

# Proposed Amendments to Bear and Cougar Rule and Habitat Protection Rule

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# Proposed Amendments for both Bear and Cougar

- Separate hunting harvest limits from depredation and road kills
- Extend Rule 1 year (2012-2016)
- Use of dogs

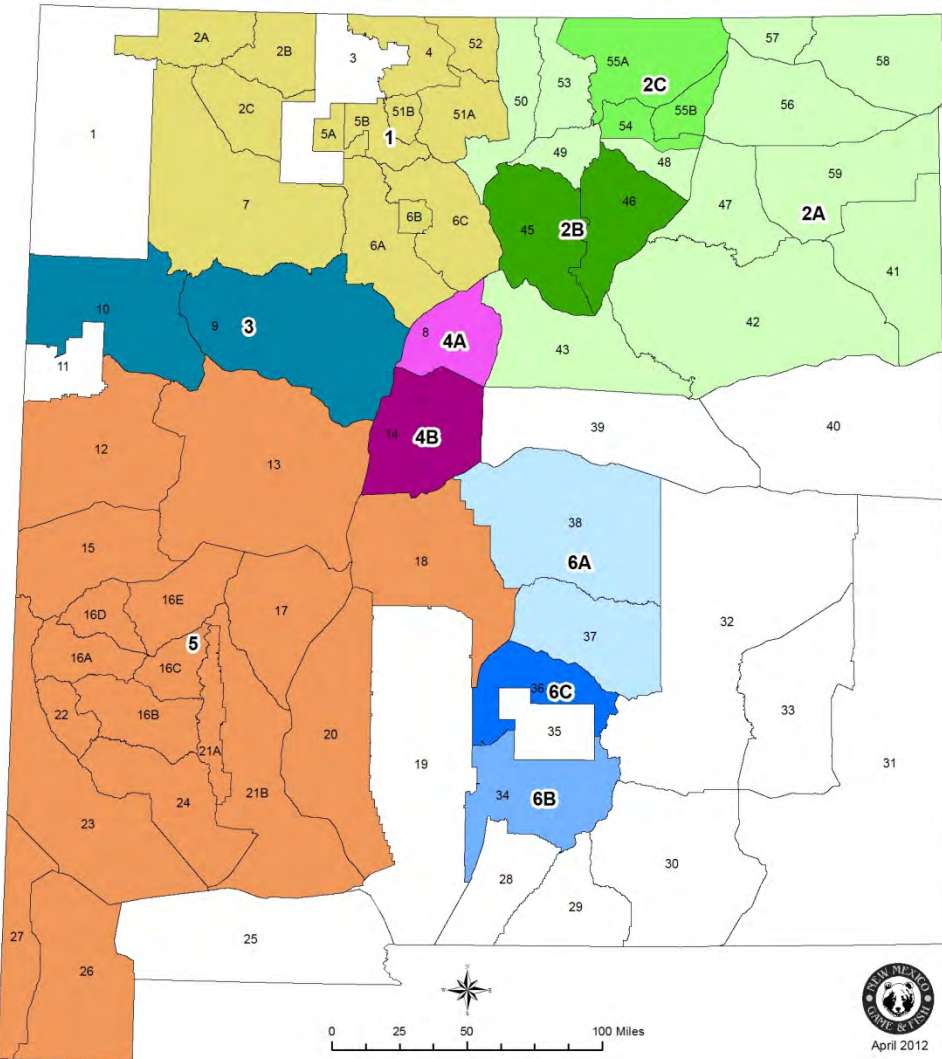


