

WAC 220-416-010 and WAC 220-414-080

Small Game and Hunter Orange Requirements



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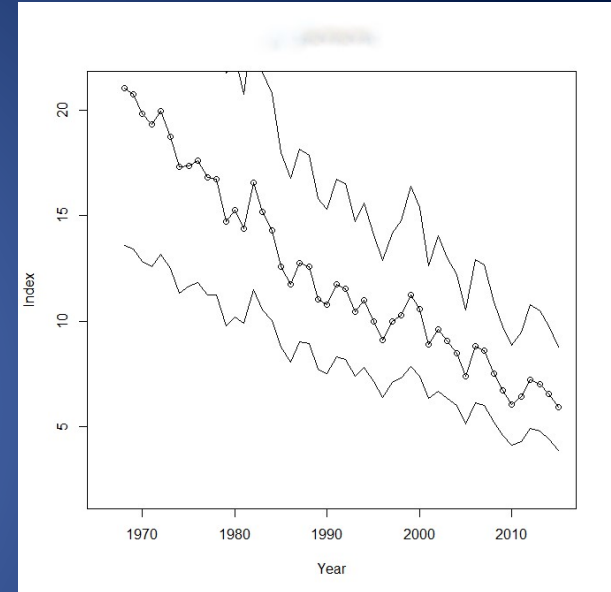
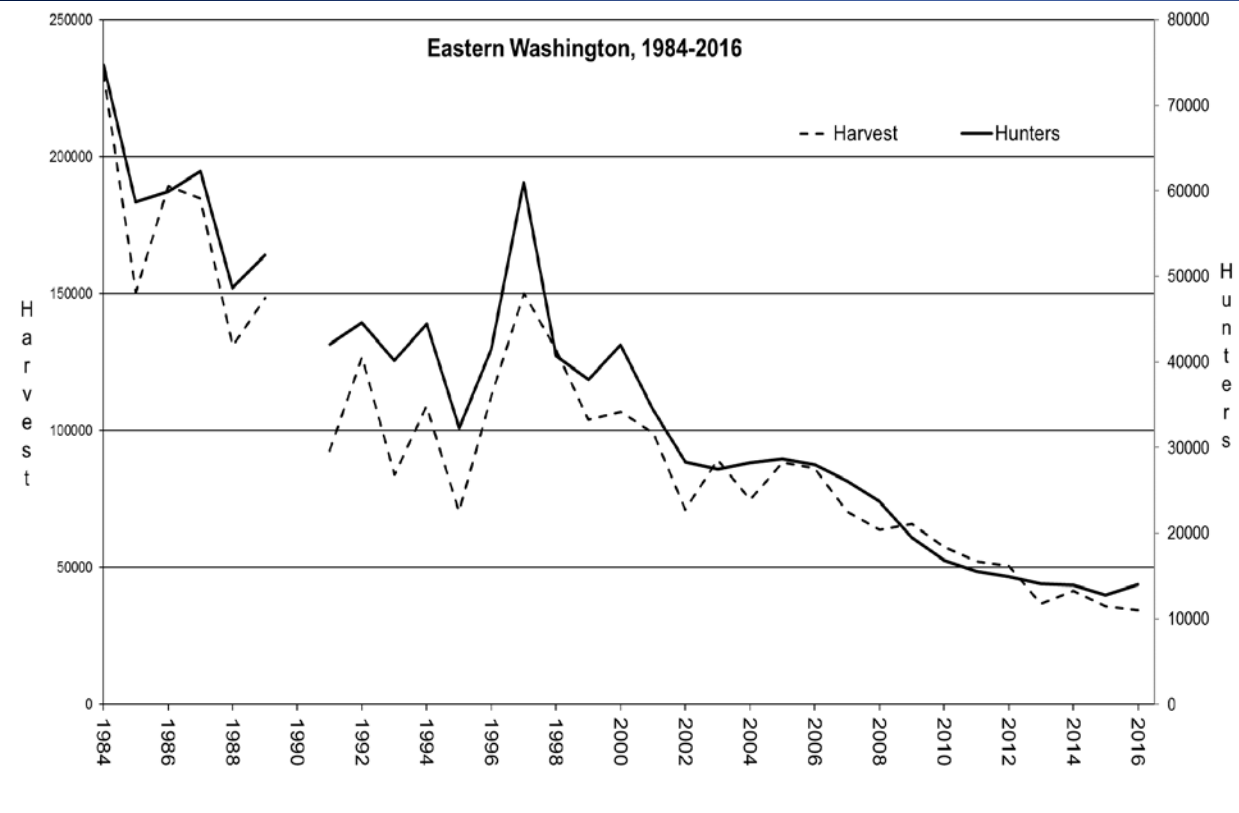
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Small Game Seasons

