SET STRUCTURE

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## Recommended New Season Structure

Old Set	New Set	Zones	Season							Total Days
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3	Low	1, 3, 4, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 30, 34, 43, 45, 46, 55, 63, 65	28-2	30-2	2-2	6-2	22-2	3-2	31-2	122
5	Medium	2, 5, 6, 16, 25, 27, 28, 29, 31, 35, 47	49-5	63-5	2-2	6-2	25-5	23-5	31-5	199
8	High	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 36, 41, 42, 48, 49, 50, 51	49-u(2)	63-u(2)	2-2	6-2	72-u(2)	57-u(2)	49-u(2)	298

Red indicates the zone moving up in the reg sets  
 Green indicates the zone moving down in the reg sets  
 Black indicates the zone didn't change reg sets

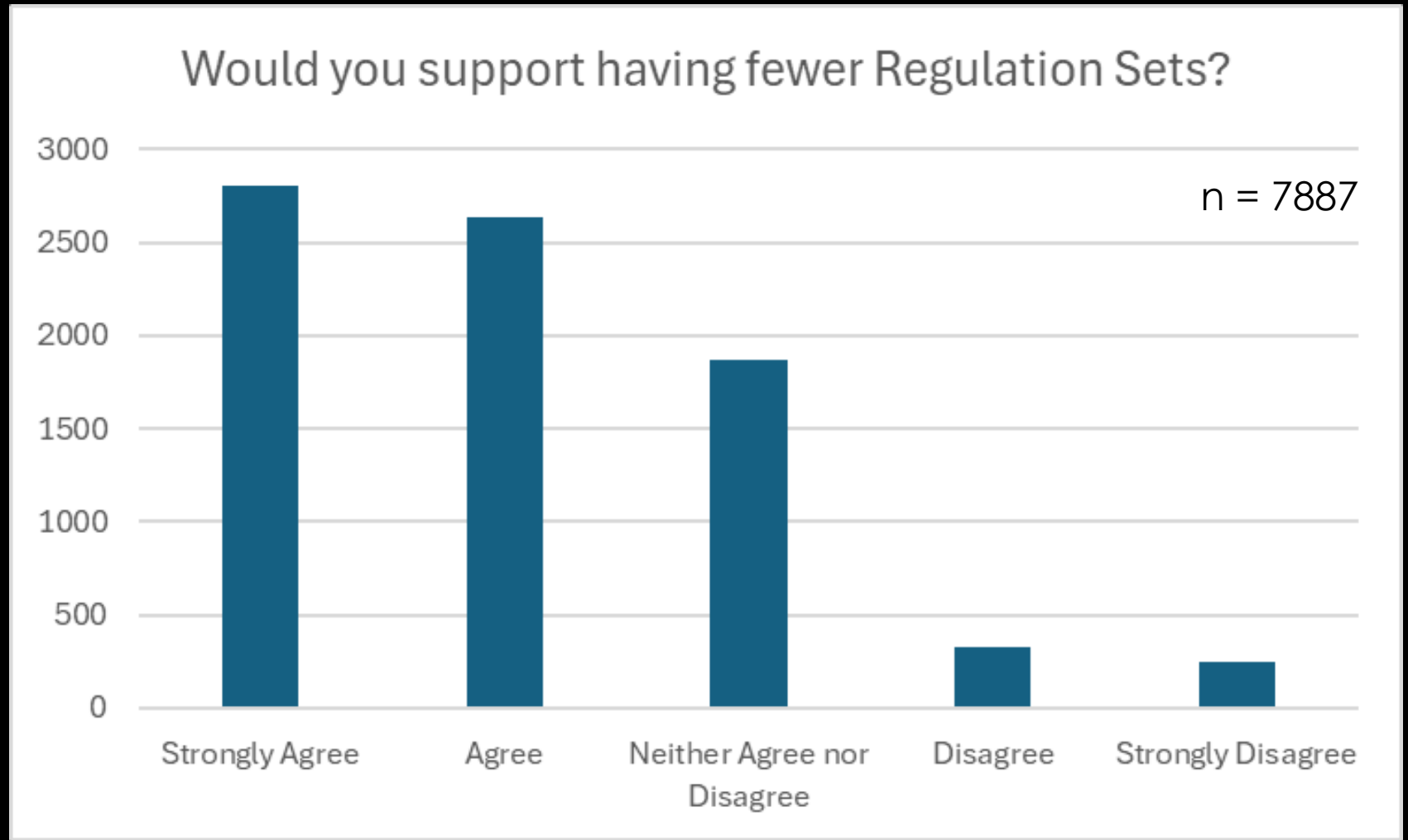
- Eliminate and combine regulation sets
- Align season date structure

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# FORUMS

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South - Positive

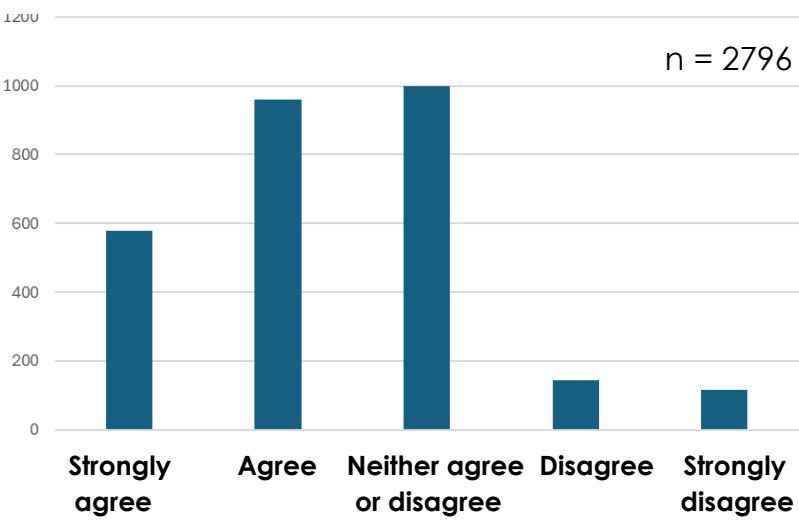


# COMBINE REGULATION SETS

# FORUMS

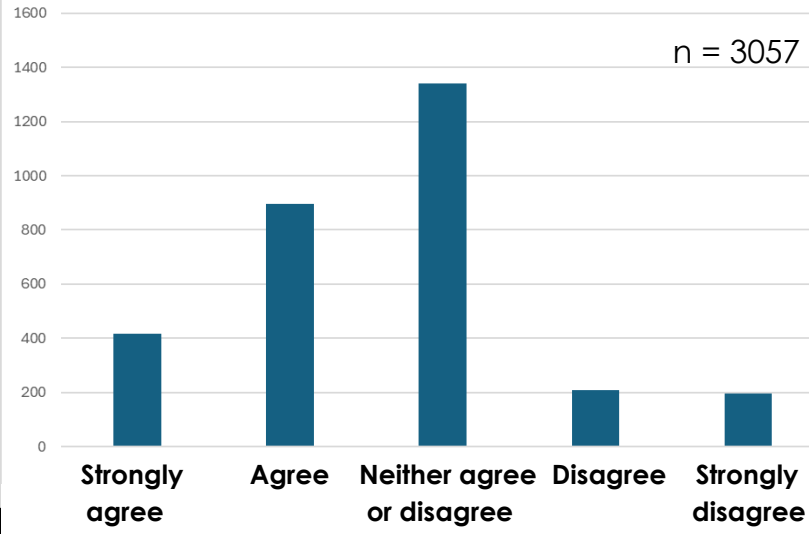
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How do you feel about grouping Reg Sets 0,1,2,& 3 into a new LOW set?



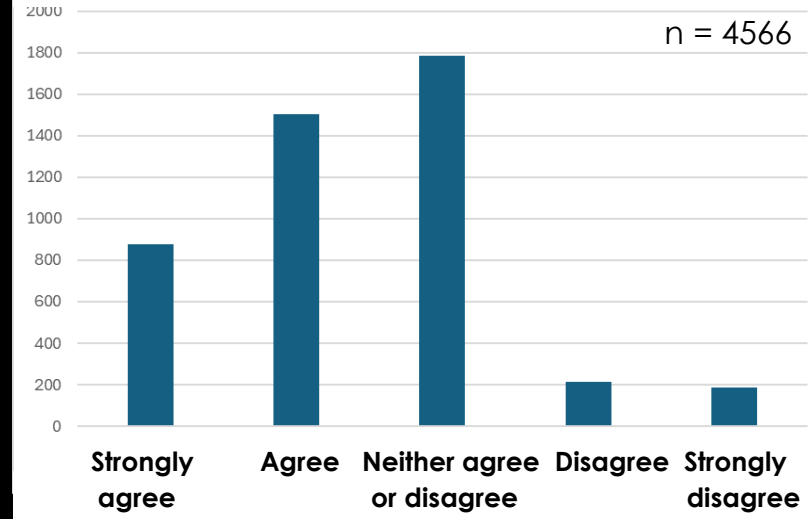
**LOW**

How do you feel about grouping Reg Sets 4, 5, & 6 into a new MEDIUM set?



**MEDIUM**

How do you feel about grouping Reg Sets 7 & 8 and DMZs 19, 42 and 48 into a new HIGH set?



**HIGH**

**SURVEY RESULTS**

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- Align Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun seasons to run concurrently after Six-day Firearm through the end of the season. Looking in to impacts.