# Proposed Amendments for Bears

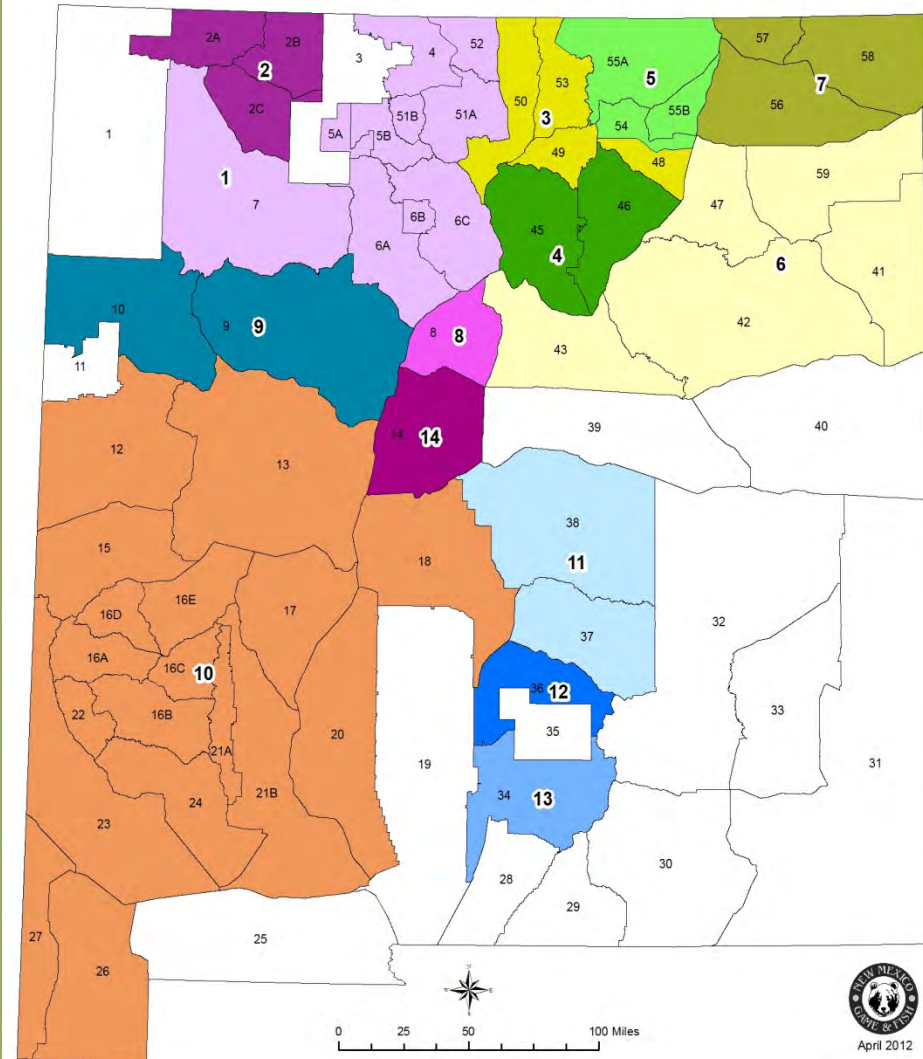
- Valle Vidal spring hunt
  - Modify dates to 4/15-5/15 (19.31.11 NMAC)
  - Modifies closure to allow hunter access to elk calf closure (19.34.2 Habitat Protection)
- Divide Zones 1 and 2A
- Renumber Management Zones



Current Bear Management Zones



Proposed Bear Management Zones (2012 - 2016)





