

2023-2024 Deer Season Proposals





2023-2024 Season Framework

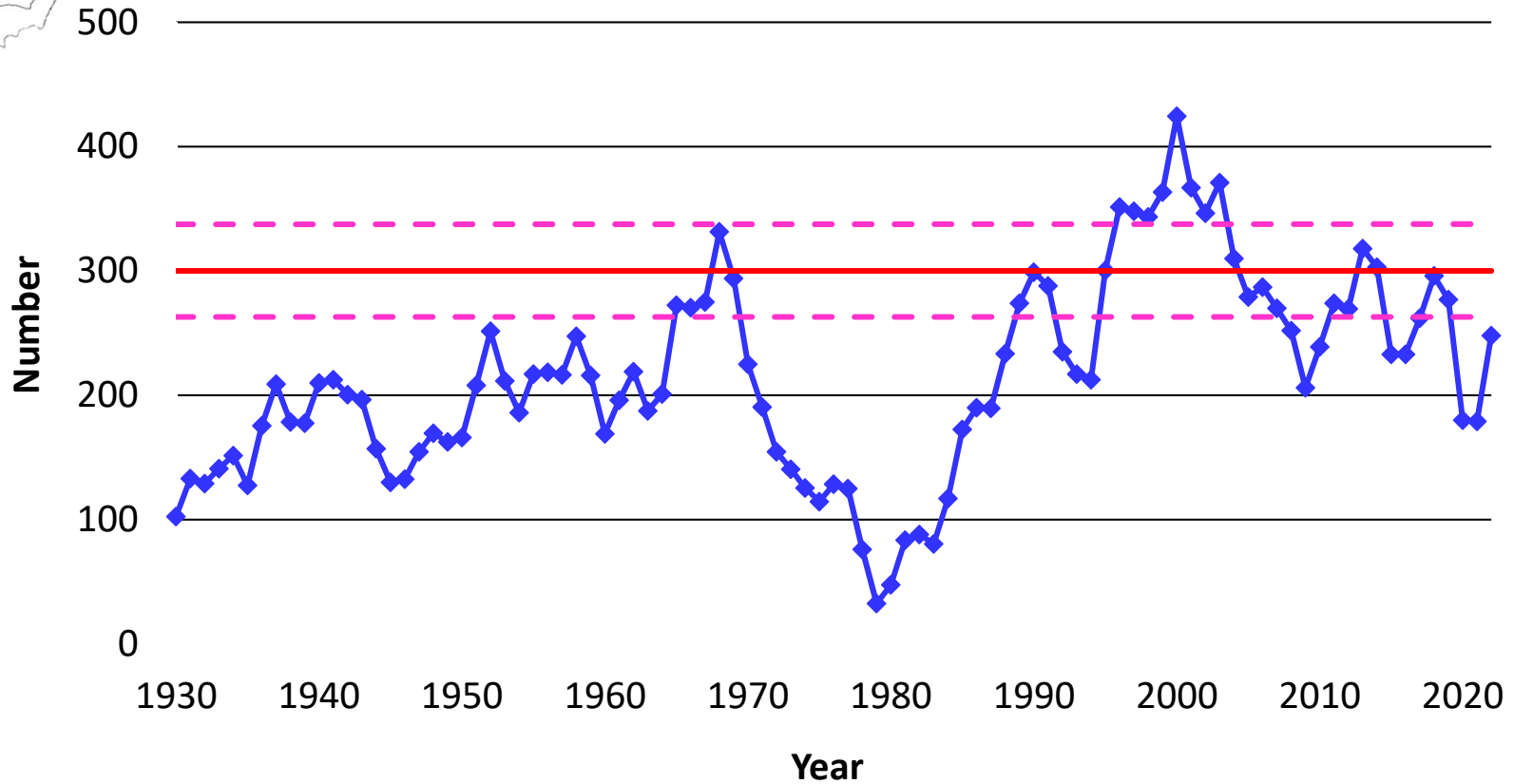
- Regular Firearm: 26 days beginning the 2nd Wednesday in November
 - Nov 8-Dec 3
- Muzzleloader: 11 days immediately preceding regular firearm
 - Oct 28-Nov 7
- Youth: The weekend before muzzleloader opens
 - Oct 21-22
- Archery: Sept. 15 through Dec. 15 (92 days)
 - Either-sex throughout season and state
- Archery and Firearm closes 1 week early in WMU A





2-Year Running Average Adult Buck Harvest (1930-2022) With Objective WMU – A

Note: Objective is 300 or 0.54 per square mile of habitat.



ES Days 2021-22
Muzzleloader - 0
Reg. Firearm - 0



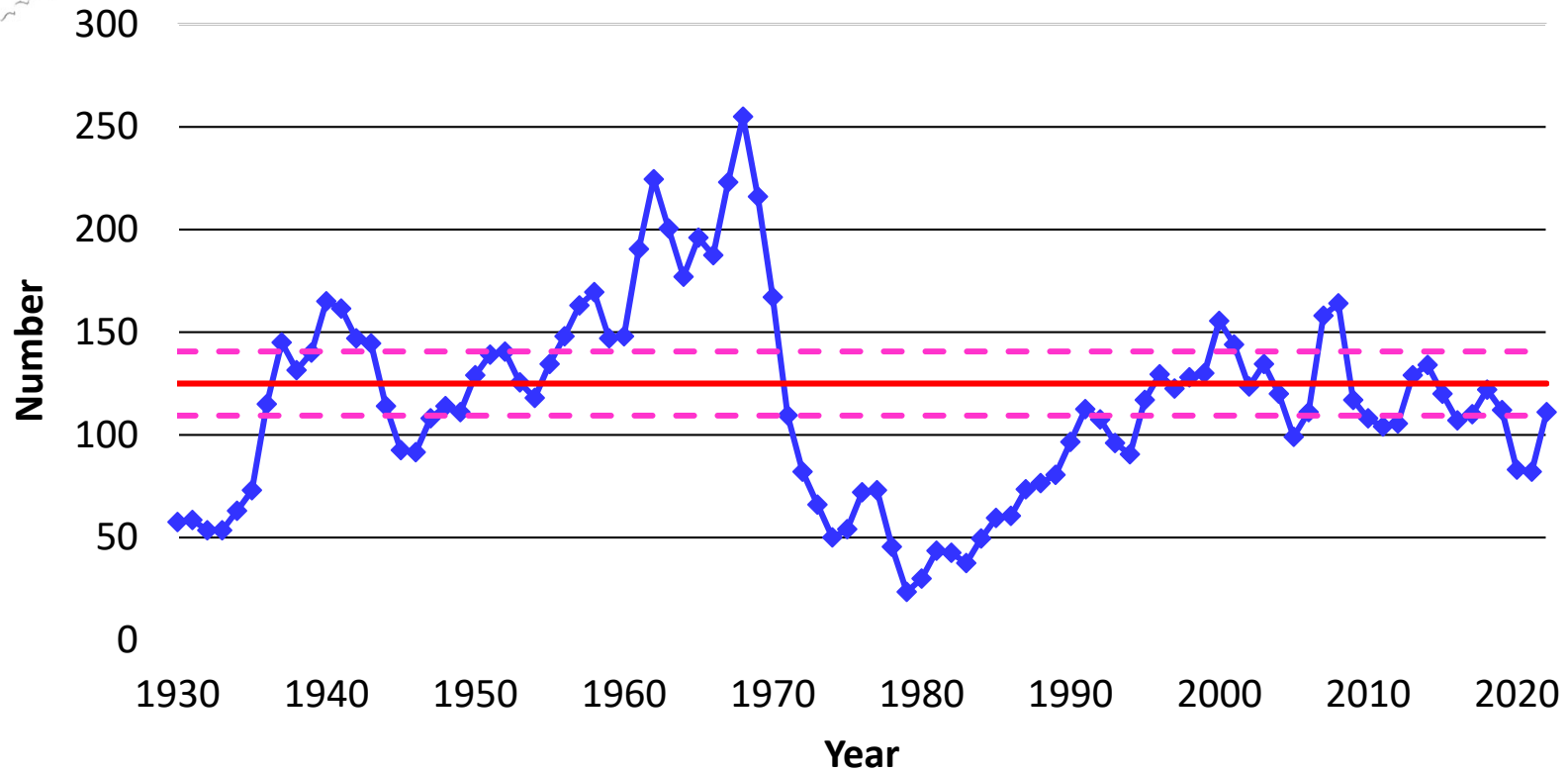
ES Days 2023-24
Muzzleloader - 0
Reg. Firearm - 0

Desired Change = +21%



2-Year Running Average Adult Buck Harvest (1930-2022) With Objective WMU – B

Note: Objective is 125 or 0.38 per square mile of habitat



ES Days 2021-22
Muzzleloader - 0
Reg. Firearm - 0



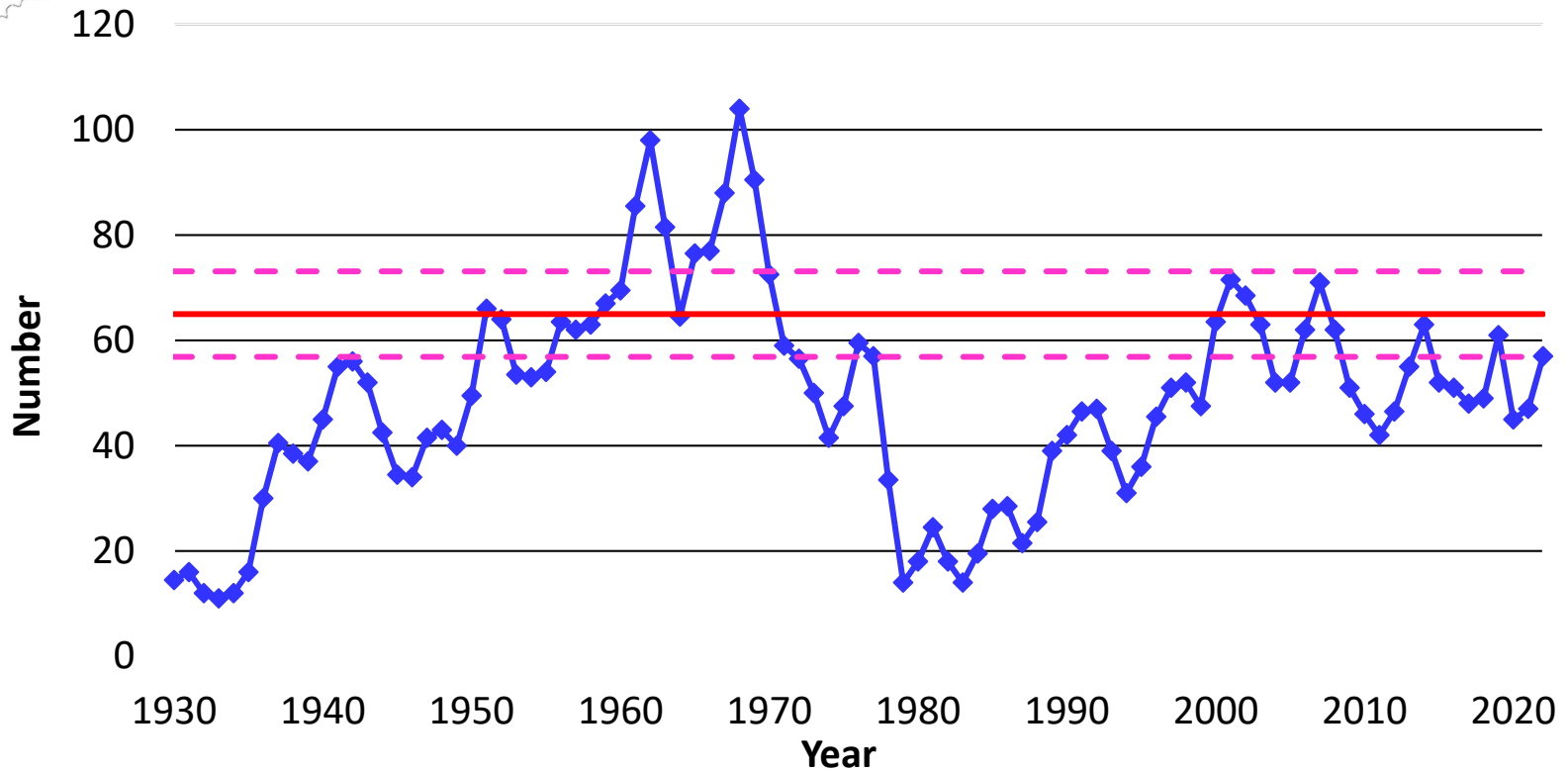
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Reg. Firearm - 0