- Brief Overview
- History of participation rates
- 3-year proposals

Overview

TRENDS: Pheasant

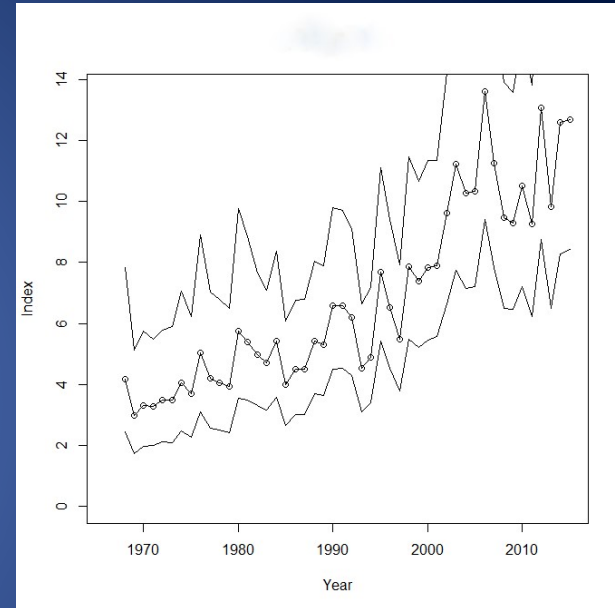
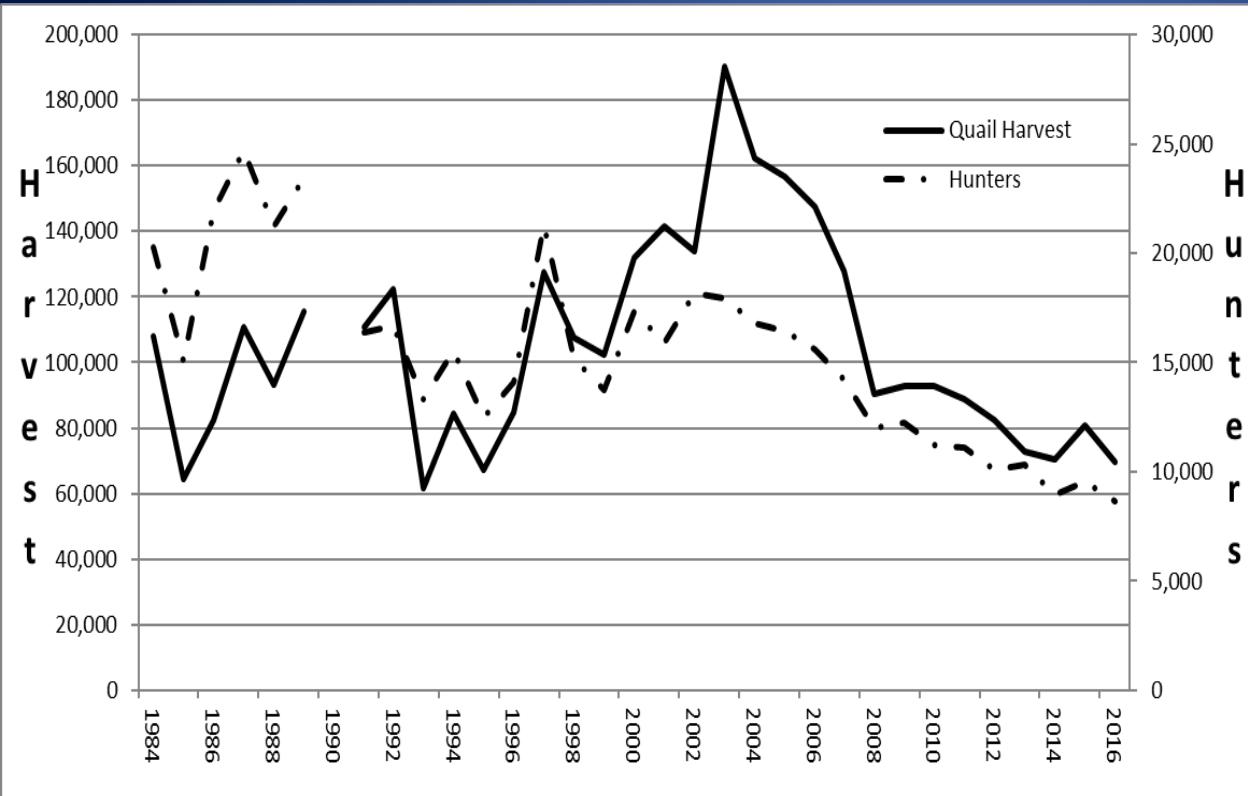