# Proposed Amendments for Cougar

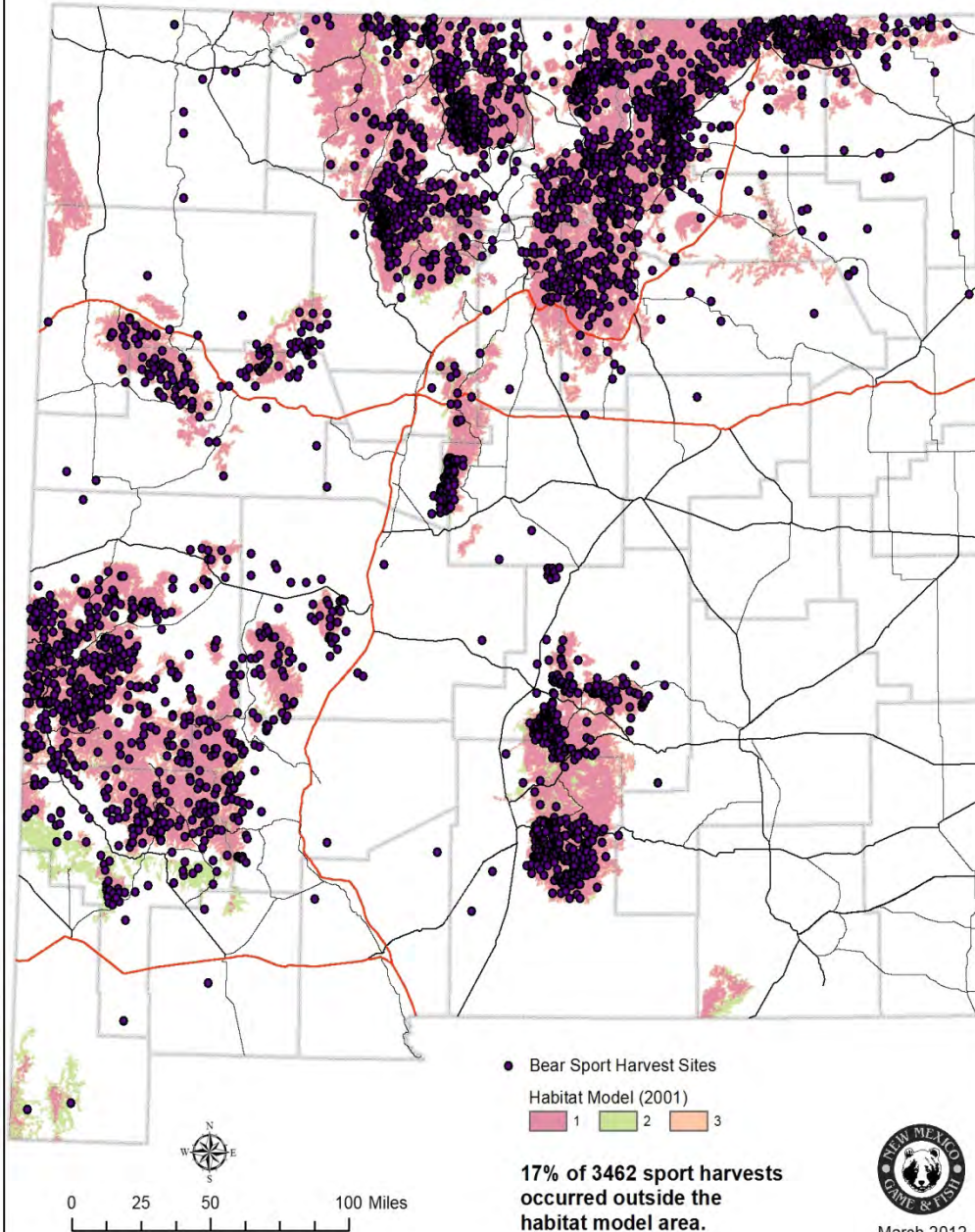
- **Extend cougar season year long and increase cougar bag limit to 2 adult cougars**
- **Snare cougars on public land when authorized by the Director**
- **Modify Zone P objective to protect bighorn sheep**



Questions ???????