Desired Change = +13%



2-Year Running Average Adult Buck Harvest (1930-2022) With Objective WMU – C1

Note: Objective is 65 or 0.33 per square mile of habitat



ES Days 2021-22
Muzzleloader - 0
Reg. Firearm - 0



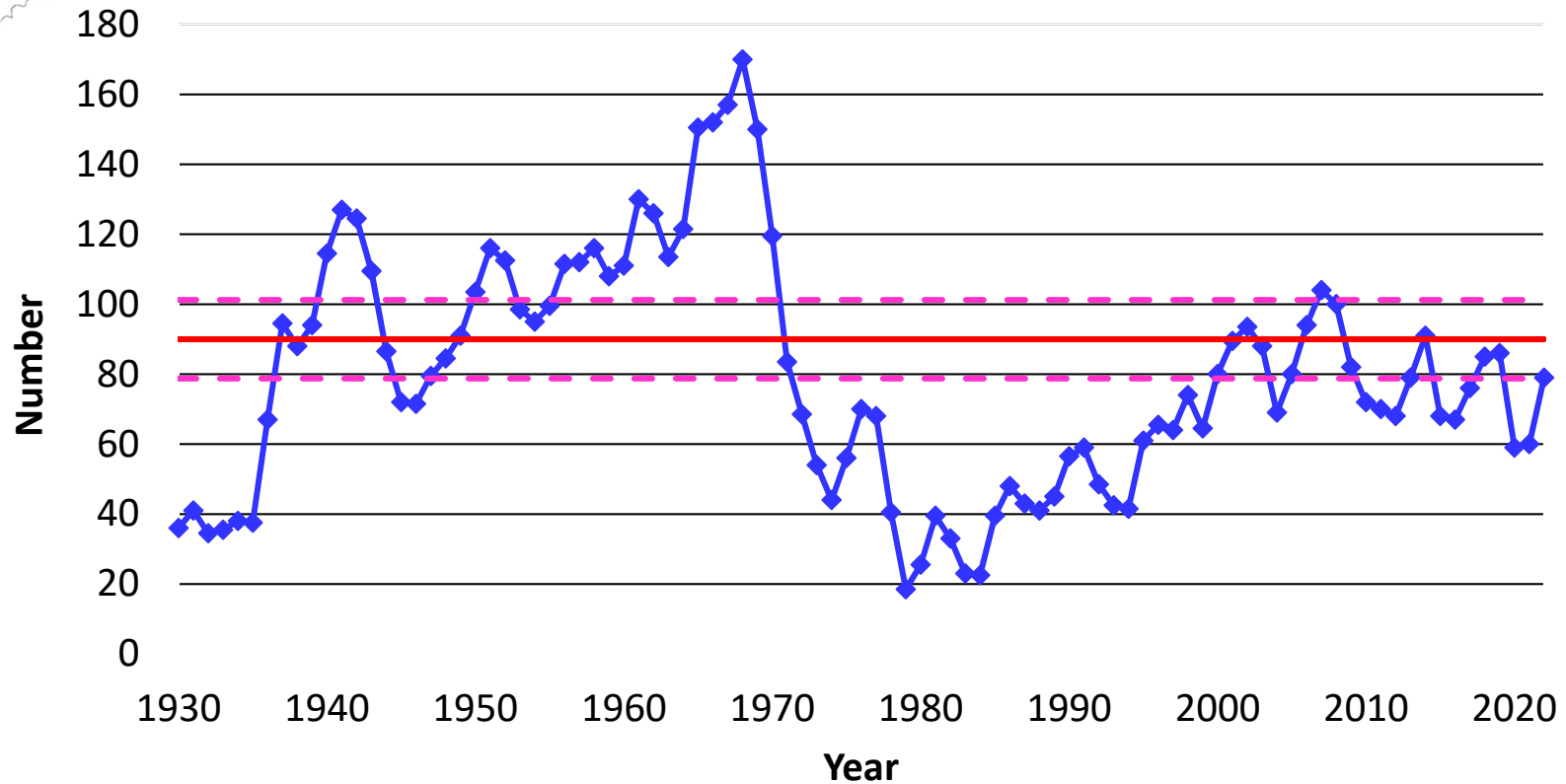
ES Days 2023-24
Muzzleloader - 0
Reg. Firearm - 0

Desired Change = +14%



2-Year Running Average Adult Buck Harvest (1930-2022) With Objective WMU – C2

Note: Objective is 90 or 0.39 per square mile of habitat



ES Days 2021-22
Muzzleloader - 0
Reg. Firearm - 0



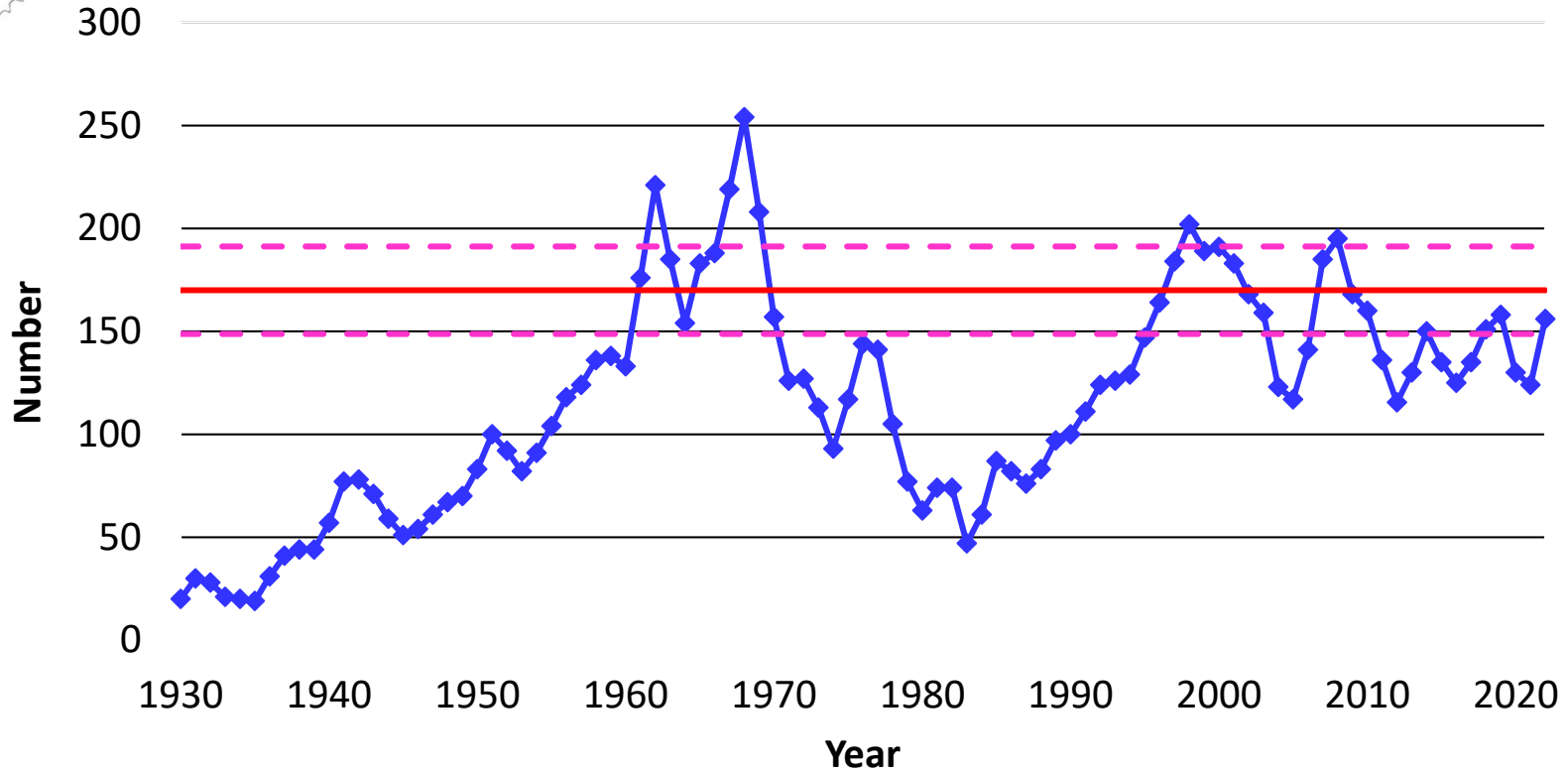
ES Days 2023-24
Muzzleloader - 0
Reg. Firearm - 0