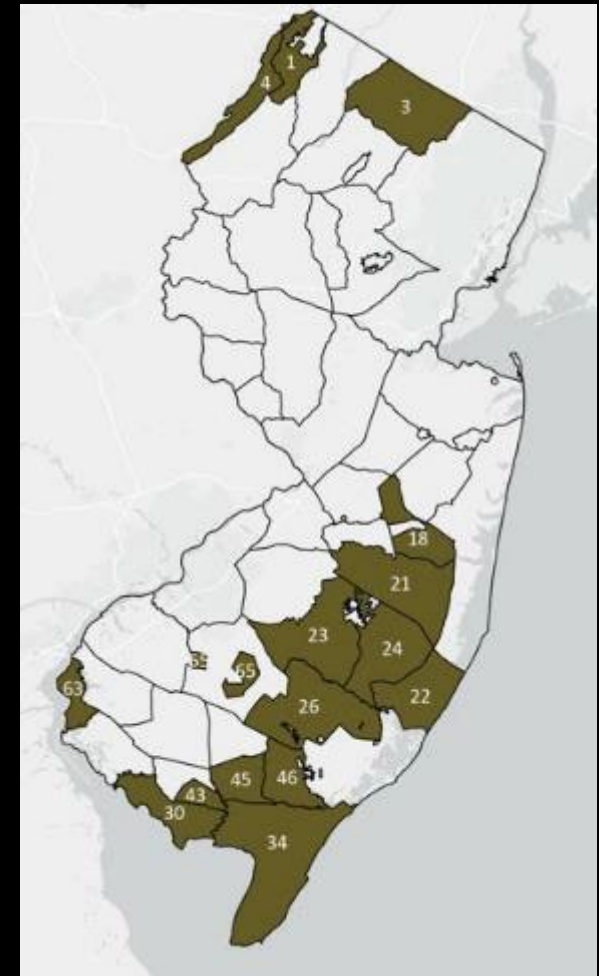
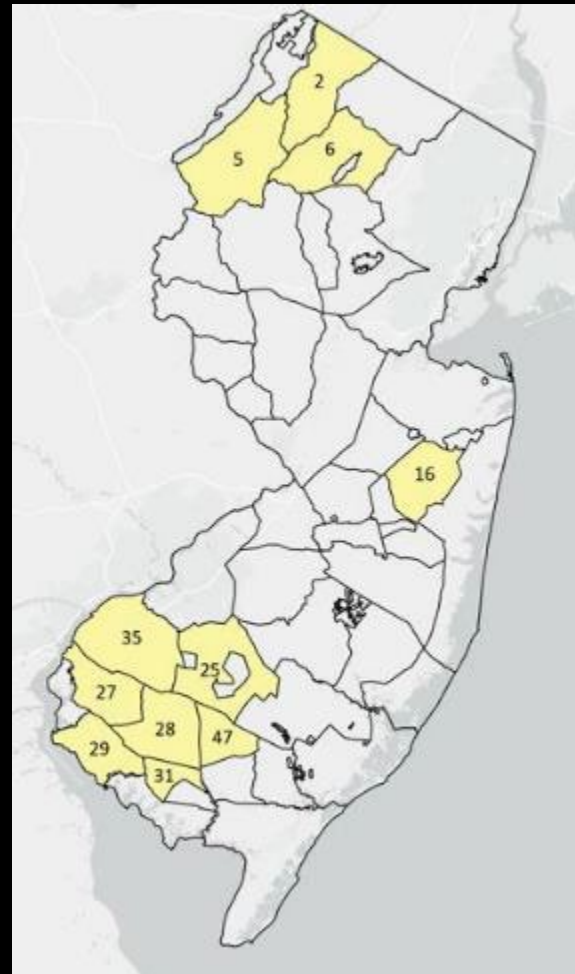
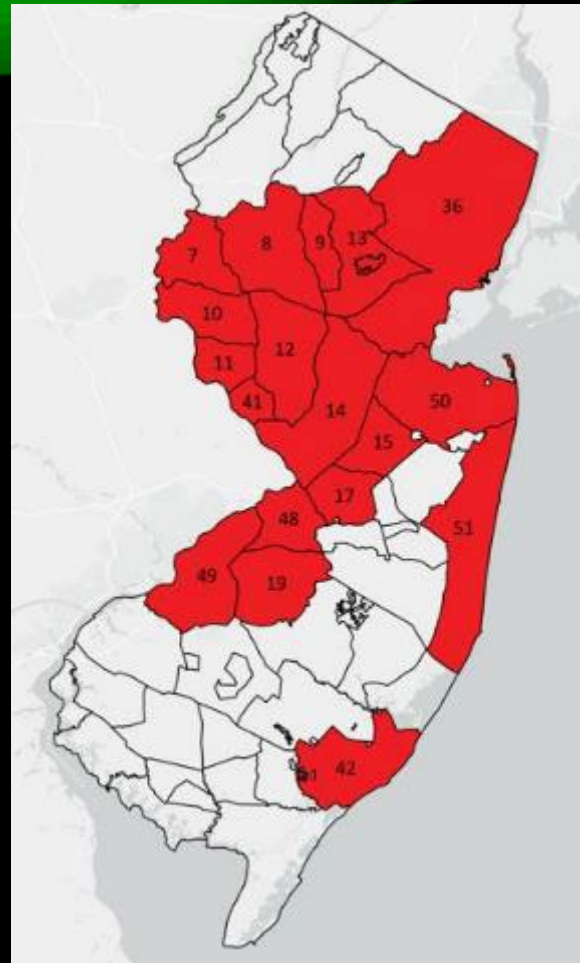
# SEASON ALIGNMENT – HIGH SET



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**MEDIUM**

**LOW**



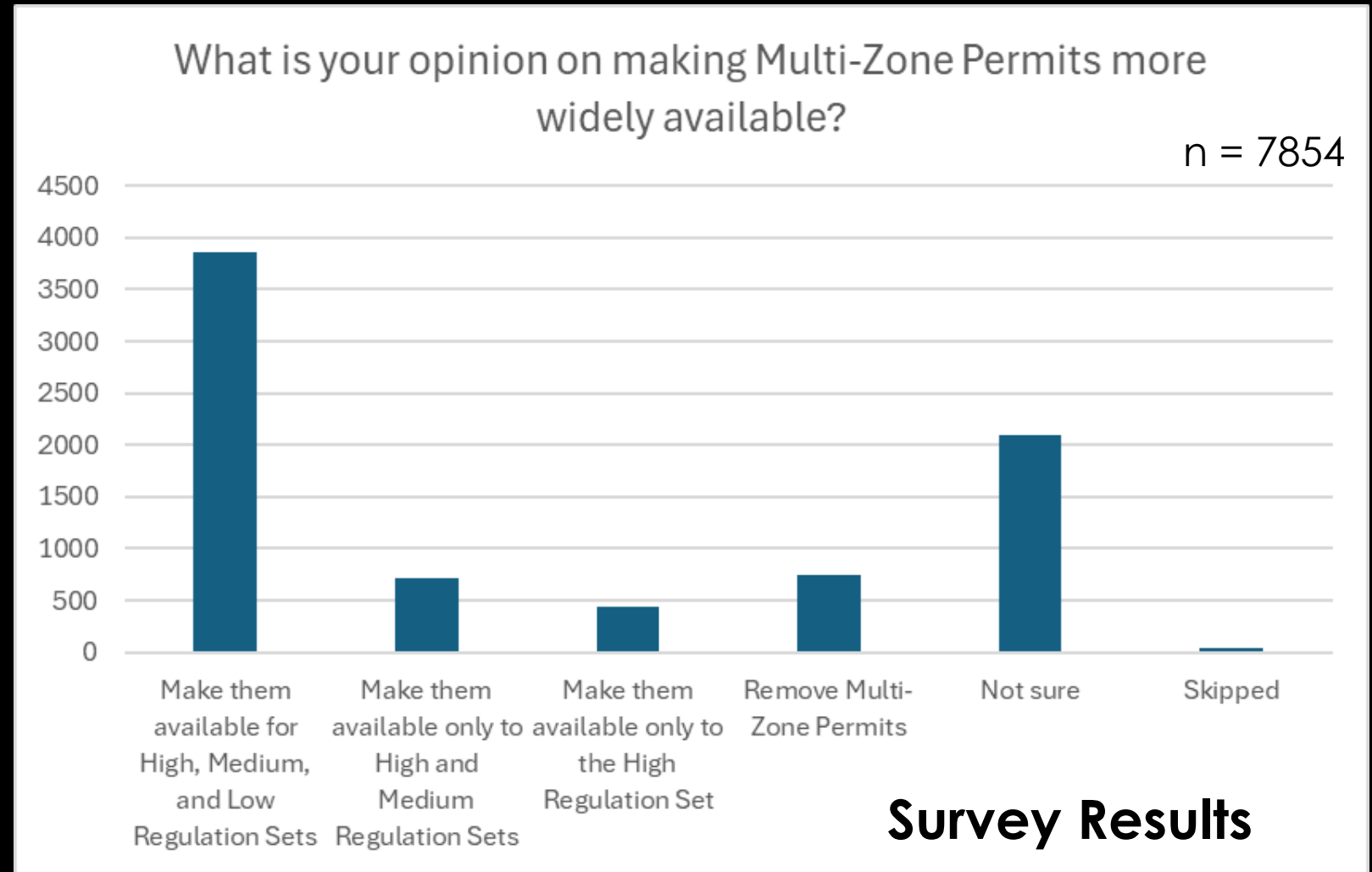
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**MULTI-ZONE PERMIT EXPANSION**