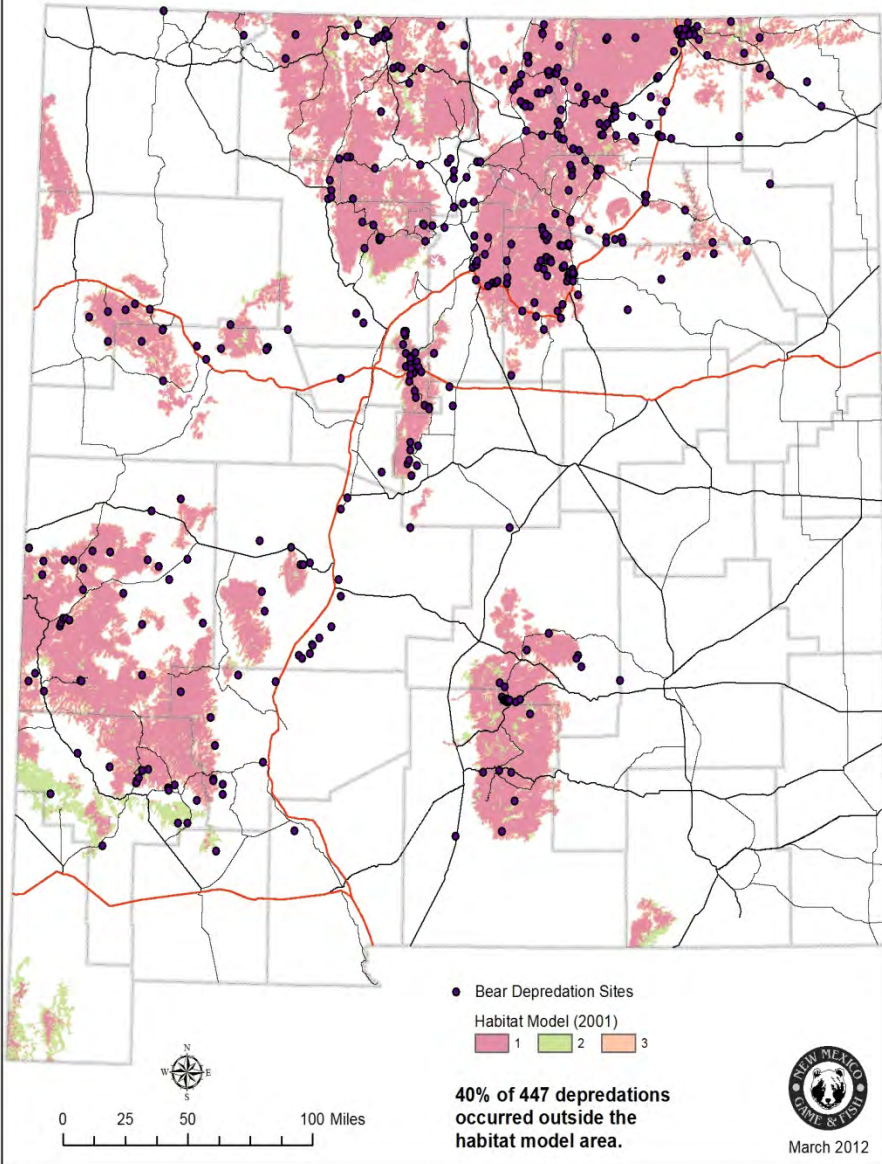


### Bear Sport Harvest Sites (2000-11) and Habitat Model (2001)

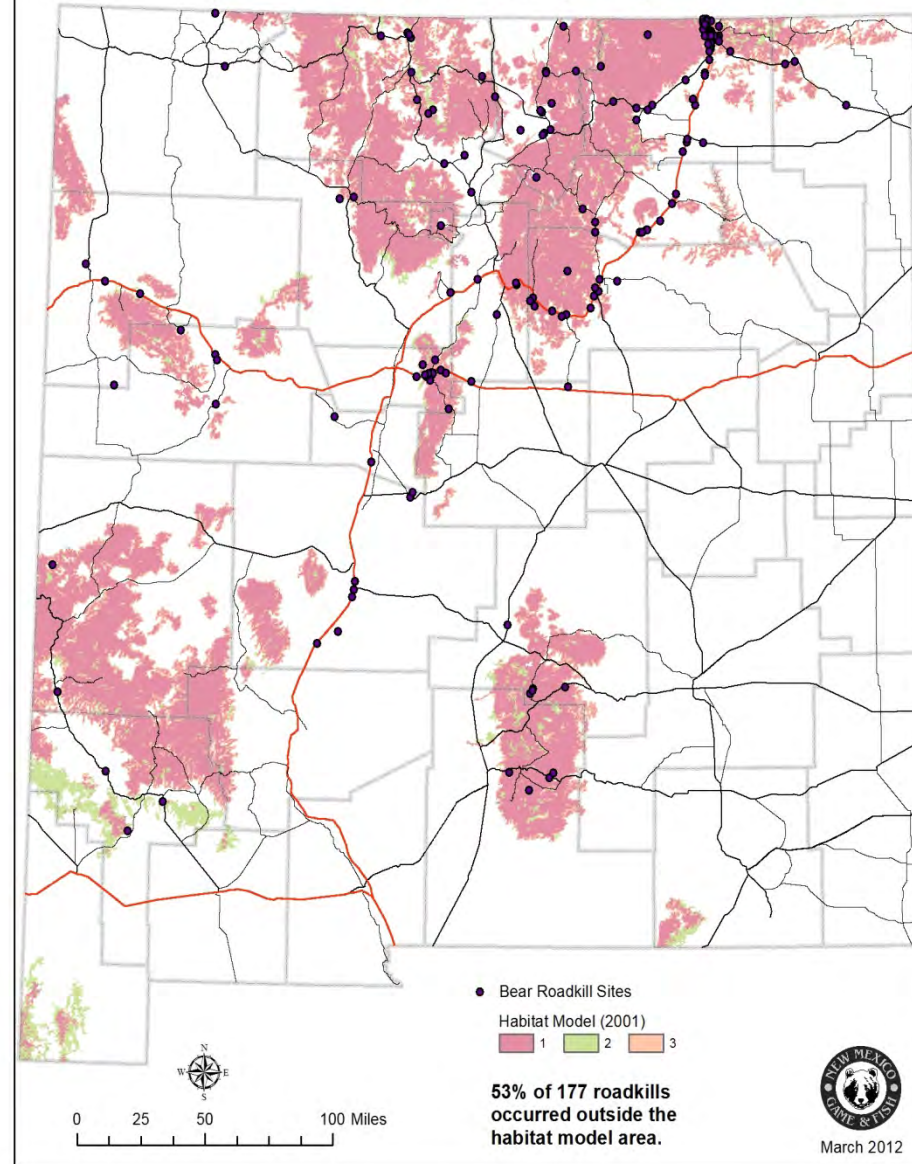