Desired Change = +14%



2-Year Running Average Adult Buck Harvest (1930-2022) With Objective WMU – D1

Note: Objective is 170 or 0.79 per square mile of habitat



ES Days 2021-22
Muzzleloader - 0
Reg. Firearm - 0



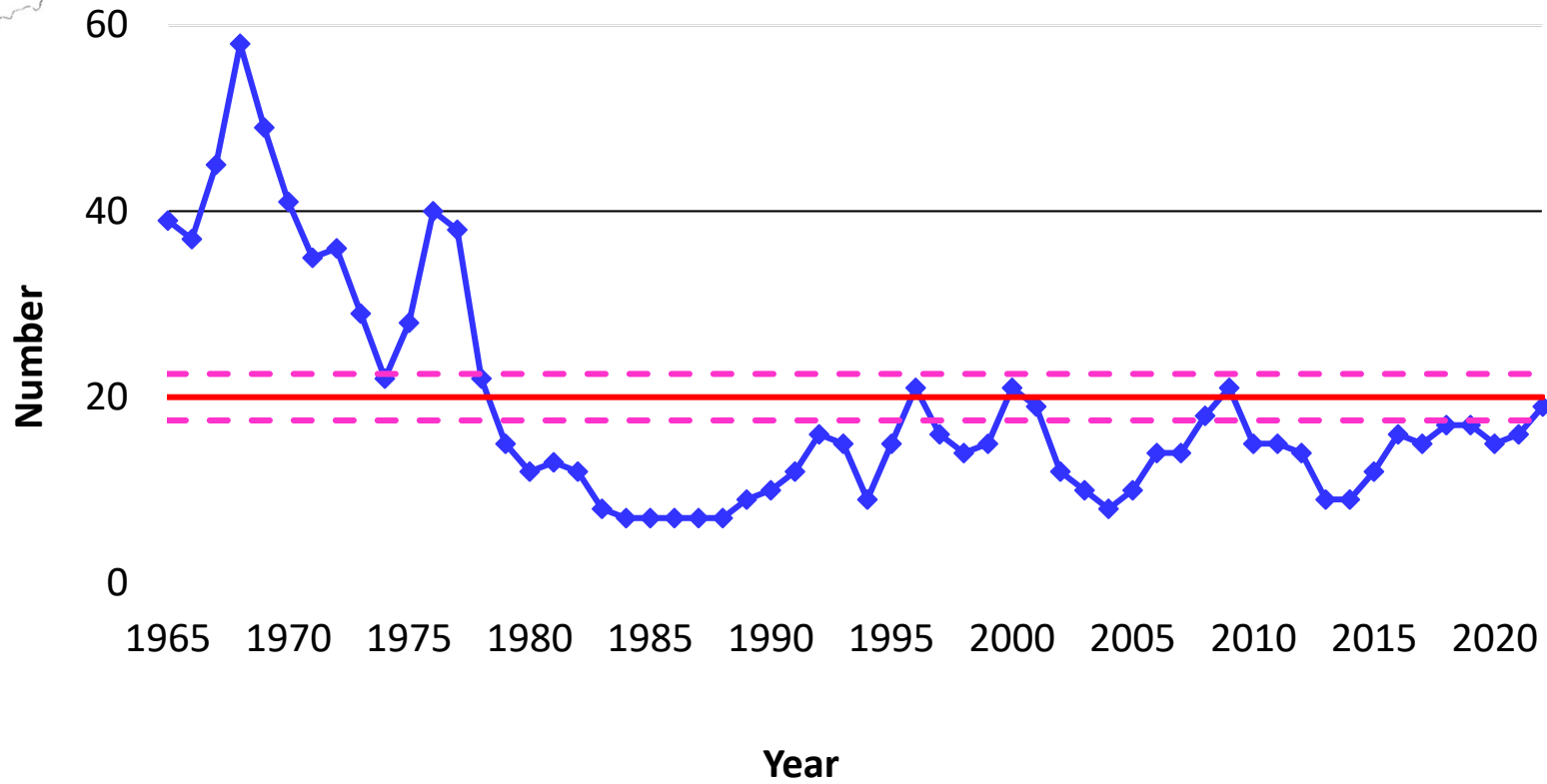
ES Days 2023-24
Muzzleloader - 0
Reg. Firearm - 1

Desired Change = +9%



2-Year Running Average Adult Buck Harvest (1965-2022) With Objective WMU – D2E

Note: Objective is 20 or 0.19 per square mile of habitat



ES Days 2021-22
Muzzleloader - 0
Reg. Firearm - 0



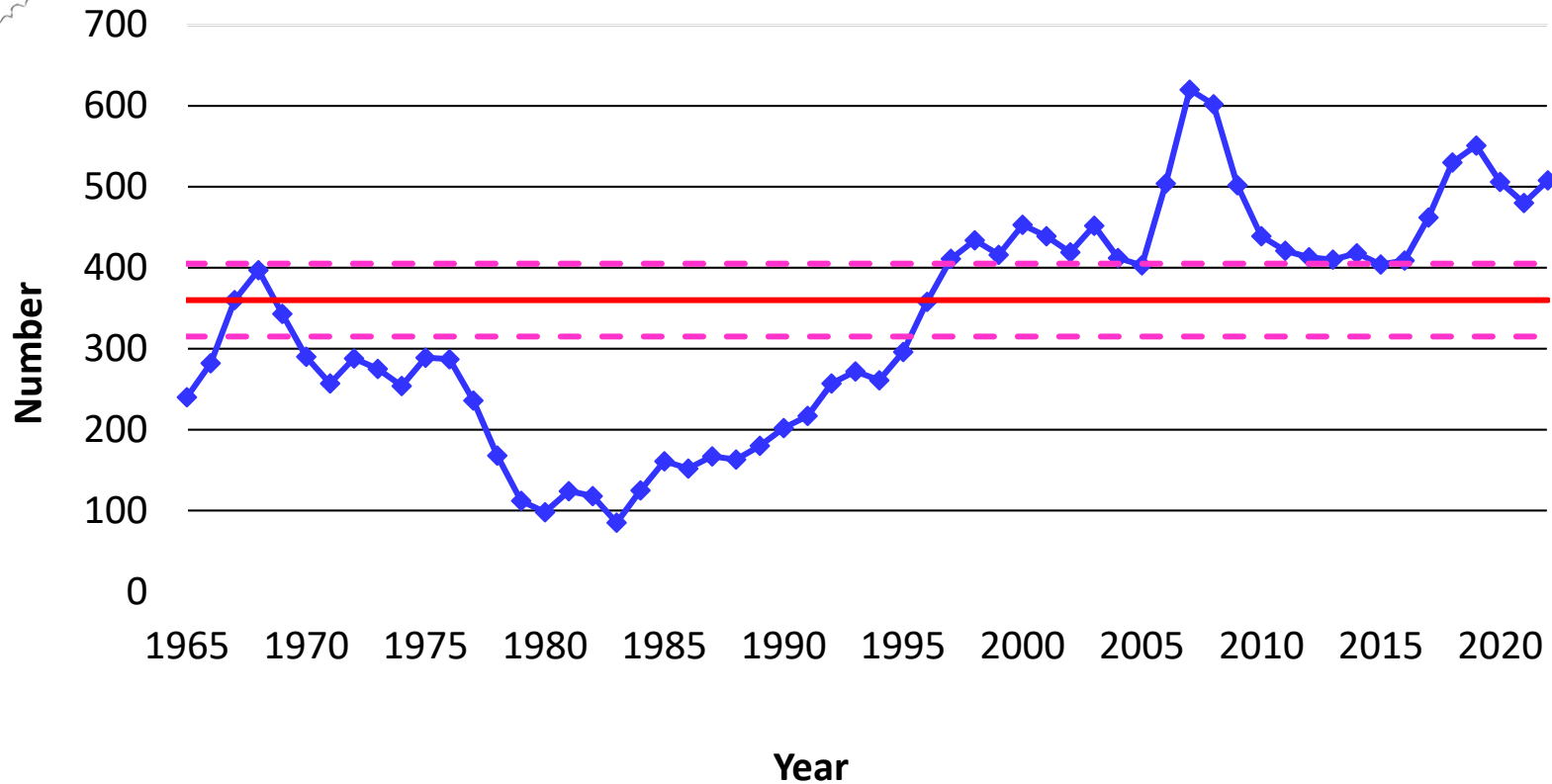
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Muzzleloader - 0
Reg. Firearm - 1

Desired Change = +5%

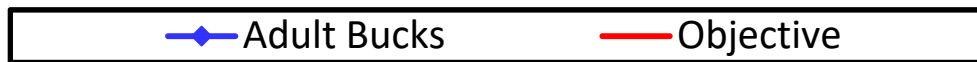


2-Year Running Average Adult Buck Harvest (1965-2022) With Objective WMU – D2W

Note: Objective is 360 or 1.06 per square mile of habitat



ES Days 2021-22
Muzzleloader - 4
Reg. Firearm - 4



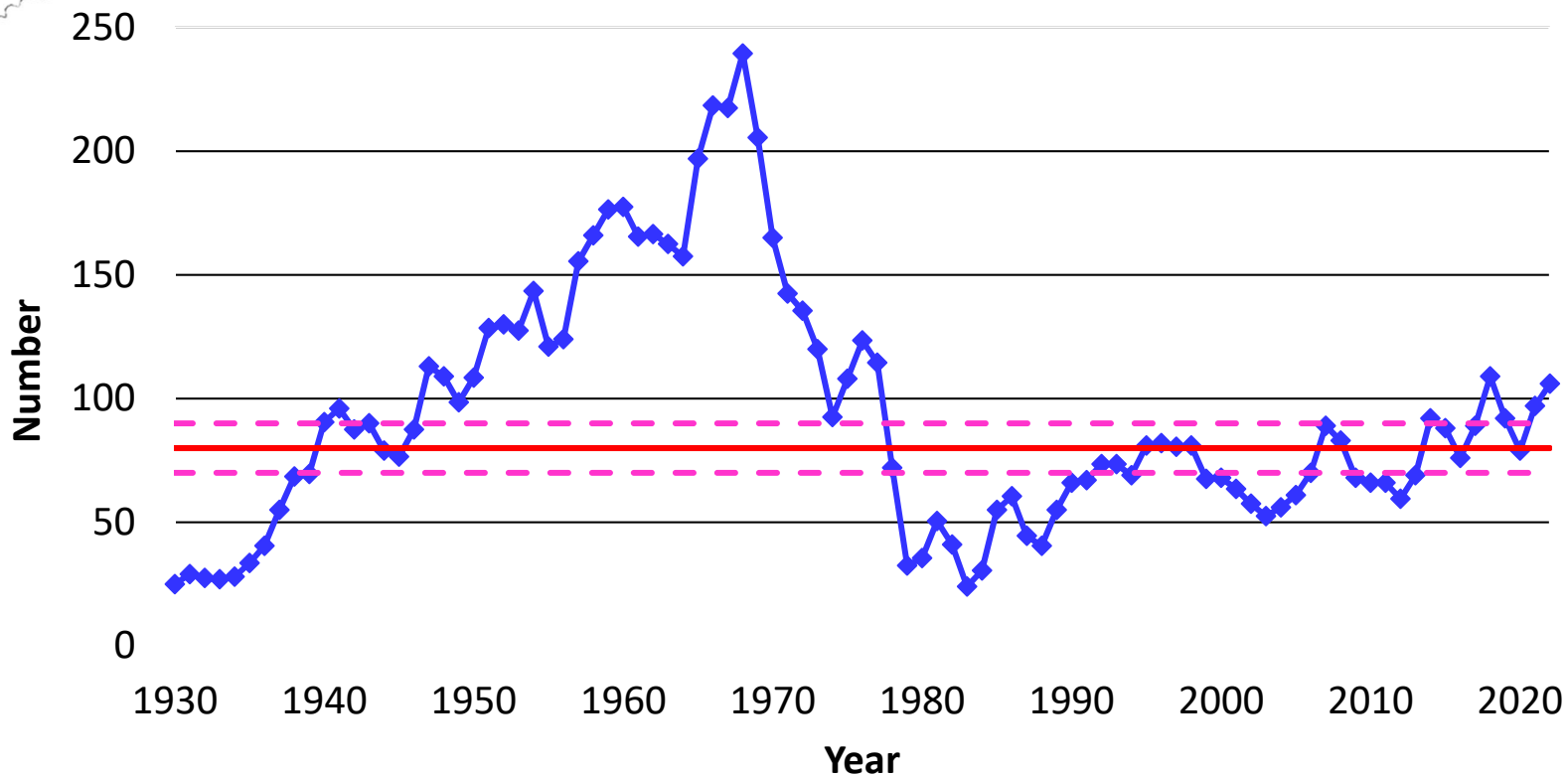
ES Days 2023-24
Muzzleloader - 4
Reg. Firearm - 5