**\$ 56**

North – Positive  
Central – Positive  
South - Positive



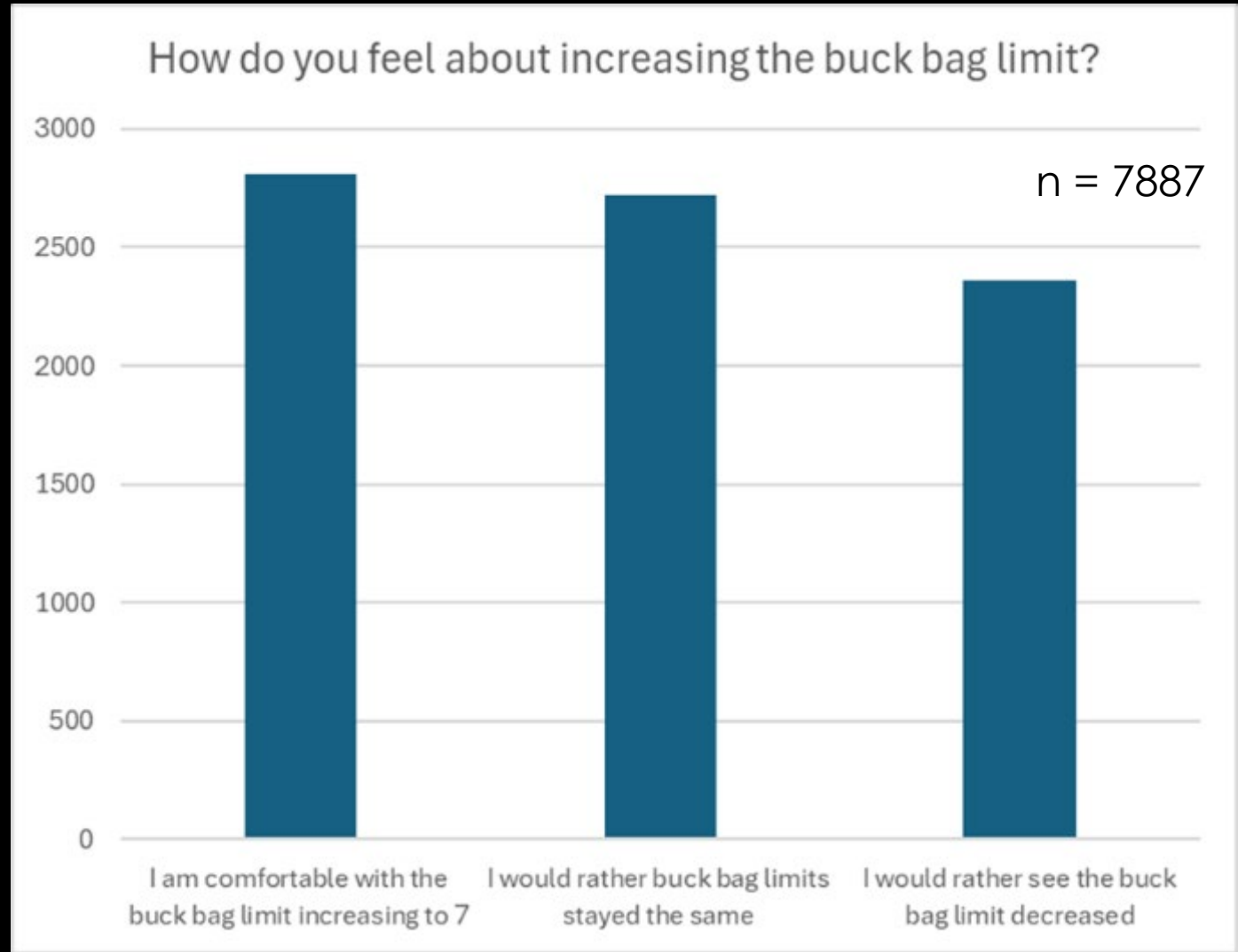
# MULTI-ZONE PERMIT EXPANSION

- **Hunters would no longer need to forfeit their Permit Shotgun buck tag if they harvest 2 bucks during the Six-Day Firearm season.**
- **Maintains an equal opportunity for hunters to harvest a buck across each of the six seasons.**
- **Despite having the opportunity to harvest more bucks, most successful hunters (99.2%) harvest 3 bucks or fewer.**
- **Less than 5% of deer hunters in New Jersey participate in every deer season. So less than 5% of deer hunters possess the maximum number of buck tags.**

**REINSTATE BUCK LIMIT TO 7 FROM 6**

# FORUMS

North – Negative  
Central – Positive  
South - Negative



**REINSTATE BUCK LIMIT TO 7 FROM 6**

Complicates regulations

Antlerless harvest decreasing at higher rate than non-APR

Can be deterrent to new hunter's success (R3)

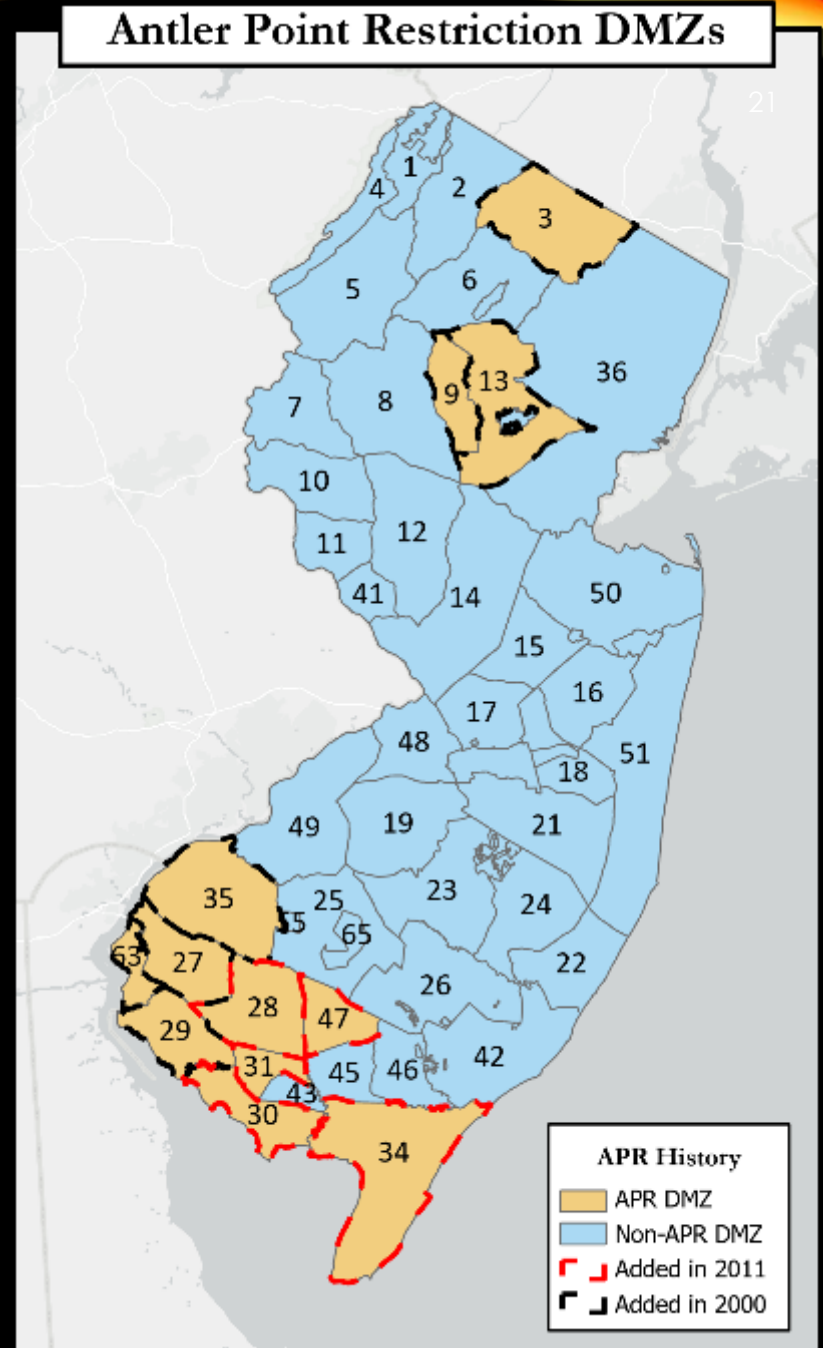
Lessen quality gene pool

Potential for spread of diseases (CWD)

Potential for increased deer vehicle collisions

Currently applies to youths outside of the designated youth days.