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Overview

TRENDS: Quail

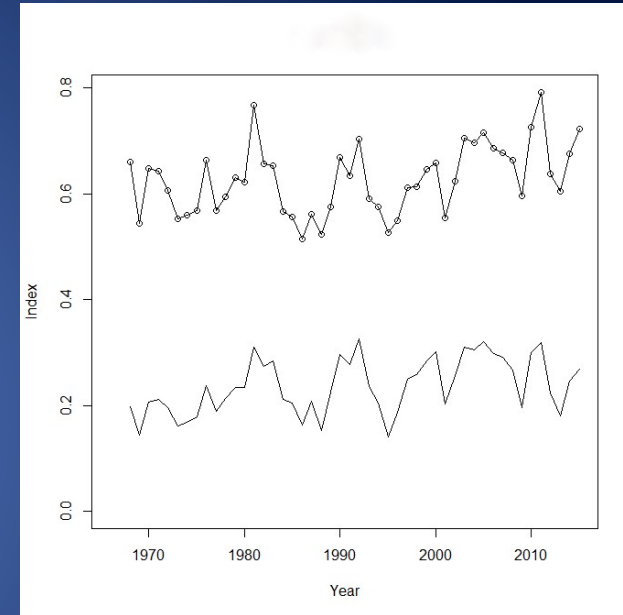
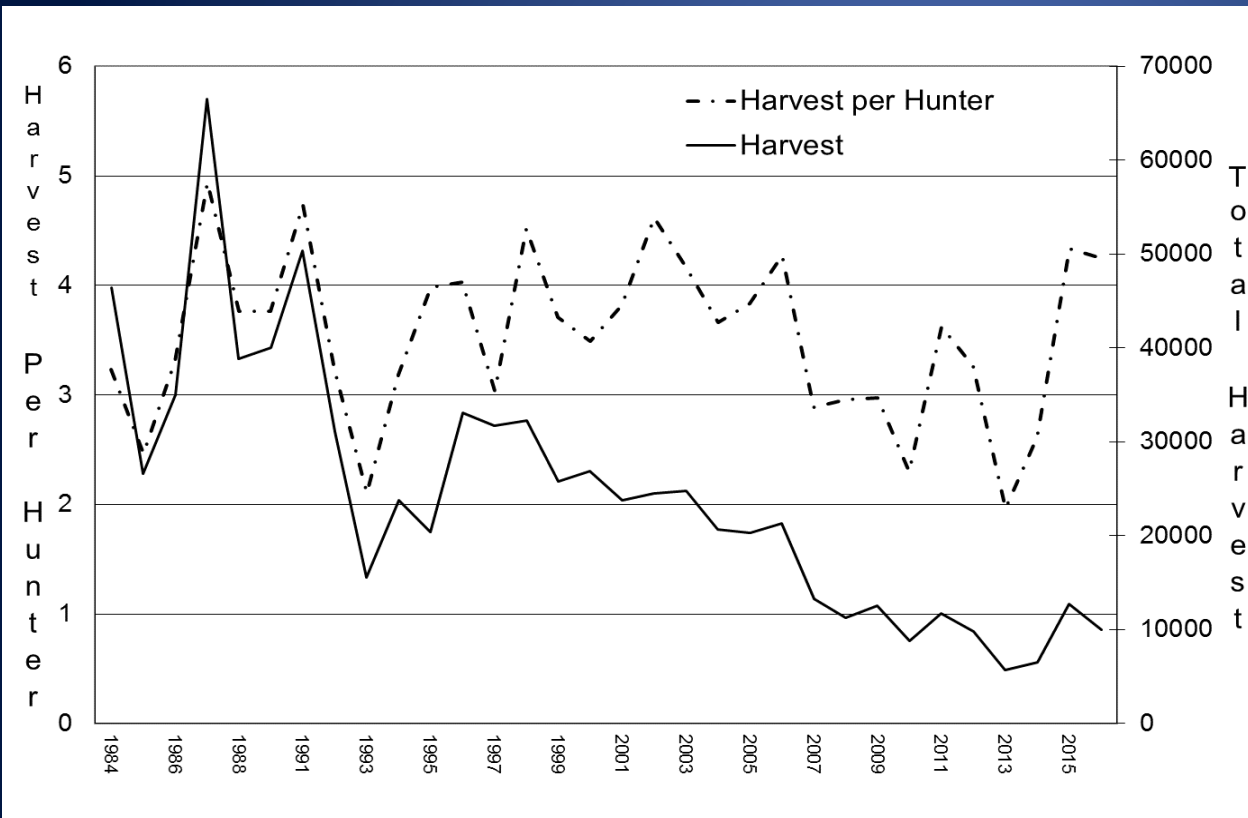