Desired Change = -29%



2-Year Running Average Adult Buck Harvest (1930-2022) With Objective WMU – E

Note: Objective is 80 or 0.12 per square mile of habitat



ES Days 2021-22
Muzzleloader - 0
Reg. Firearm - 1



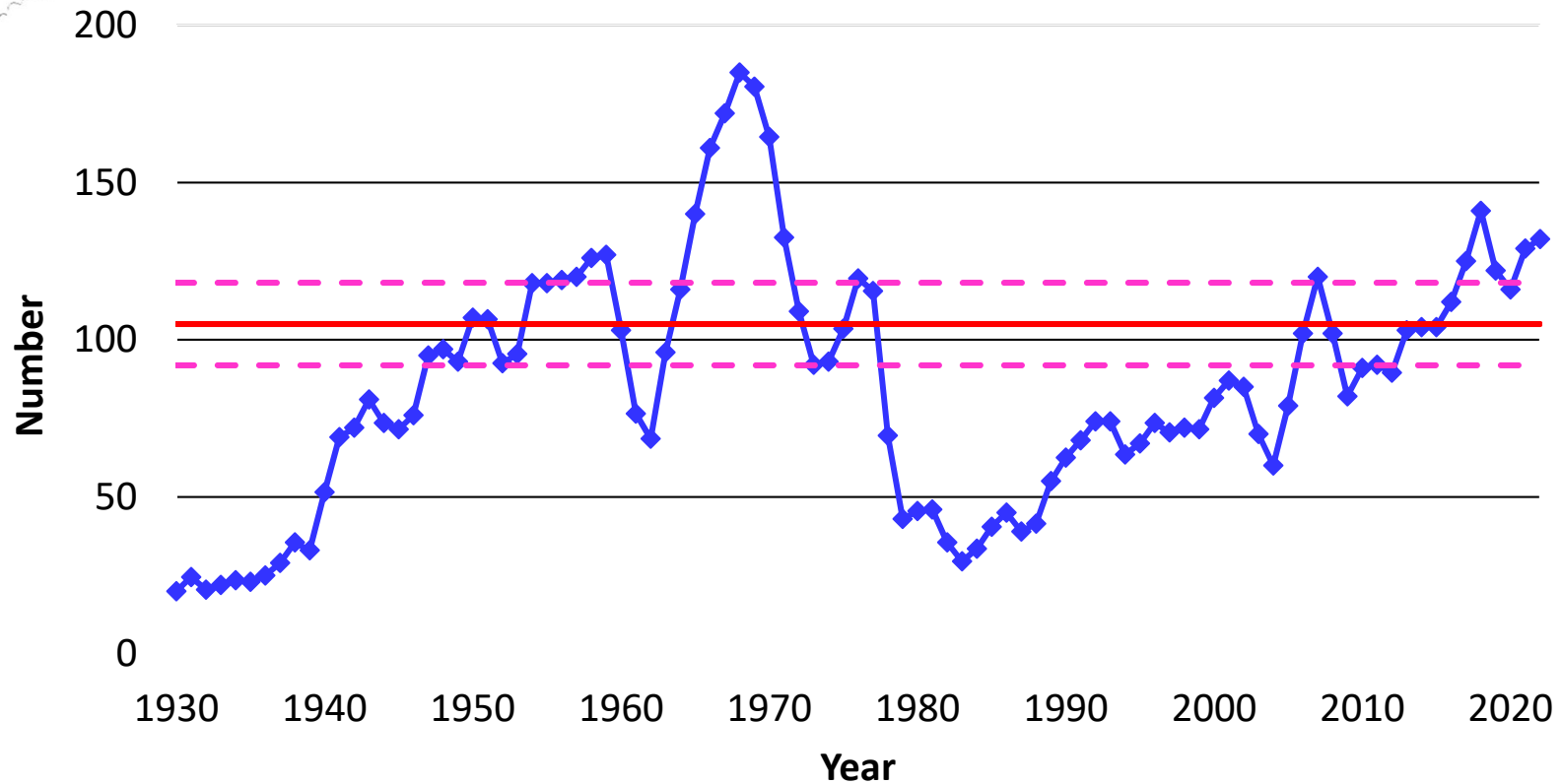
Desired Change = -25%

ES Days 2023-24
Muzzleloader - 1
Reg. Firearm - 1



2-Year Running Average Adult Buck Harvest (1930-2022) With Objective WMU – F

Note: Objective is 105 or 0.23 per square mile of habitat



ES Days 2021-22
Muzzleloader - 0
Reg. Firearm - 1



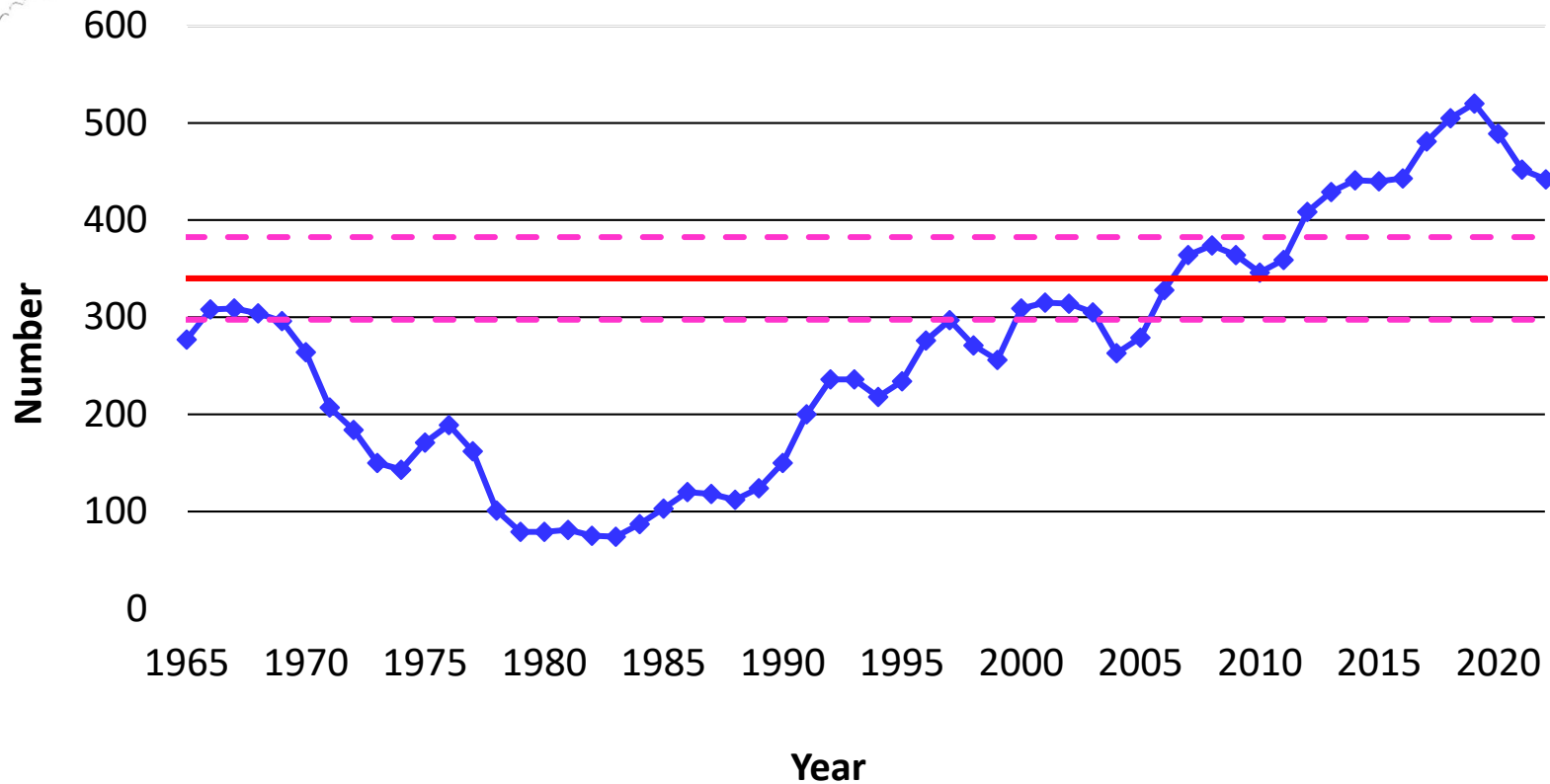
ES Days 2023-24
Muzzleloader - **1**
Reg. Firearm - 1