# ANTLER POINT RESTRICTIONS



# FORUMS

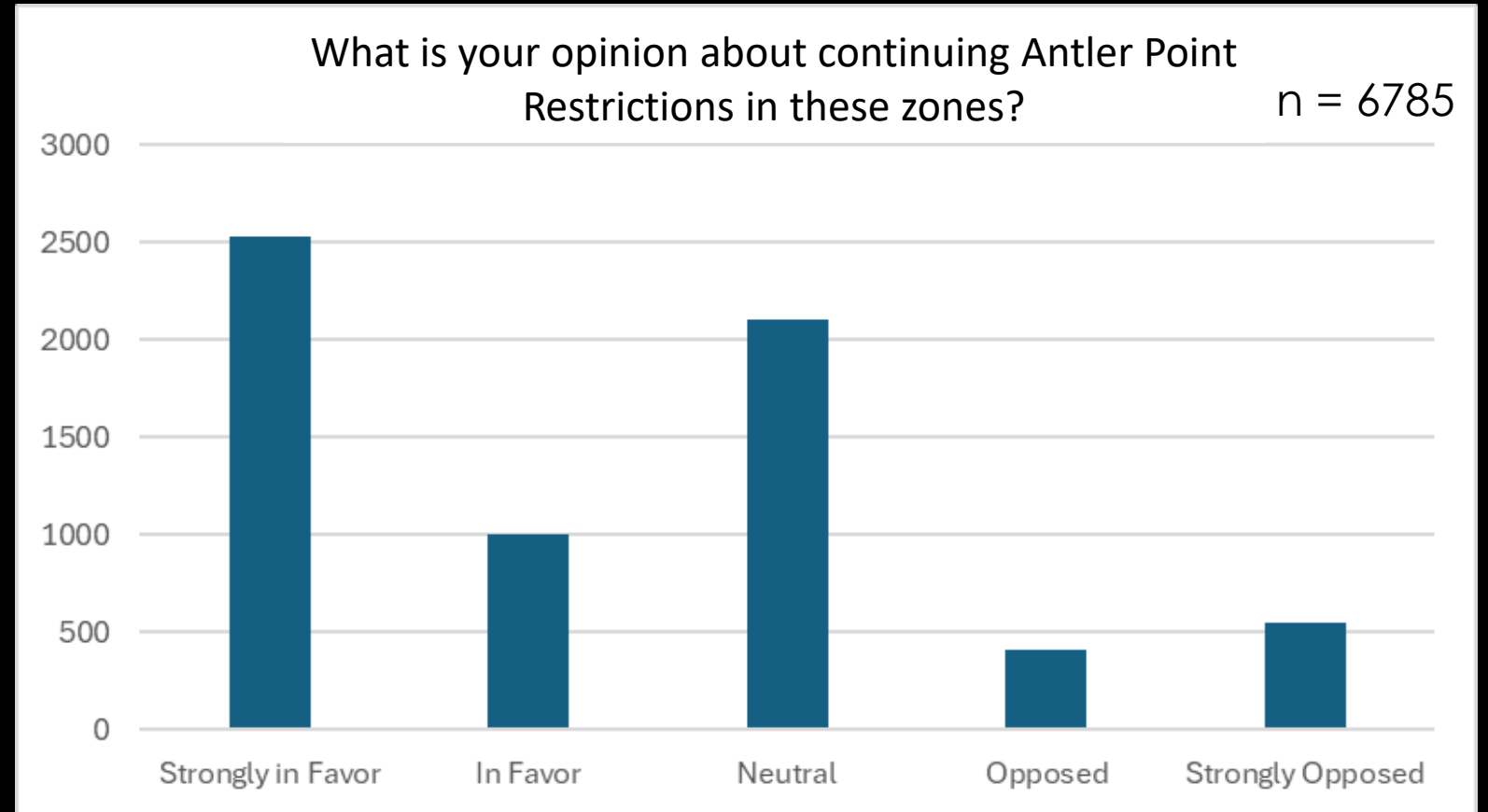
## Eliminating APR

North – Negative

Central – Positive

South - Negative

## SURVEY RESULTS - Statewide

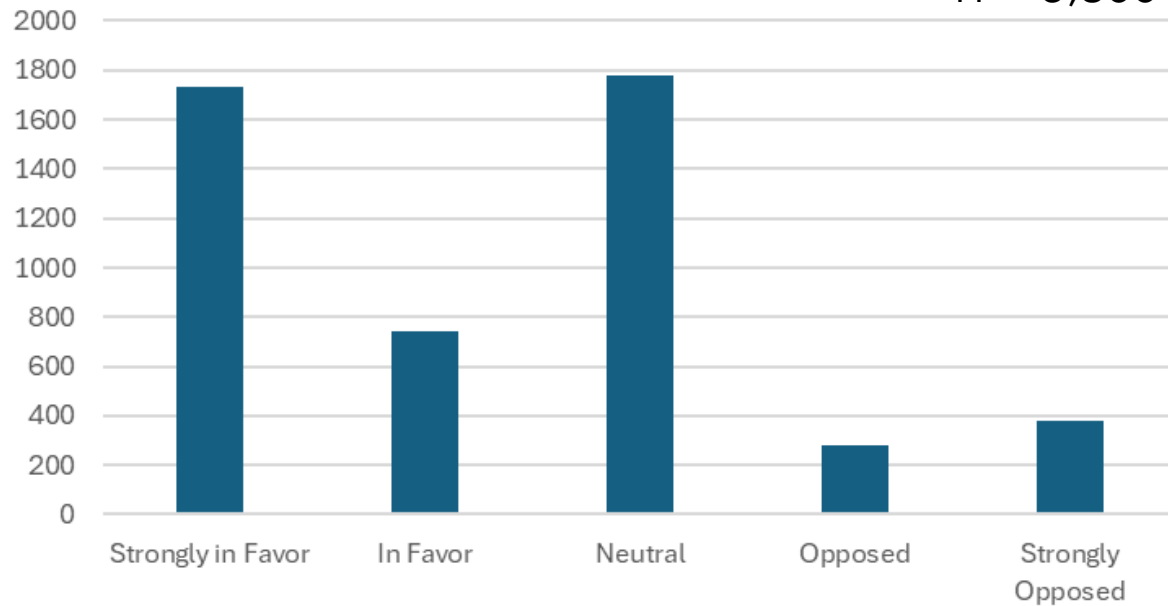


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## SURVEY RESULTS – By APR Participation