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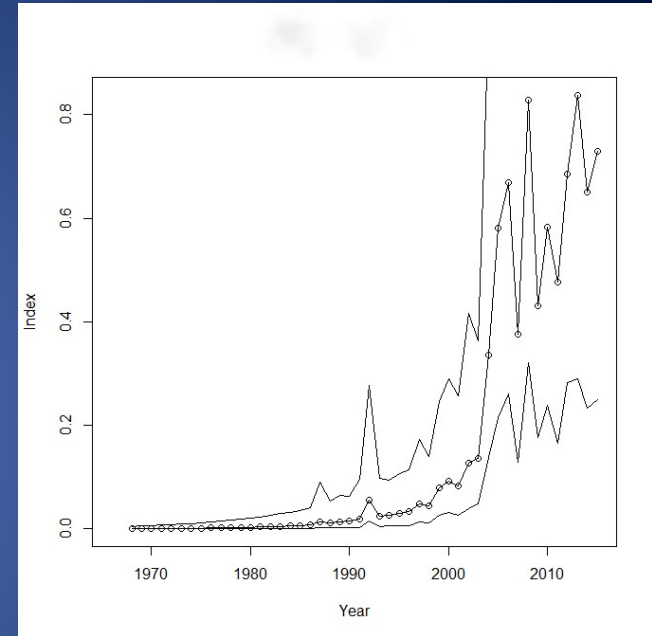
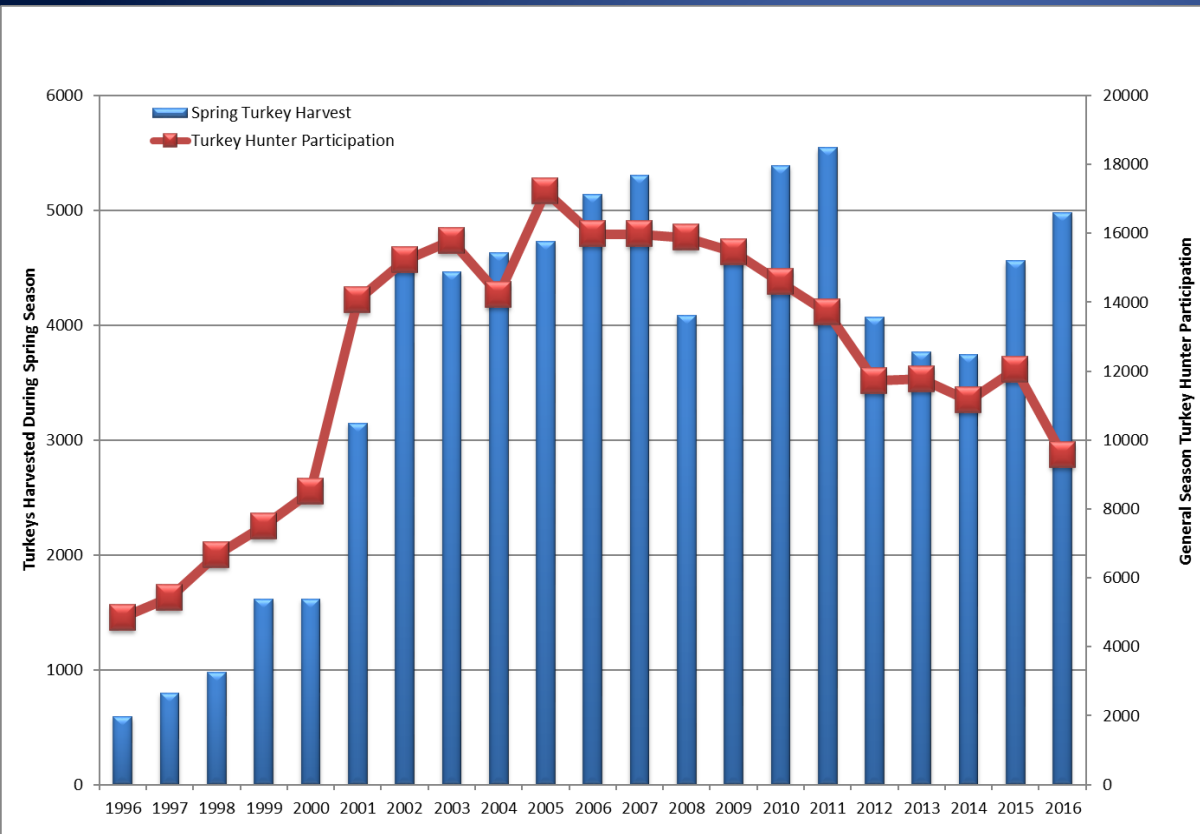