Desired Change = -20%



2-Year Running Average Adult Buck Harvest (1965-2022) With Objective WMU – G1

Note: Objective is 340 or 0.87 per square mile of habitat



ES Days 2021-22
Muzzleloader – 5
Reg. Firearm – 5



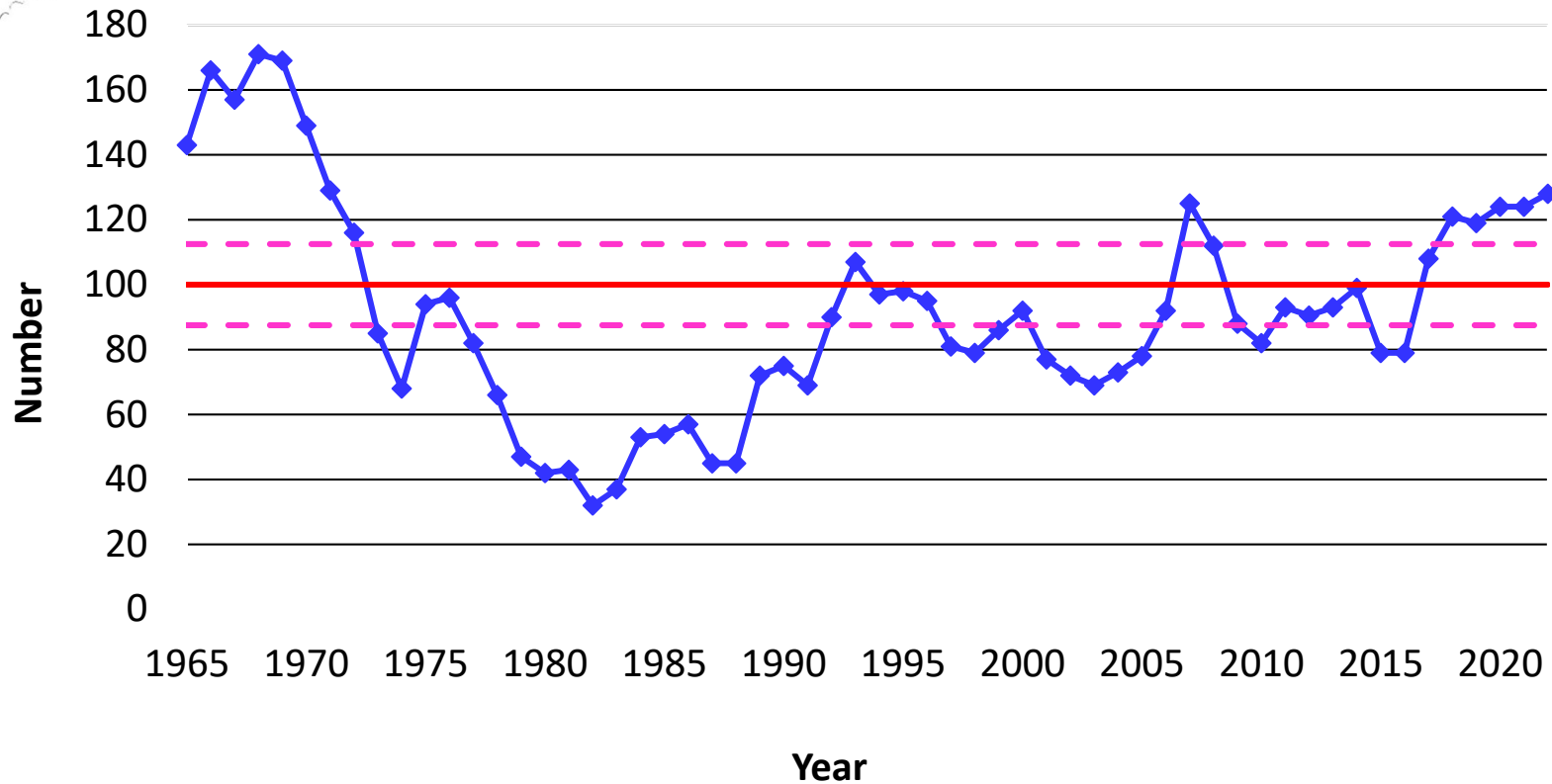
ES Days 2023-24
Muzzleloader – 5
Reg. Firearm – 5

Desired Change = -23%



2-Year Running Average Adult Buck Harvest (1965-2022) With Objective WMU – G2

Note: Objective is 100 or 0.46 per square mile of habitat



ES Days 2021-22
Muzzleloader - 1
Reg. Firearm - 1



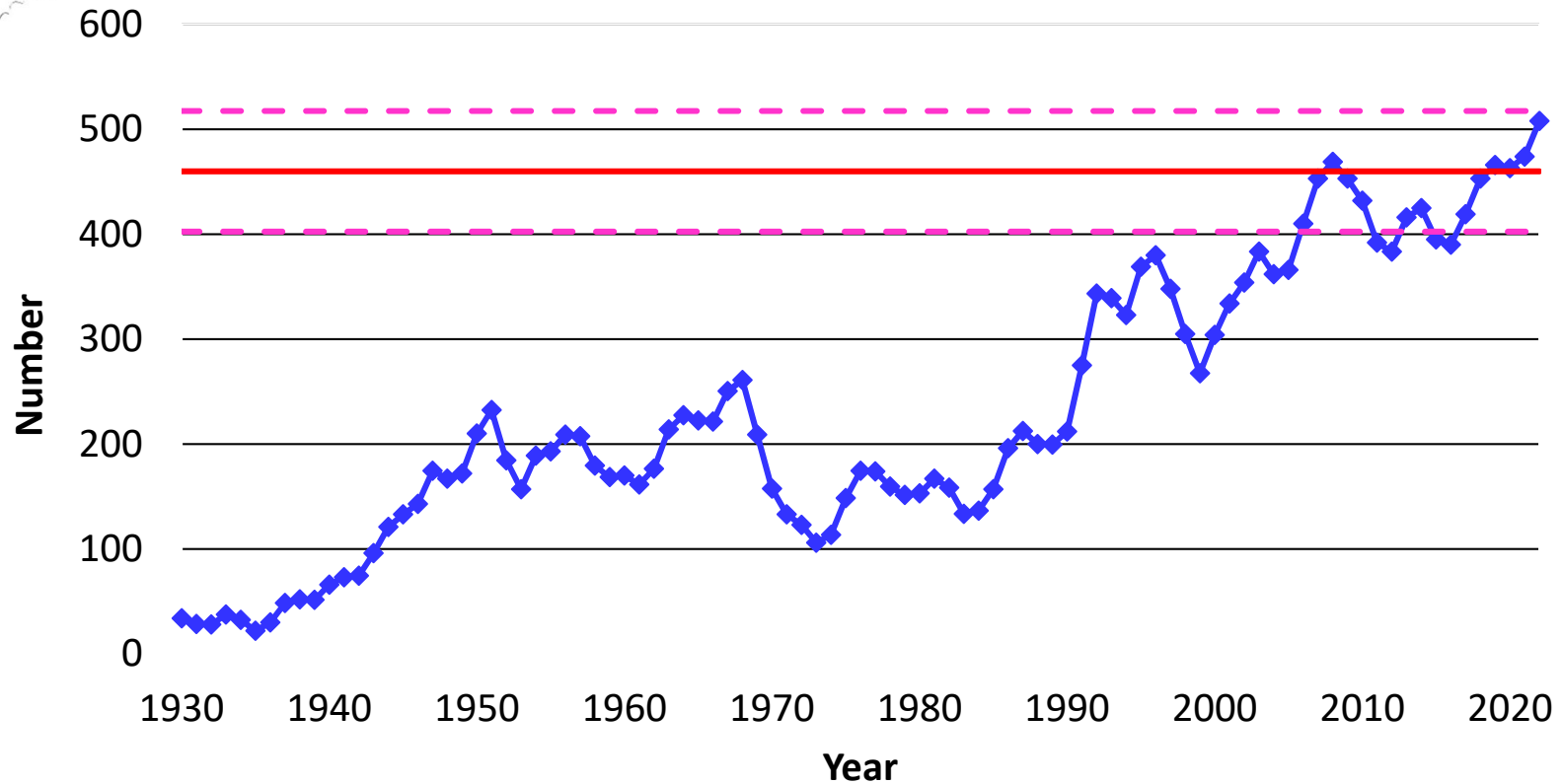
Desired Change = -22%

ES Days 2023-24
Muzzleloader - 1
Reg. Firearm - 2



2-Year Running Average Adult Buck Harvest (1930-2022) With Objective WMU – H1

Note: Objective is 460 or 1.24 per square mile of habitat



ES Days 2021-22
Muzzleloader - 3
Reg. Firearm - 3



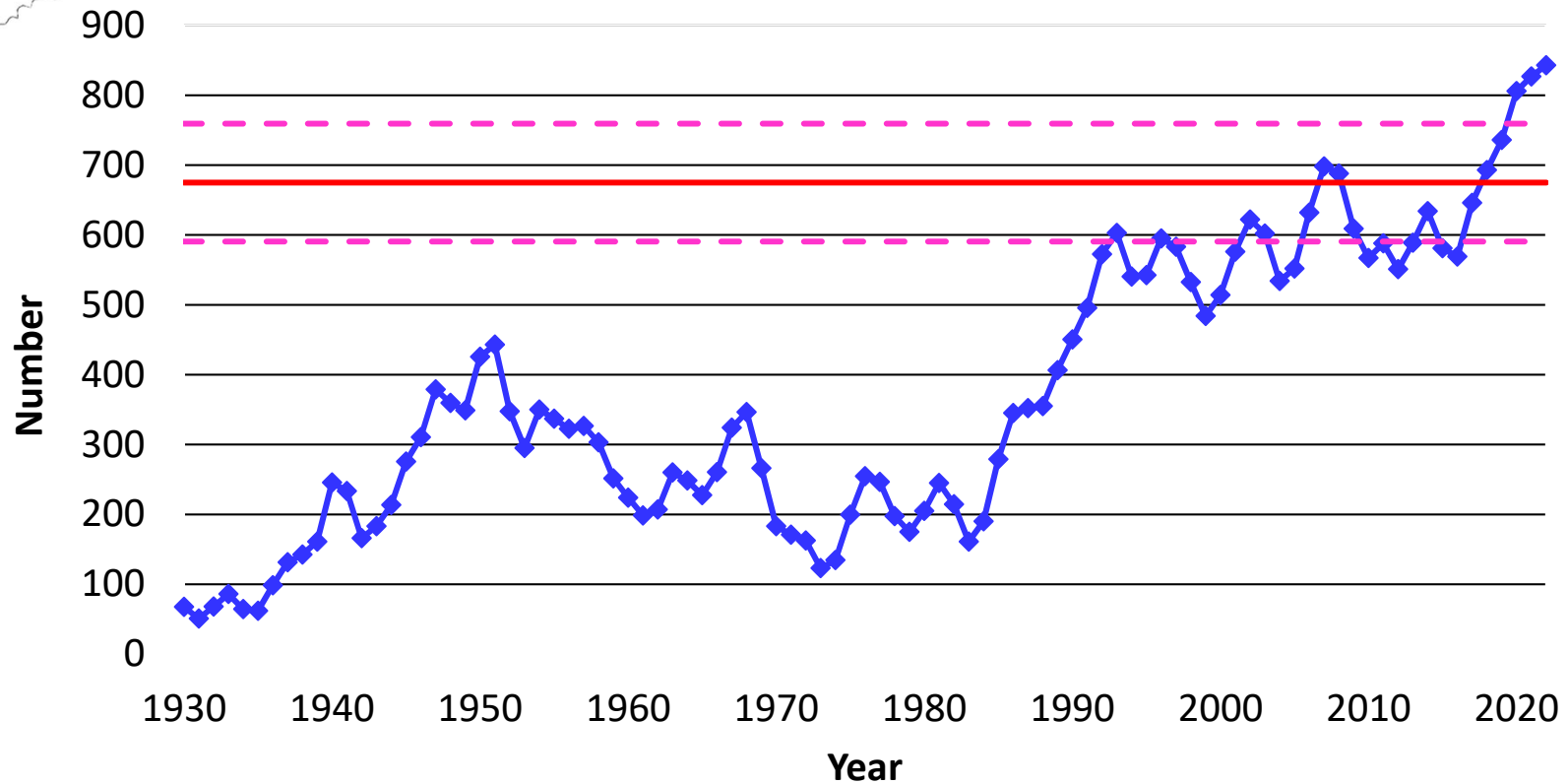
ES Days 2023-24
Muzzleloader - 3
Reg. Firearm - 4