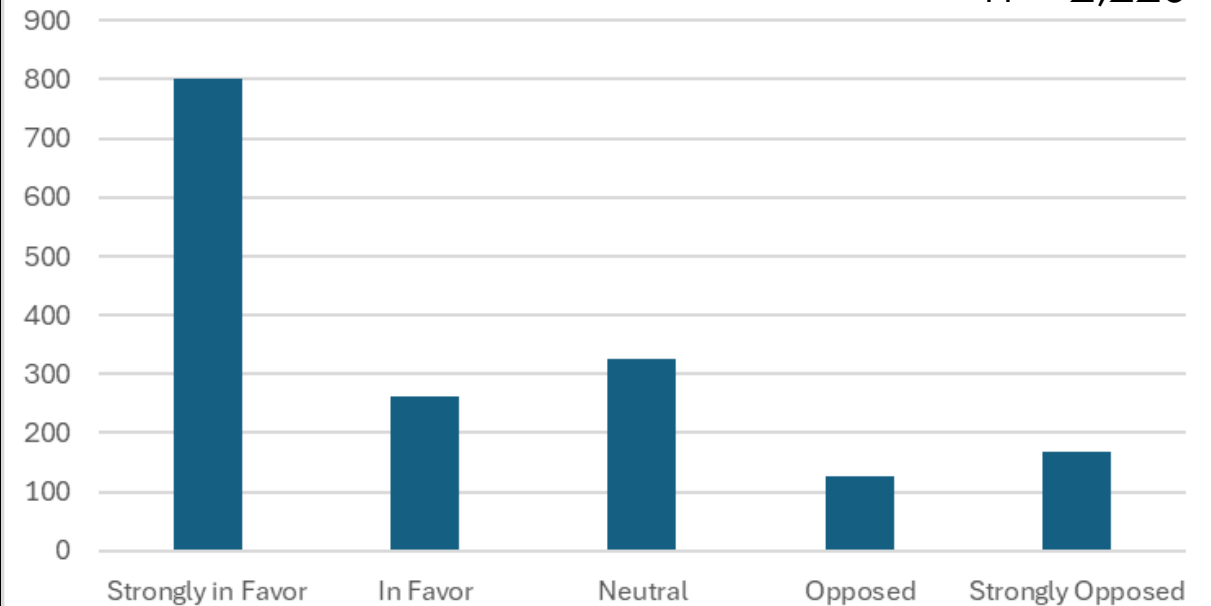
Not Hunting an APR Zone

n = 5,800



Hunting an APR Zone

n = 2,220

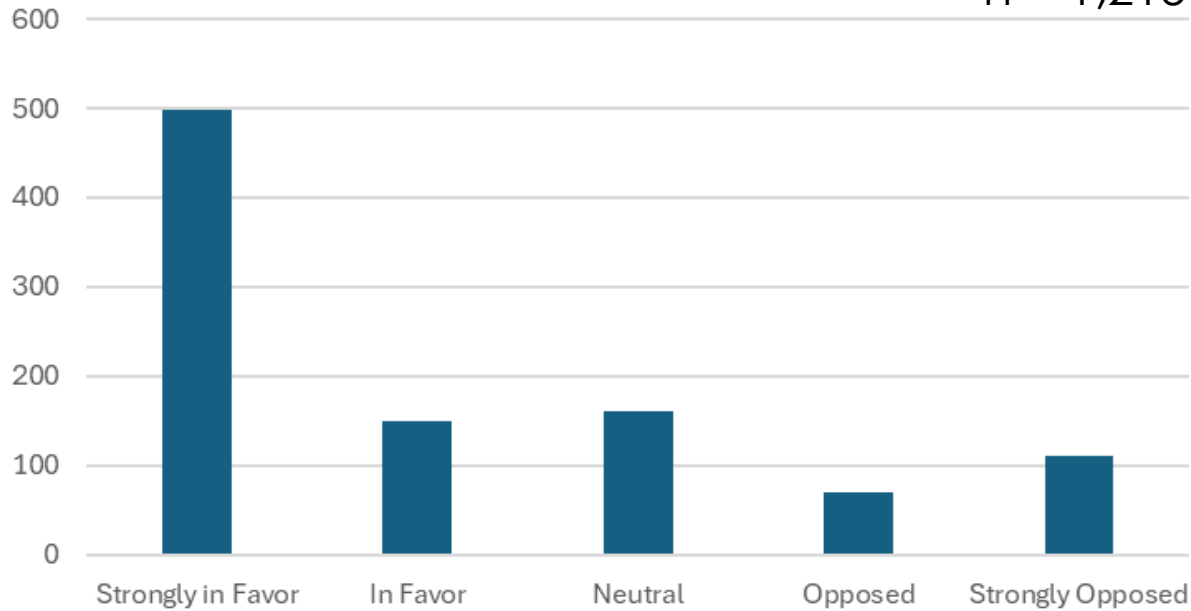


# ANTLER POINT RESTRICTIONS

## SURVEY RESULTS – By APR Region

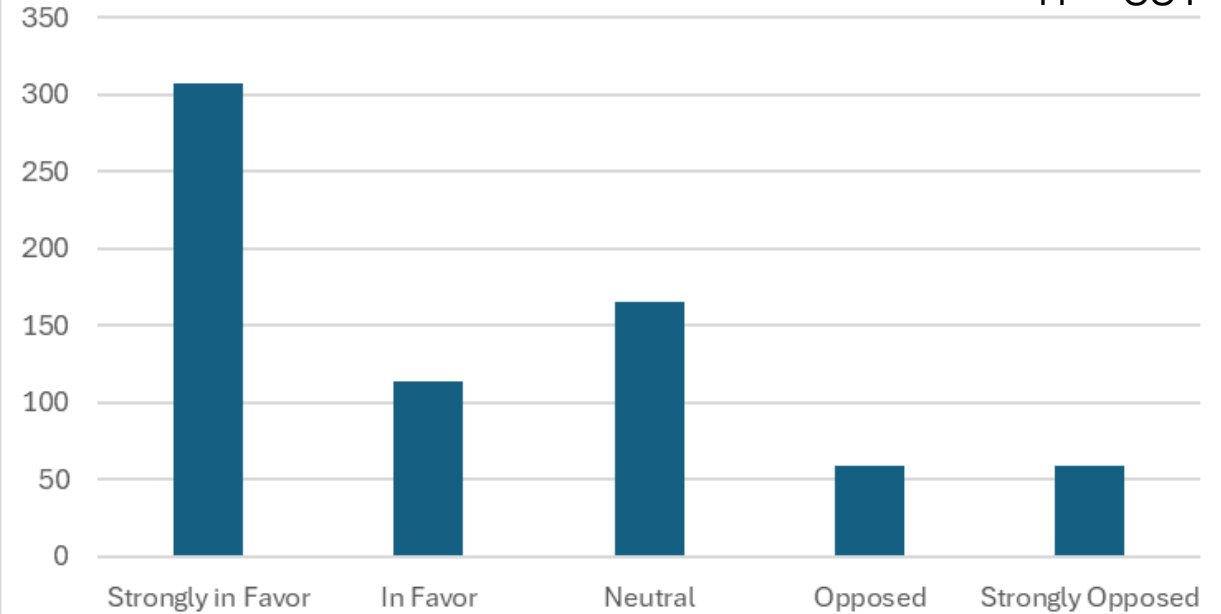
Hunting a Southern APR Zone

n = 1,215



Hunting a Northern APR Zone

n = 881



# ANTLER POINT RESTRICTIONS



# DISCUSSION

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  - Align season date structure
  - Reinstate 7 buck bag limit
- **Multi-Zone Permit**
  - Possible expansion to other regulations sets
- **Antler Point Restrictions (APR)**
  - APR regulations
    - North
    - South

# ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **Exempt Youth Hunters from APR Restrictions throughout ALL seasons within APR designated zones**
- Change Boundaries of Zone 13 to exclude Union County
  - Request from Union County Federation
  - Removes APR from Union County properties

## ANTLER POINT RESTRICTIONS



Union County – Zone 13

**DISCUSSION**

**ZONE 13 – UNION COUNTY**

# SIX-DAY FIREARM SEASON

- Require bow hunters to wear Hunter orange during Six-Day Firearm Season

## DISCUSSION

# GREAT SWAMP (DMZ 38)

- Incorporate Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge into Zone 13
  - Eliminates DMZ 38
  - Hunters would still be required to obtain a special access permit issued by Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge
  - Great Swamp liberalizing current regulations but still different from Reg Set 8
  - Requested by Great Swamp Managers

## DISCUSSION

# JOINT BASE MDL (DMZS 37 & 53)

- Both DMZs to be aligned in season structure and bag limits
  - Requested by Biological Scientist managing hunts on both DMZ 37 and 53
  - Will need letters from Commanding Officers from each base to confirm any regulations changes

## DISCUSSION

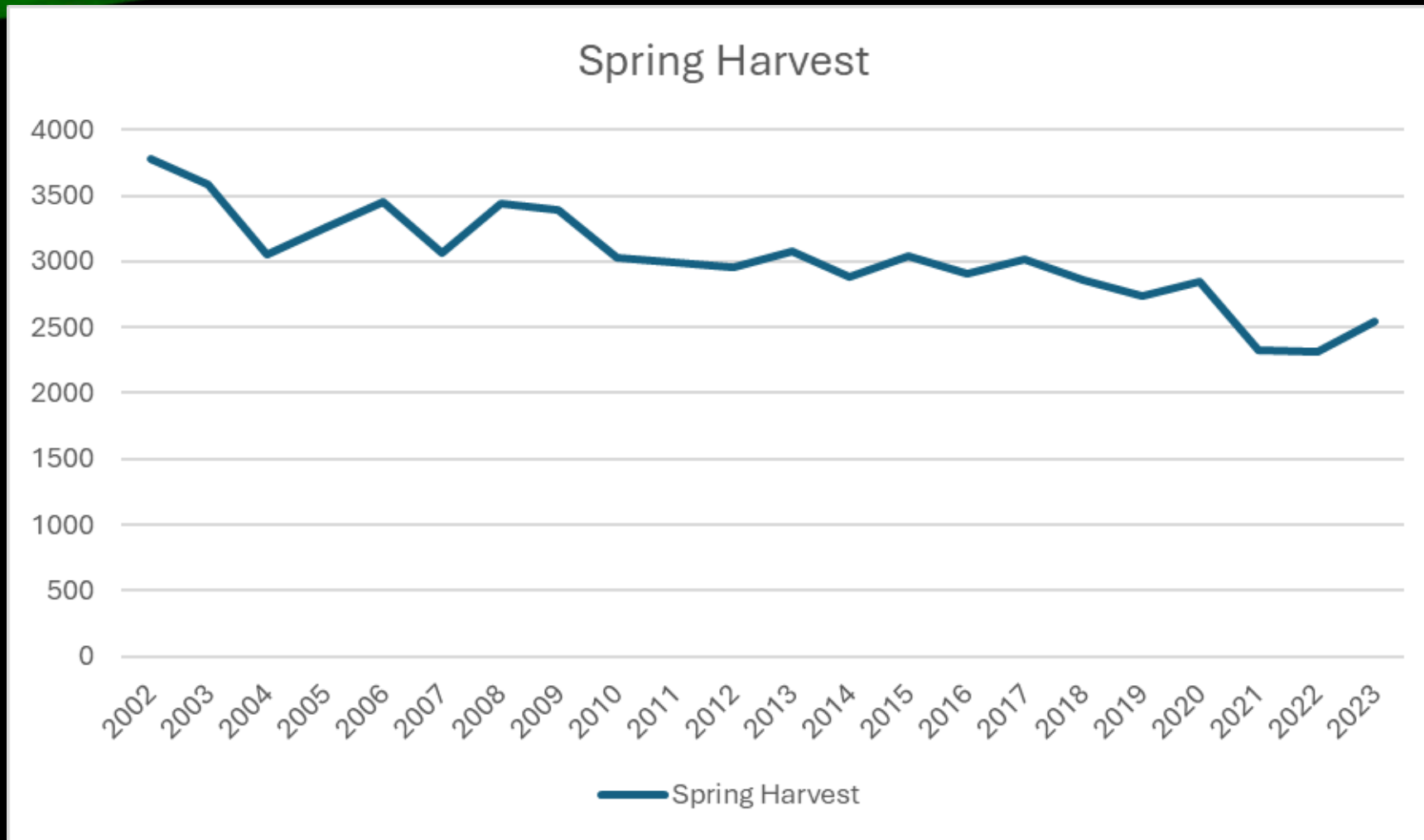
# TURKEY

## Close Fall Either-Sex Season

- Declining Spring Harvest
- Declining Fall Either Sex Harvest
- Other states similar concerns
- Protect hens