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Overview

TRENDS: Turkey



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Proposed Changes

Amend WAC 220-414-080: Hunter orange requirements

- **Adds turkey hunts to the hunter orange rule and requires turkey hunters that are hunting during a modern deer or elk firearm season to wear fluorescent orange.**

Proposed Changes

Amend WAC 220-416-010: Small Game Seasons and Regulations

- **Date adjustment related to calendar changes.**
- **Extend the fall turkey season in GMUs 101-154, and 162-186.**
 - **Helps address large turkey populations.**
 - **Season traditionally started in mid-September and ended in mid-October.**
 - **Proposal to go from September 1 to December 31.**

Proposed Changes

Amend WAC 220-416-010: Small Game Seasons and Regulations

- Remove the draw permits from GMUs 382, 388, and 568-578 within Klickitat County to general season hunting.
 - These were draw only units.
 - Turkey populations in those units are now large enough to allow general season hunting.

Proposed Changes

Amend WAC 220-416-010: Small Game Seasons and Regulations

- **Prohibit night hunting within the lynx management zones.**
 - Recent accidental lynx take by a bobcat hunter highlighted the need.
 - Total of 20 GMUs in the North Cascades and Northeast WA.

Public Comments

- WAC 220-414-080 Hunting-Hunter orange clothing requirements.
 - 37 comments total
 - 14 supported the change
 - 21 opposed the change
 - 2 were neutral
- WAC 220-416-010 Small game and other wildlife seasons and regulations.
 - 40 comments total
 - 22 supported the change
 - 14 opposed the change
 - 2 were neutral

Questions?