Desired Change = -9%



2-Year Running Average Adult Buck Harvest (1930-2022) With Objective WMU – H2

Note: Objective is 675 or 1.05 per square mile of habitat



ES Days 2021-22
Muzzleloader - 3
Reg. Firearm - 3



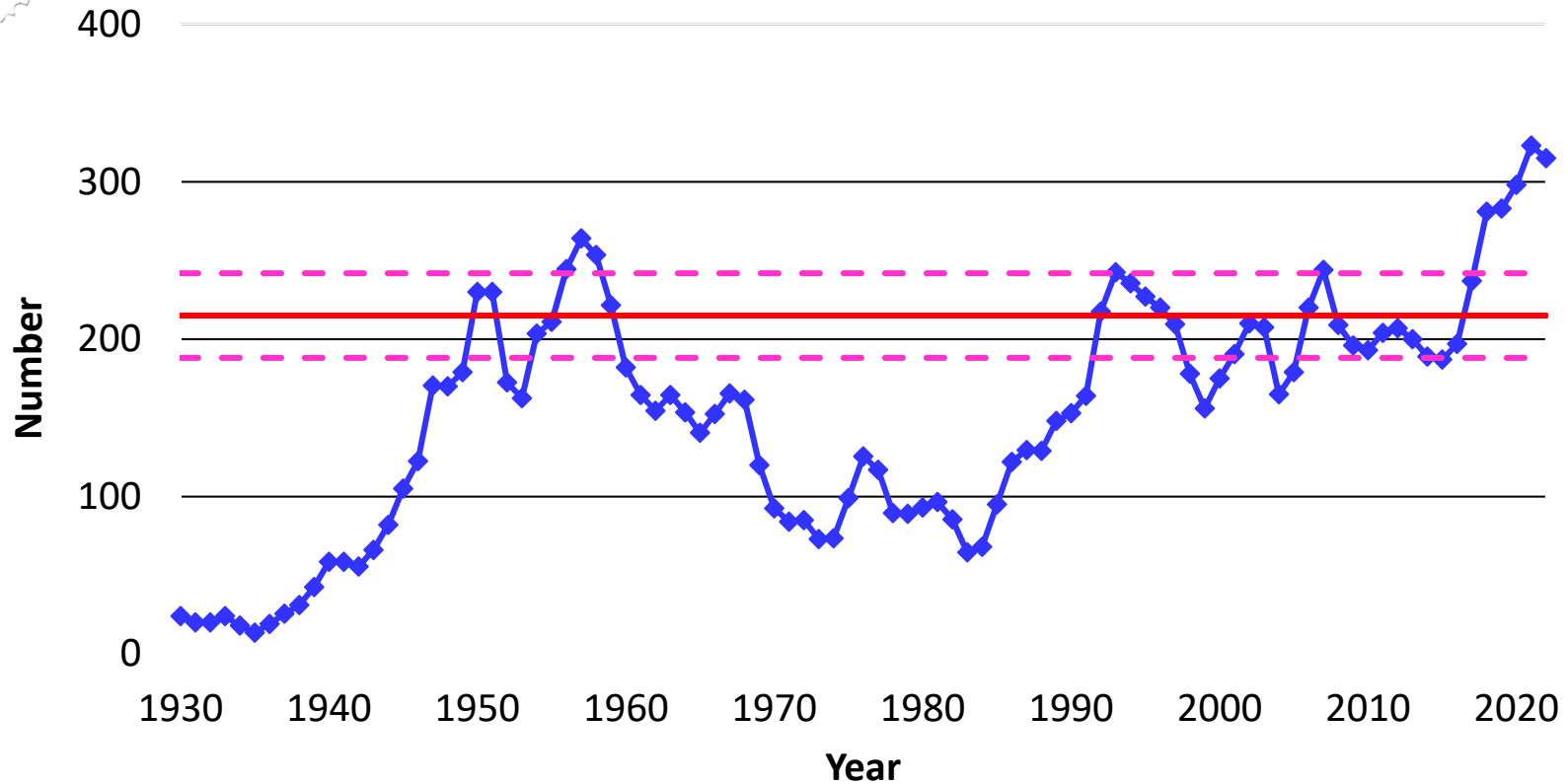
ES Days 2023-24
Muzzleloader - 4
Reg. Firearm - 4

Desired Change = -20%



2-Year Running Average Adult Buck Harvest (1930-2022) With Objective WMU – I1

Note: Objective is 215 or 0.67 per square mile of habitat



ES Days 2021-22
Muzzleloader - 1
Reg. Firearm - 1



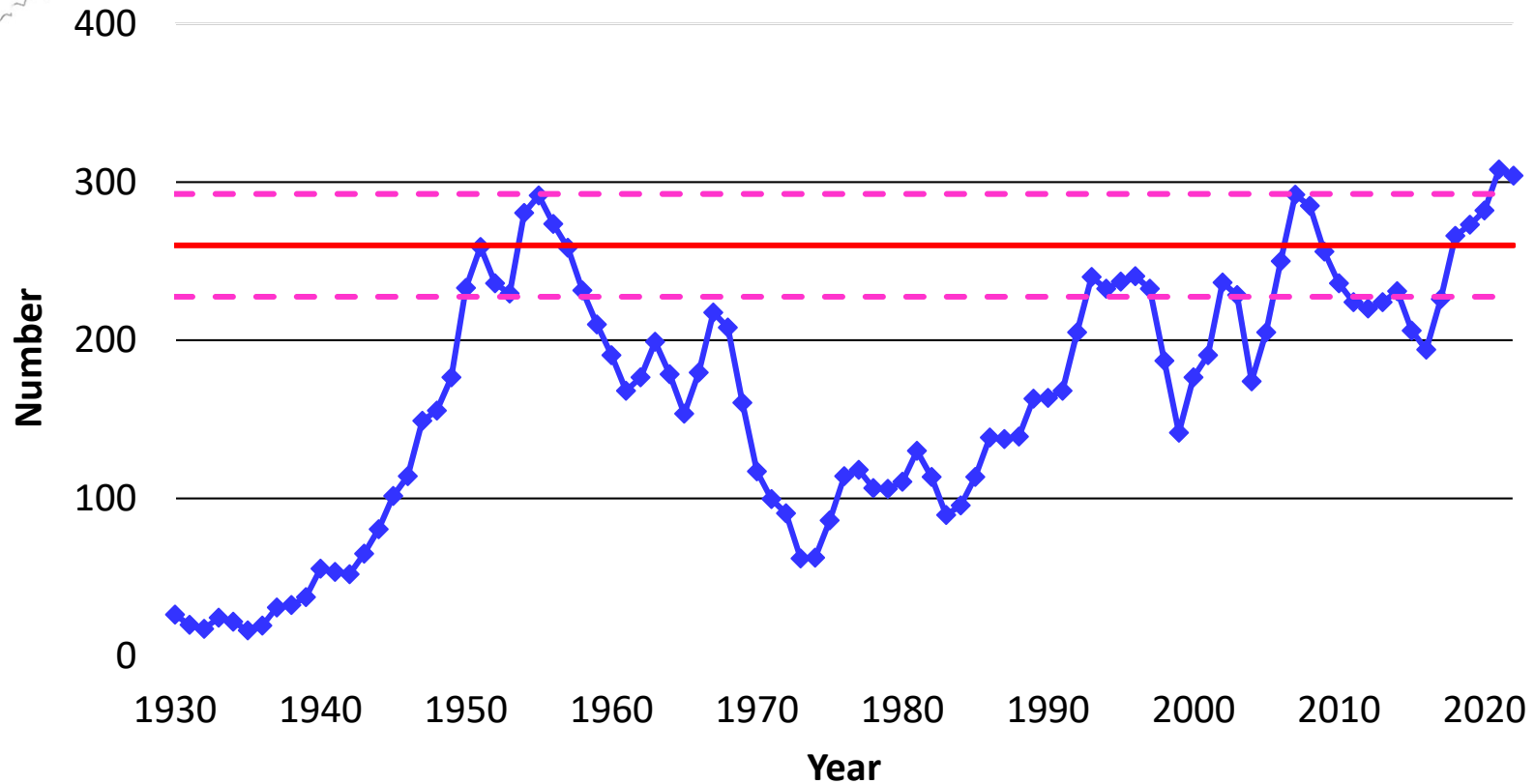
ES Days 2023-24
Muzzleloader - 2
Reg. Firearm - 2

Desired Change = -32%



2-Year Running Average Adult Buck Harvest (1930-2022) With Objective WMU – 12

Note: Objective is 260 or 0.73 per square mile of habitat



ES Days 2021-22
Muzzleloader - 1
Reg. Firearm - 1



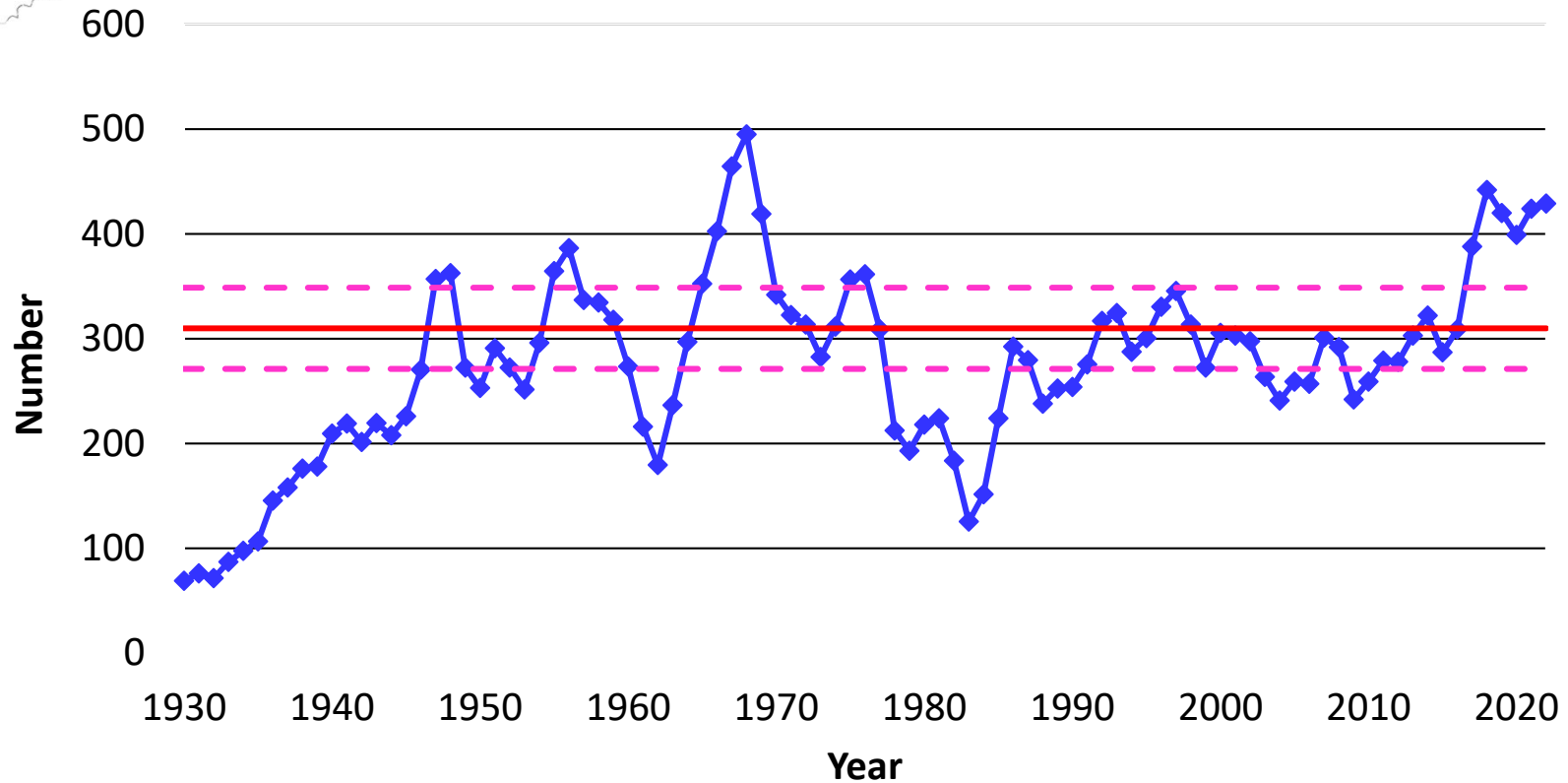
ES Days 2023-24
Muzzleloader - 1
Reg. Firearm - 2