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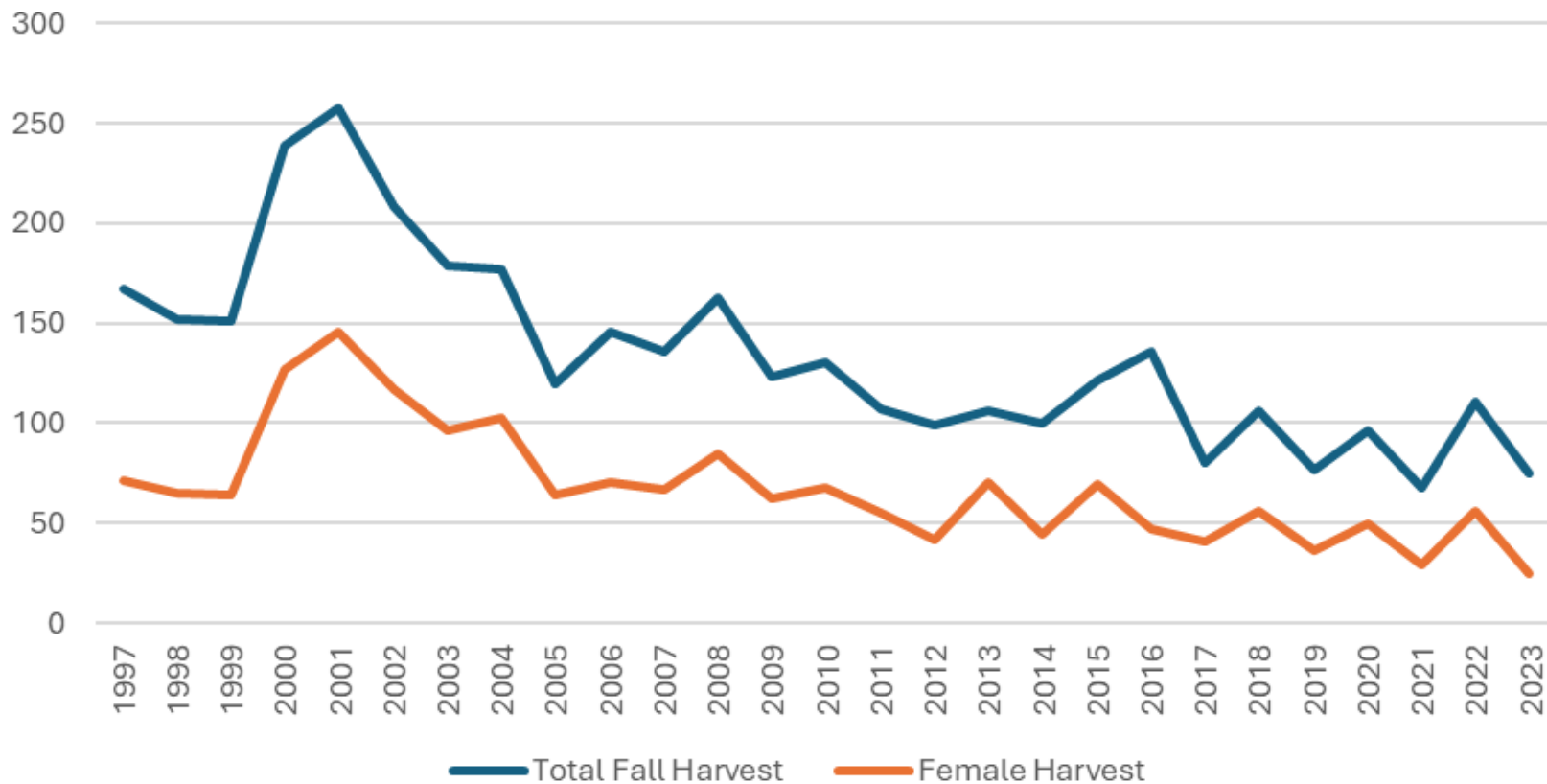


- Spring harvest has gradually declined since 2002
- Spring harvest data gauges population trends



# TURKEY

Fall Either-Sex Turkey Harvest 1997-2023



- 1997-2016 Hen Turkeys made up ~50% of the total harvest
- 2016-2023 Hen Turkeys made up ~30% of the total harvest

# TURKEY

- **2,254 individual turkey hunters participated in 2023 Fall Either-Sex Turkey Season**
- **2,948 Fall Either-Sex Turkey Season permits were sold in 2023**
  - **50 Youth, 879 Farmer, 2,019 General**
  - **\$42,999 in permit sales**
- **349 individual hunters purchased 2 or more permits**
- **Permits are Turkey Hunting Area (THA) specific**
  - **only one bird may be harvested per day no matter number of permits**

Permits Purchased	# of Individual Hunter
1	1905
2	195
3	95
4	22
5	6
6	16
7	4
8	3
9	4
12	1
15	1
18	1
22	1

# TURKEY

- **Ammunition Changes**
  - Allow .410 and 28 gauge
  - Require shot with a minimum density of 18 grams per cubic centimeter (**ex. TSS**) for .410 and 28 gauge
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# PHEASANTS/QUAIL

- **Prohibit dog training on WMAs stocked for Youth Day hunt during the youth week of pheasant hunting.**
  - Assunpink
  - Clinton
  - Flatbrook
  - Millville
  - Whittingham
  - Black River
  - Colliers Mills
  - Glassboro
  - Peaslee
  - Winslow
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# SMALL GAME

- **Gray Fox**
  - Require harvest reporting
- **Air Guns**
  - Allow .25 caliber air guns for rabbit, squirrel, raccoon, opossum, and coyote hunting





### Muzzleloading Rifle Squirrel Areas



# GRAY SQUIRREL

- **Eliminate the Special Squirrel Muzzleloader Rifle Season** and associated zones
  - Allow the use of muzzleloader rifles no larger than .36 caliber during regular season

# DISCUSSION

- **Gray Fox**
  - Mandatory harvest reporting
- **Air Guns**
  - Allow .25 caliber air guns for rabbit, squirrel, raccoon, opossum, and coyote hunting
- **Gray Squirrel Muzzleloader**
  - Eliminate season/zones, allow up to .36 cal. during small game season

# TRAPPING

- **General**

- Replace “durable and legible” tags to require “metal tags” for trap identification

- **Body Gripping Traps**

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- **Dispatch**

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# BEAVER

- **Lengthen season** - December 15 to March 15
  - Current Statewide Season Dec. 26 – Feb. 9
  - Jan. 1 – Feb. 9 on stocked WMAs
- **Increase bag limit**
  - From 8 to 10 beaver/permit
- **Increase trap limit**
  - From 5 to 6 traps per day per zone
  - Keeps ratio of traps to bag limit
  - Very little incidental take of otter
- **Eliminate check station requirement**
  - Require harvest reporting through AHRS

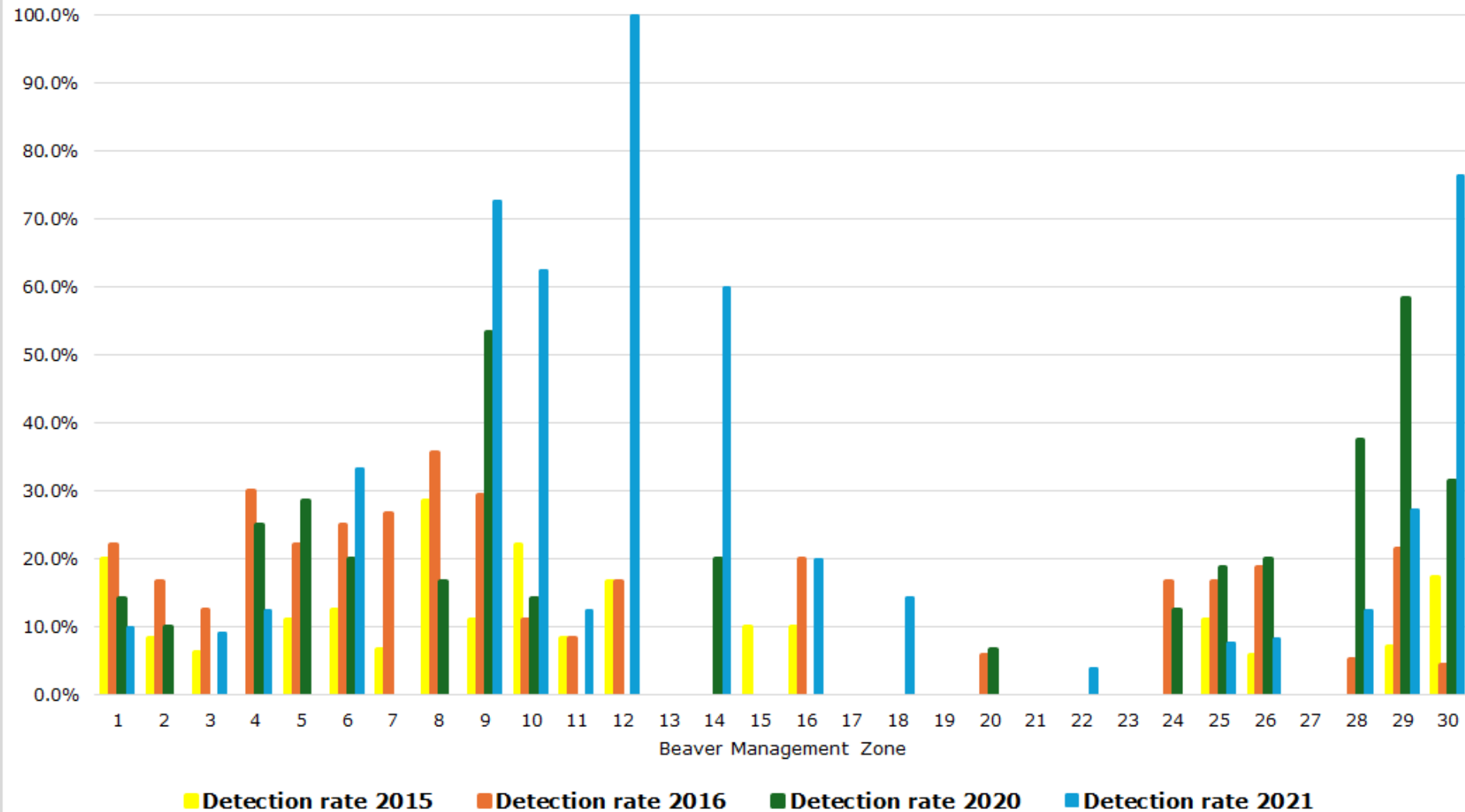


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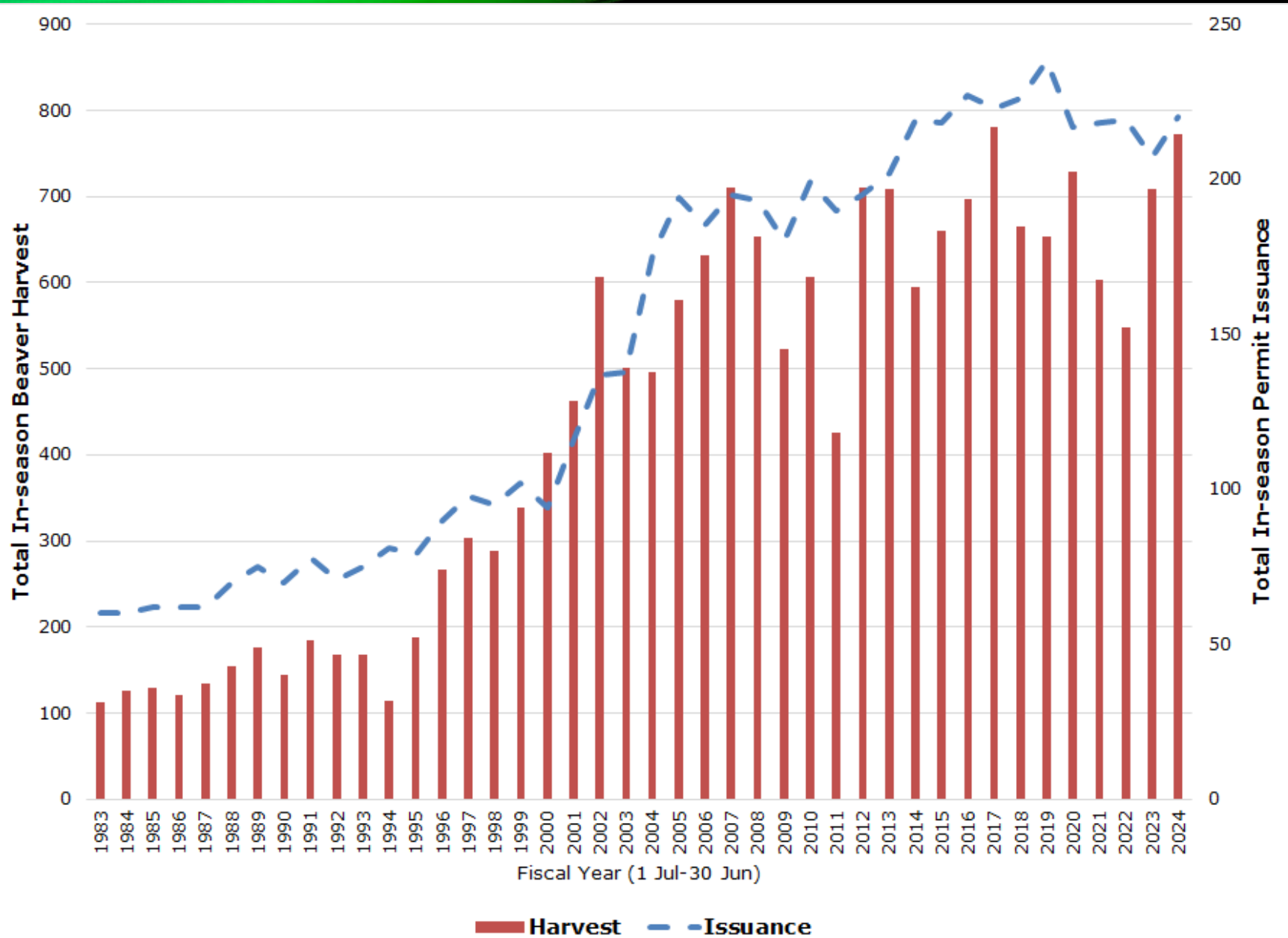
- 200 permit quota set by statute (NJSA 23:4-55)
- Only 50% of trappers successfully harvest 1 beaver
- Avg. harvest 5 beavers/trapper
- Maximum removal rate is ~15% annually
- Current harvest rates around 5% annually

# BEAVER

Stream survey –  
higher detection  
rates through  
time



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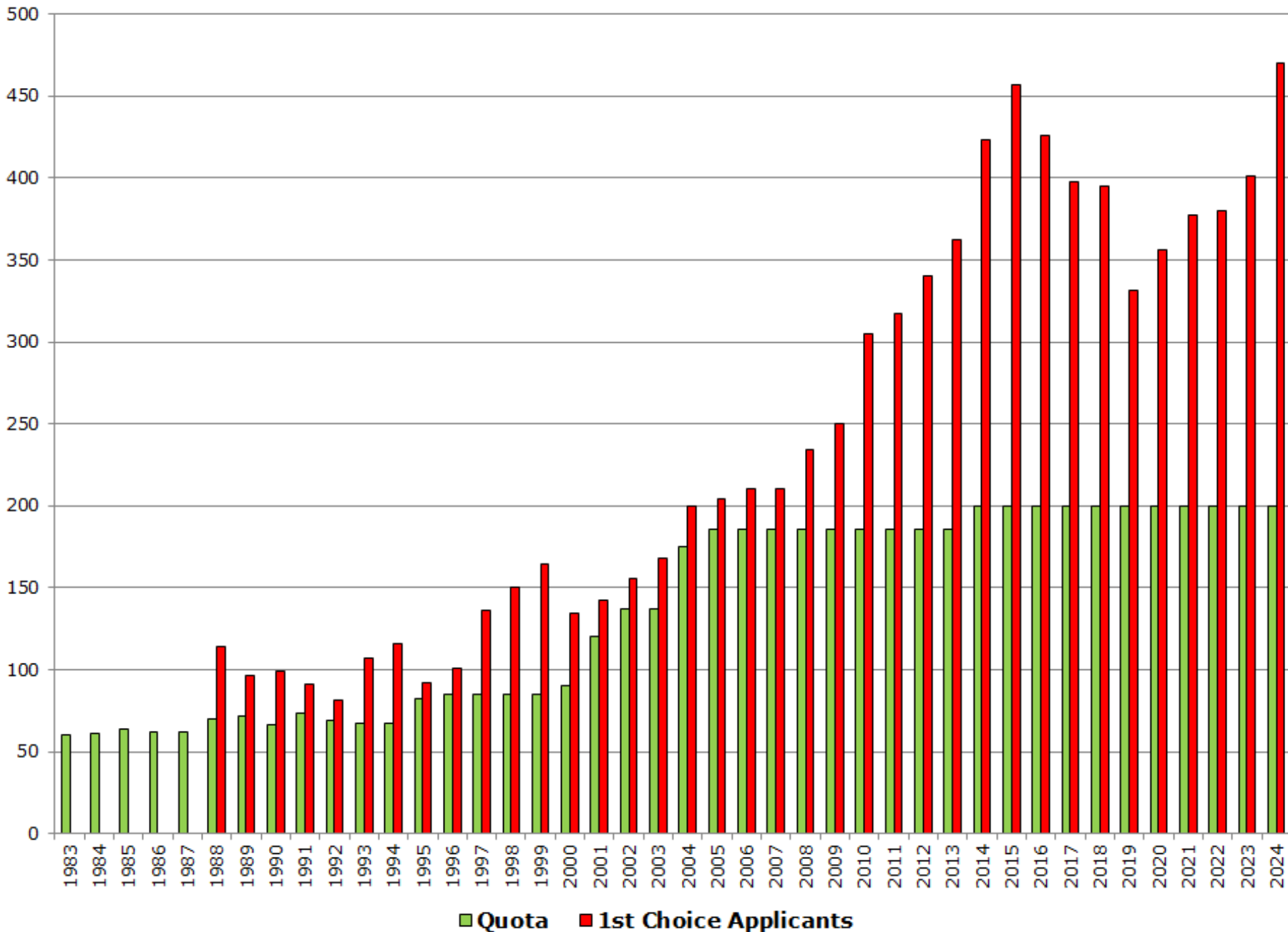