Desired Change = -14%



2-Year Running Average Adult Buck Harvest (1930-2022) With Objective WMU – J1

Note: Objective is 310 or 0.71 per square mile of habitat



ES Days 2021-22
Muzzleloader – 2
Reg. Firearm – 2



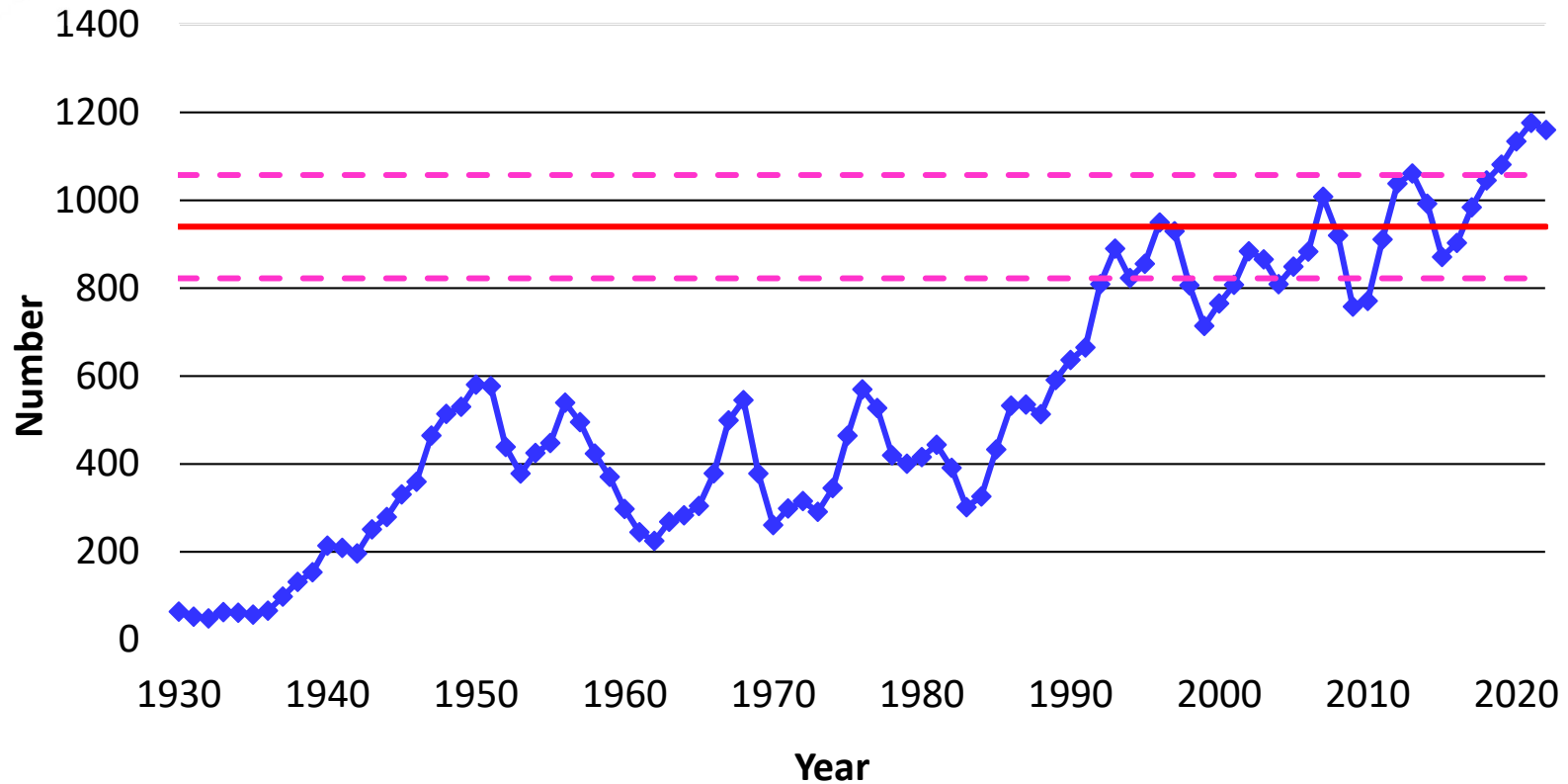
ES Days 2023-24
Muzzleloader - 3
Reg. Firearm - 3

Desired Change = -28%



2-Year Running Average Adult Buck Harvest (1930-2022) With Objective WMU – J2

Note: Objective is 940 or 1.29 per square mile of habitat



ES Days 2021-22
Muzzleloader - 4
Reg. Firearm - 3



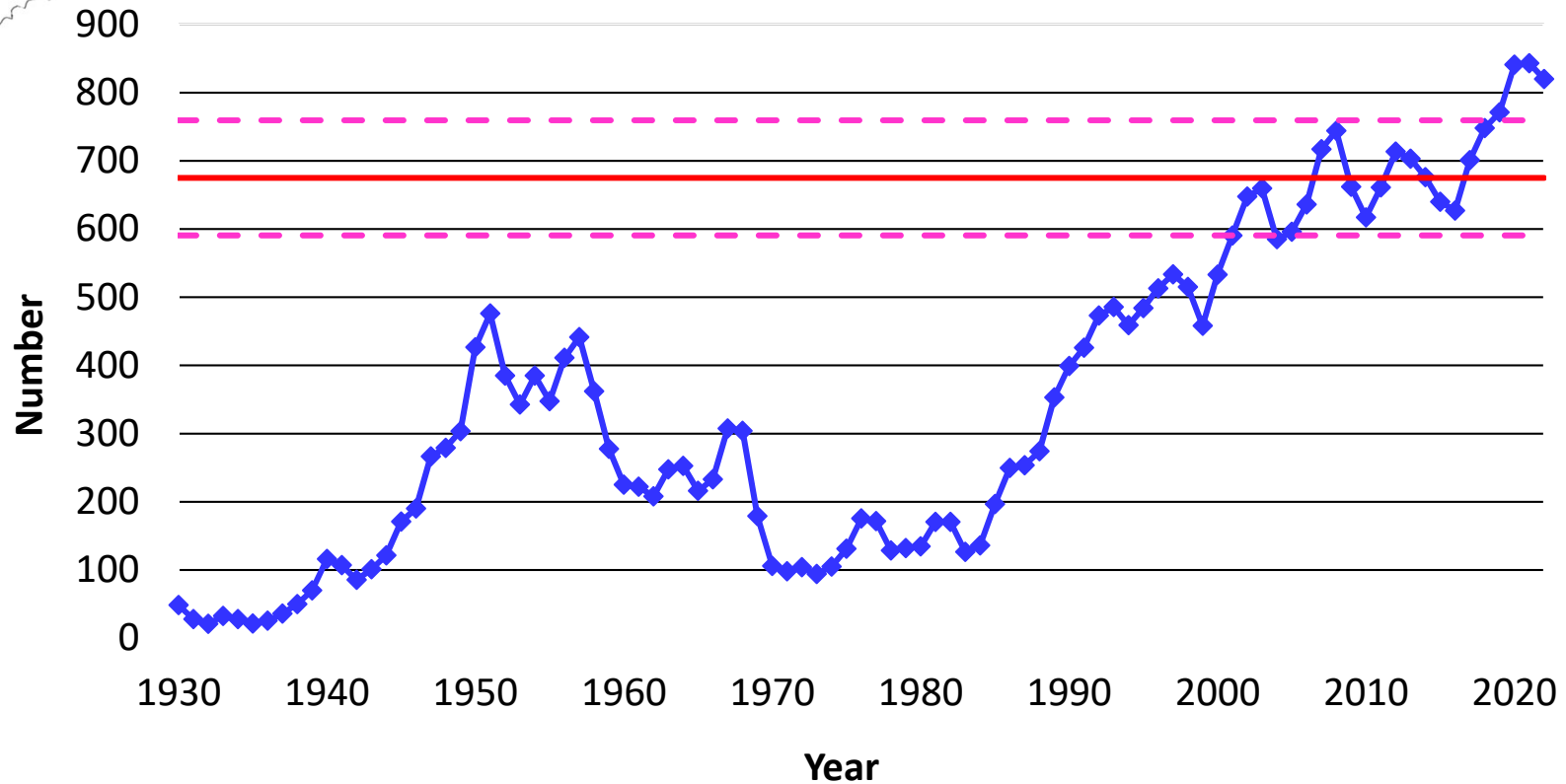
ES Days 2023-24
Muzzleloader - 4
Reg. Firearm - 4

Desired Change = -19%



2-Year Running Average Adult Buck Harvest (1930-2022) With Objective WMU – K

Note: Objective is 675 or 1.18 per square mile of habitat



ES Days 2021-22
Muzzleloader - 3
Reg. Firearm - 3



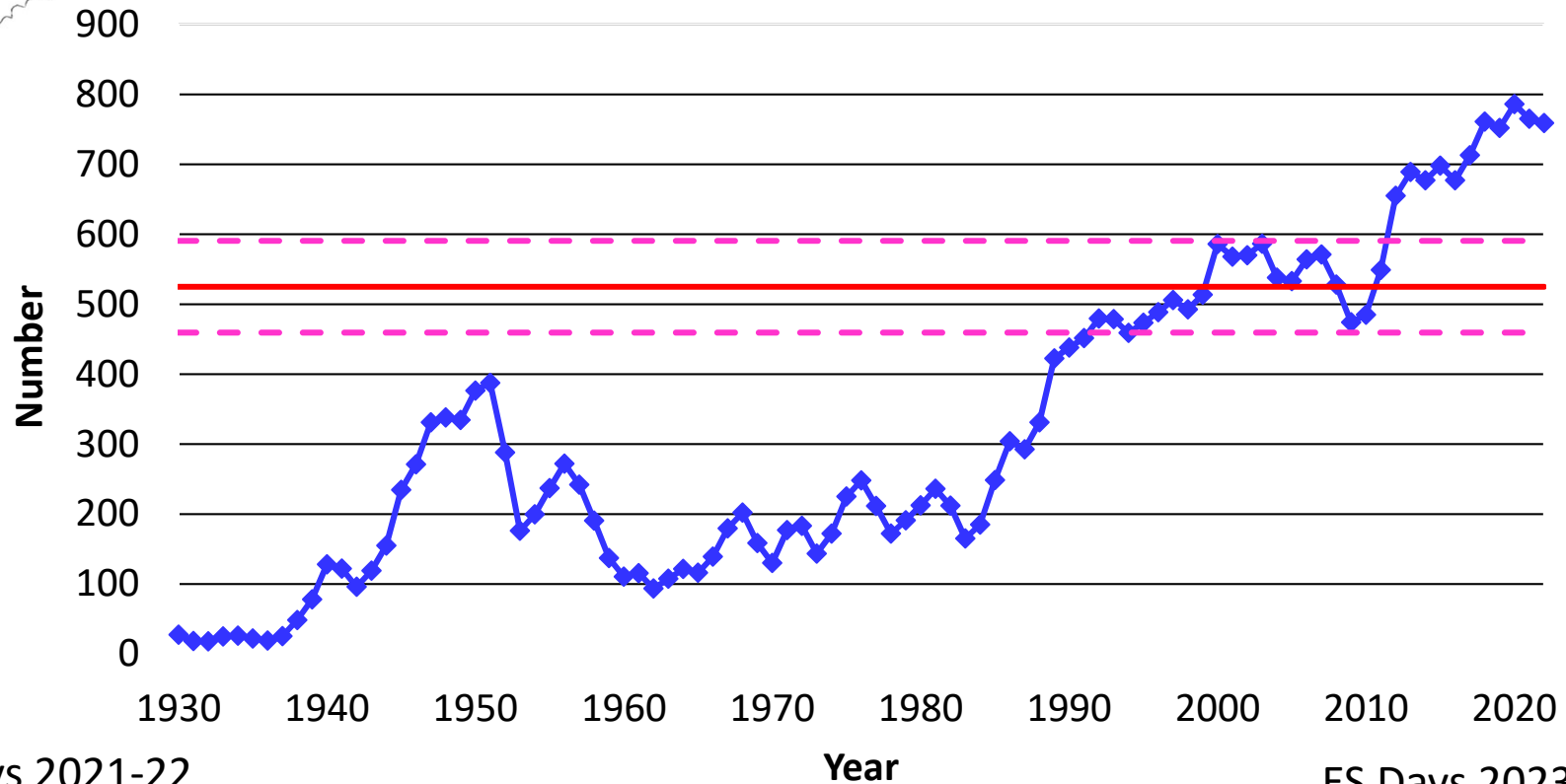
ES Days 2023-24
Muzzleloader - 3
Reg. Firearm - 4

Desired Change = -18%

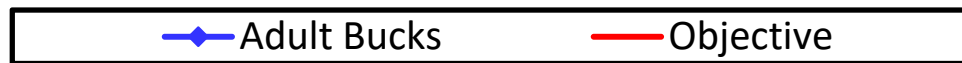


2-Year Running Average Adult Buck Harvest (1930-2022) With Objective WMU – L

Note: Objective is 525 or 1.37 per square mile of habitat



ES Days 2021-22
Muzzleloader - 11
Reg. Firearm – 10
+2000 AO Permits
w/ 1 tag



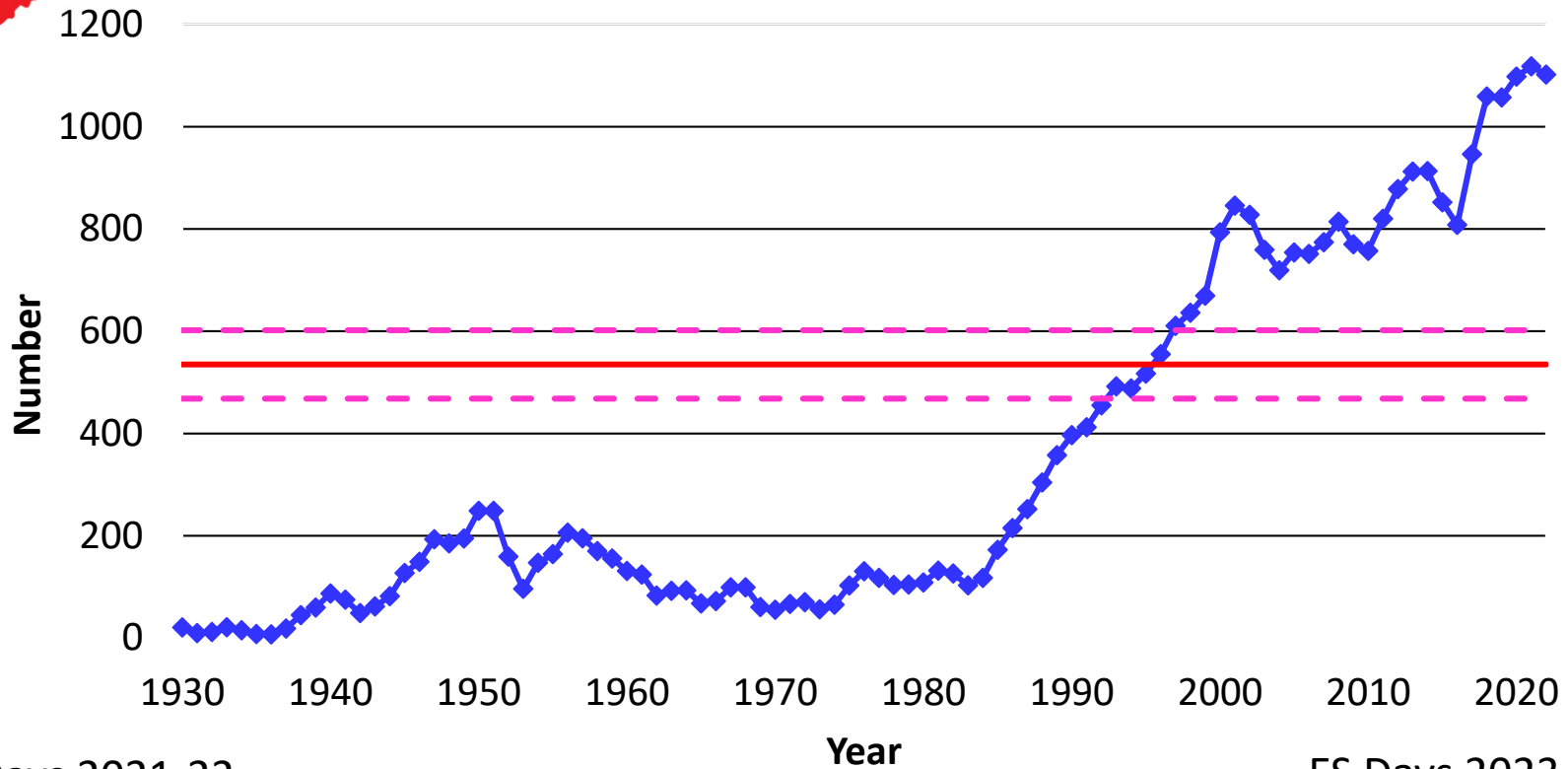
ES Days 2023-24
Muzzleloader - 11
Reg. Firearm – 10
+3000 AO Permits
w/ 1 tag

Desired Change = -31%



2-Year Running Average Adult Buck Harvest (1930-2022) With Objective WMU – M

Note: Objective is 535 or 1.17 per square mile of habitat



ES Days 2021-22
Muzzleloader - 11
Reg. Firearm - 10
+4000 AO Permits
w/ 2 tags



Desired Change = -51%

ES Days 2023-24
Muzzleloader -11
Reg. Firearm - 10
+4000 AO Permits
w/ 2 tags

Summary of 2023-24 Either Sex Day Proposals

Either-sex day proposals conditional on winter severity of 2022-23.

WMU	ARCHERY		MUZZLELOADER		REG. FIREARM	
	2021-22	2023-24	2021-22	2023-44	2021-22	2023-24
A	85 of 85	85 of 85	0	0	0	0
B	92 of 92	92 of 92	0	0	0	0
C1	92 of 92	92 of 92	0	0	0	0
C2	92 of 92	92 of 92	0	0	0	0
D1	92 of 92	92 of 92	0	0	0	1
D2E	92 of 92	92 of 92	0	0	0	1
D2W	92 of 92	92 of 92	4	4	4	5
E	92 of 92	92 of 92	0	1	1	1
F	92 of 92	92 of 92	0	1	1	1
G1	92 of 92	92 of 92	5	5	5	5
G2	92 of 92	92 of 92	1	1	1	2

WMU	ARCHERY		MUZZLELOADER		REG. FIREARM	
	2021-22	2023-24	2021-22	2023-24	2021-22	2023-24
H1	92 of 92	92 of 92	3	3	3	4
H2	92 of 92	92 of 92	3	4	3	4
I1	92 of 92	92 of 92	1	2	1	2
I2	92 of 92	92 of 92	1	1	1	2
J1	92 of 92	92 of 92	2	3	2	3
J2	92 of 92	92 of 92	4	4	3	4
K	92 of 92	92 of 92	3	3	3	4
L*	92 of 92	92 of 92	11	11	10	10
M**	92 of 92	92 of 92	11	11	10	10

- Issue **3,000** Special Unit L antlerless-only permits each with 1 tag only
- Issue 4,000 Special Unit M antlerless-only permits each comes with 2 tags



Online registration

- Online registration option for hunters
 - Must be in place by Sept 1st per legislation
 - In-person check-in option (registration stations) will remain available in addition to online option by hunter
 - Seals will no longer be issued
 - Confirmation number will be issued for all registration options
 - Deer and turkey forms will be separate
- Online registration will be shut down during biocheck days and hunters will be required to use in-person check-in
 - First 2 days of muzzleloader, first 3 days of firearms
- Remove requirement to register deer before taking another
- Hunter shall retain head and hide for 48 hours





Other proposed changes

- Change requirements for establishing new registration stations
 - Reduce # deer registered at adjacent station from 400 to 200
 - Proposed station will provide extended hours for hunters to register
- Allow hunters to hunt deer on islands
 - Retain special hunts on Governor's and Long Islands
- Allow use of bow and arrow during muzzleloader season with muzzleloader license





Other proposed changes

- Pre-damage kill permits and wildlife depredation permits
 - Require permit holders to surrender antlers (>4 points) of deer killed (between August 1-March 31) within 10 business days
 - Allow permit holders/agents to retain all deer killed (except antlers)
 - Accept applications by email
- Remove application period in rule for WMU L tags – Department will annually publicize deadline for application