- Increasing harvest over time



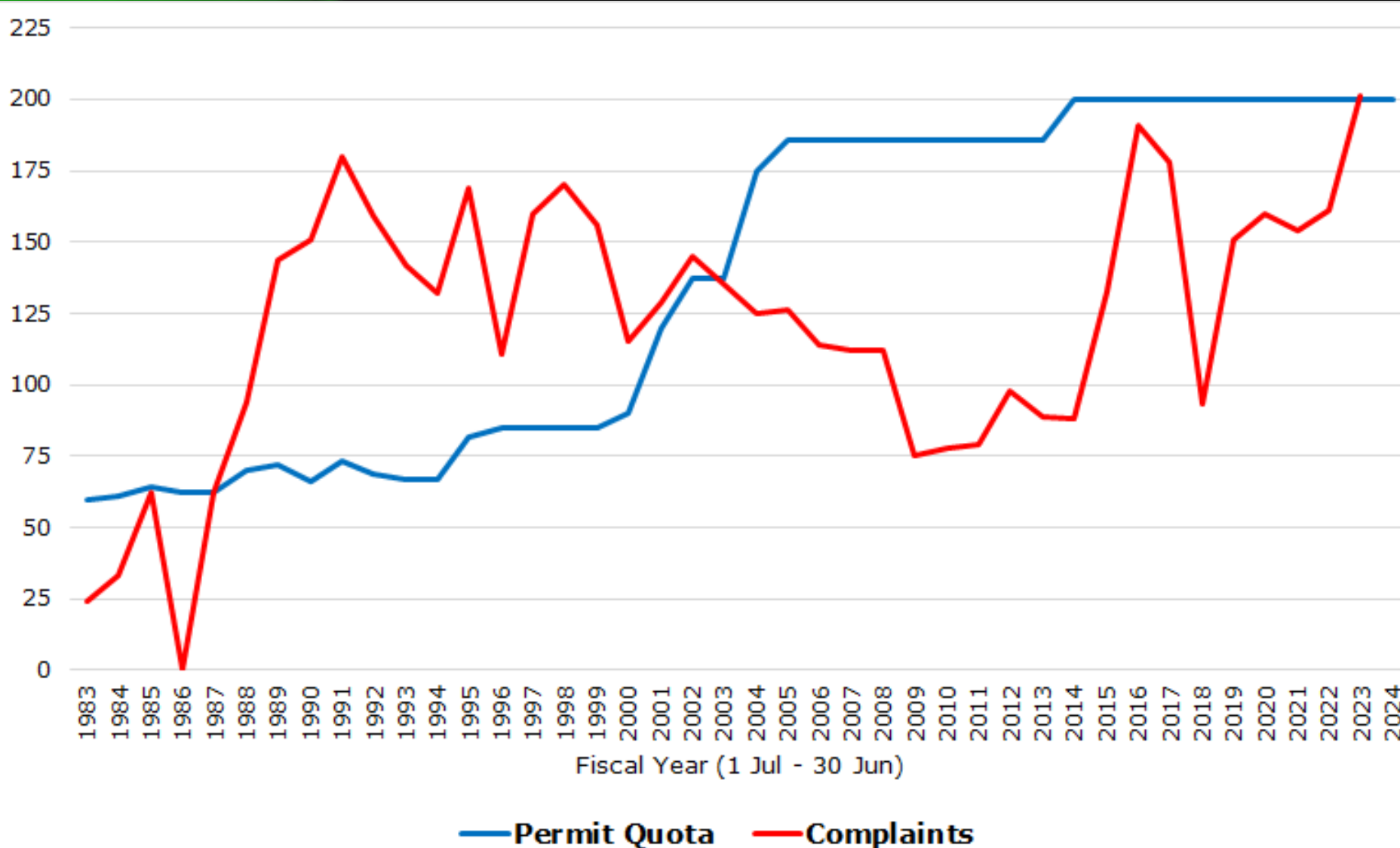
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- Higher level of interest than current 200 permit quota can accommodate



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- Overall increase in complaints, particularly in southern NJ



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- **10 beaver bag limit**
- **6 traps/day/zone**
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# OTTER

- **Eliminate requirement** to surrender otter carcass



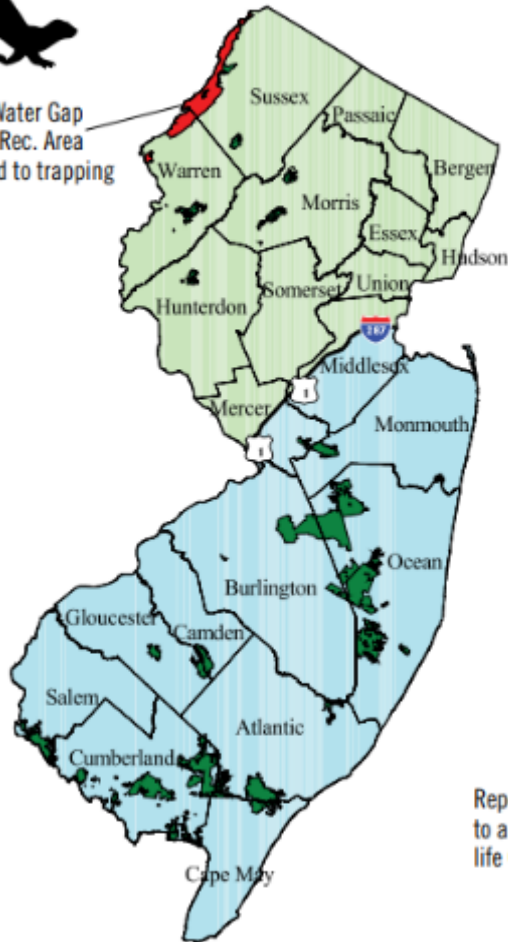
## DISCUSSION

# MINK, MUSKRAT & NUTRIA

## Mink, Muskrat and Nutria Trapping Zones



Del. Water Gap  
Nat'l Rec. Area  
closed to trapping



Report any nutria harvest  
to a NJDEP Fish and Wild-  
life Office.

- **Eliminate North/South Zones**
  - North Nov. 15 – March 15
  - South Dec. 1 – March 15
- **Statewide Season**
  - November 15 – March 15

# SNAP TRAPS

- **Allow use of snap traps** on dry land (away from buildings) for the trapping of weasels
  - Provided trap is recessed inside a box (cubby set)
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  - Provides an additional tool besides cable restraints for trappers targeting weasels

# DISCUSSION

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- **Mink, Muskrat, and Nutria**
  - Eliminate North/South Zone
  - Open Season Statewide November 15

# COYOTE/FOX HUNTING

- **Regular Season**

- End of Sept. - Mar. 15
- Bow, shotgun
- Dogs allowed

- **Special permit season**

- Jan. 1 – Mar. 15
- Separate day and night regs
- Day - Bow, shotgun, muzzleloader, rimfire, centerfire (.17-.25 cal.)
- Night - Shotgun only (shot size #4 - T)
- No dogs

- **Incidental harvest**

- Firearm deer hunting
- Spring turkey





# COYOTE/FOX HUNTING

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# COYOTE/FOX HUNTING

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    - Dogs allowed
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# WILDLIFE DAMAGE

- **Add nutria, rabbit, muskrat, and mink** to list of species allowed for take in response to damage
  - Damage to crops, livestock or property
  - Other special management problems (airports, waterways, golf courses, etc.)

## DISCUSSION

# HARVEST REPORTING DEADLINE

Harvest Reporting Deadline for ALL Species (except bear) 10 pm

**DISCUSSION**

# RECODIFICATON

- **Main SUBSECTIONS**
  - **General Provisions**
  - **Closed Seasons**
  - **Hunting**
  - **Trapping**
  - **Special Permits**
  - **Wildlife Disease – Surveillance and Management**

**Regulations for Individual Species listed alphabetically under Hunting & Trapping**

# SPECIES SECTIONS LAYOUT

- **7:25-5.XX Species**

- **WHAT'S NEEDED** (a) Licensing and permit requirement
- **WHEN** (b) season dates, hunting hours
- **HOW MANY** (c) bag limits
- **HOW** (d) manner
- **MEANS** (e) method and ammo
- **PERMITS** (f) permits (if applicable): application process (regular and farmer) and issuance etc.
- **TAGGING/REPORTING** (g) tagging, AHRS, etc.
- **WHERE** (h) management zones or areas, as applicable
- **PERMIT QUOTAS** (i) quota tables
- **AUTHORITY** (j) Statutes that support provide authority for rules within subsection

# ELIMINATING

- **7:25-5.3 Dogs**
- **7:25-5.14 Special regulation limiting use of shotguns and shotgun shells containing lead pellets**
- **7:25-5.22 Wild animals; possession, killing**
- **7:25-5.23 Firearms and missiles, etc**
- **7:25-5.24 Bow and arrow, general provisions**
- **7:25 – 5.31 Permit shotgun and muzzleloader seasons for Great Swamp Nat. Refuge**
- **7:25-5.33 Pheasants and quail stamp designated areas**
- **7:25-5.34 Controlled hunting--hunting restrictions on wildlife management areas**
- **7:25-5.38 Fish and Game Law Enforcement Region Headquarters**
- **7:25-5.39 Severability**

**Rules being incorporated into Other Sections**



# NEW SECTIONS

- **7:25-5.2 Definitions**
- **7:25-5.3 Closed seasons, game species**
- **7:25-5.28 Community Based Deer Management Permits**
- **7:25-5.29 Provisions for Hunters with Disabilities**
- **7:25-5.35 Wildlife Disease – surveillance and management**

# CLOSED SEASONS

**It shall be illegal to take, kill, or attempt to take or kill any of the game species identified below in the State of New Jersey at any time:**

- 1. Bobcat (*Felis rufus*);**
- 2. Bobwhite quail (wild) (*Colinus virginianus*);**
- 3. Fisher (*Pekania pennanti*);**
- 4. Mourning dove (*Zenaida macroura*)**
- 5. Ruffed grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*); and**
- 6. Sandhill crane (*Grus canadensis*).**

# DISCUSSION

**A HUGE  
THANK YOU  
& WELL DONE  
TO THE WILDLIFE MGMT. STAFF**

**TO THE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT STAFF WHO DID  
AN EXTRAORDINARY JOB OVER THE LAST TWO  
YEARS CRUNCHING ALL THE DATA, ATTENDING  
ALL THE MEETINGS, AND TAKING A HARD LOOK AT  
WAYS OF SIMPLIFYING OUR REGULATIONS!**

# SCHEDULE

- **June 2024** – First Draft proposal to OLA/DAG for review
- **July 2024** – OLA/DAG Review
- **August 2024** - OLA/DAG Review
- **September 2024** - OLA/DAG Review
- **October 2024** – File proposal w/OAL
- **November 2024**– NJ Register publication (start 60 day)
- **November 2024** – Public Hearing (no sooner than 15 days after publication)
- **Dec/Jan 2025** – Public Comment Ends
- **January 2025** – Review, log, and categorize public comment
- **February 2025** – Review, log, and categorize public comment, begin draft Adoption
- **March 2025** – Draft Adoption Document (public comment summary/response)
- **April 2025**– OLA/DAG Review Adoption Document
- **May 2025** – Council Review Public Comment/Approve Adoption/OLA/DAG Review
- **June 2025** – File Adoption with OAL (LATEST IT CAN BE FILED)
- **July 2025** – Adoption Published in the NJ Register

**EFFECTIVE 5 days after publication**