### Bear Depredation Sites (2000-11) and Habitat Model (2001)

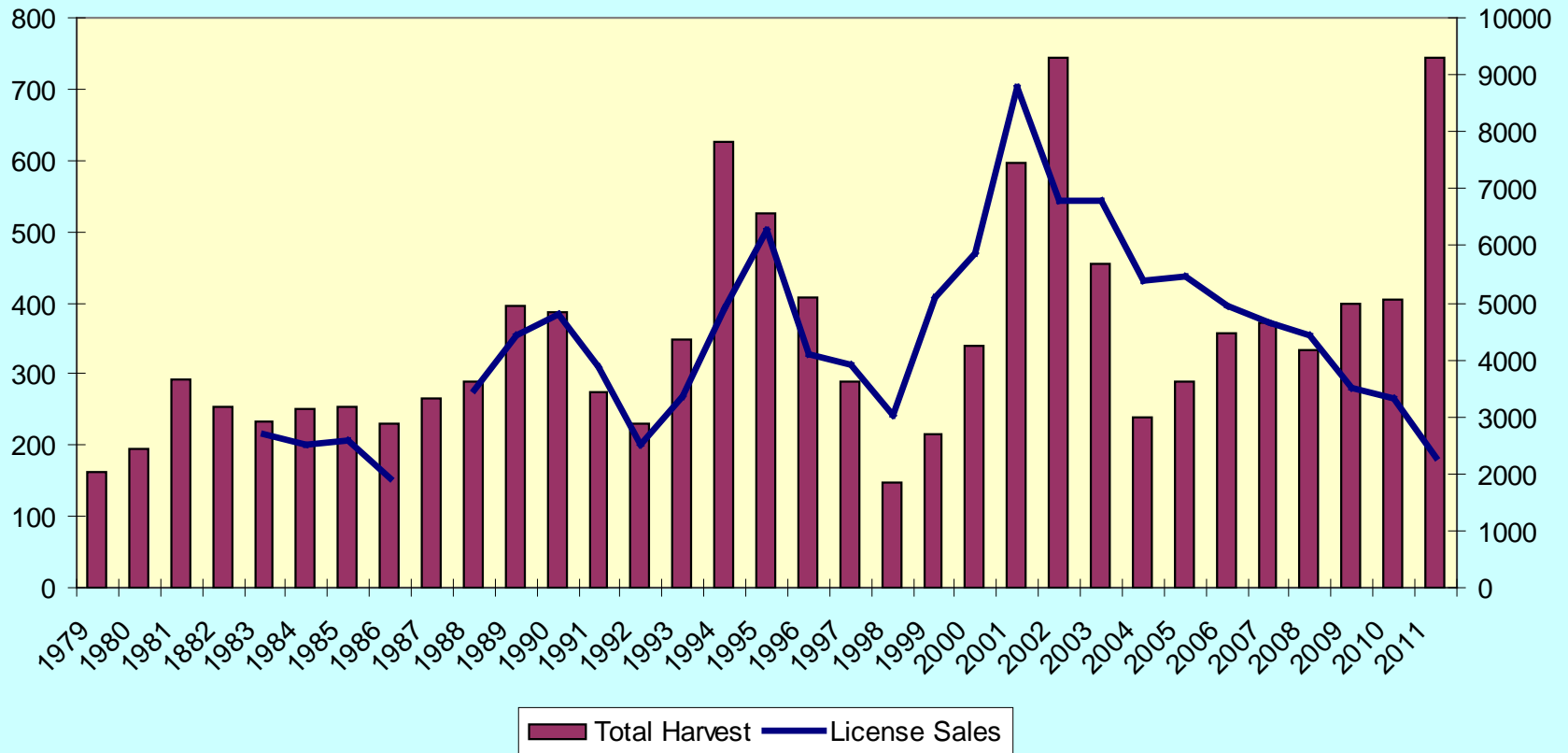


### Bear Roadkill Sites (2000-11) and Habitat Model (2001)

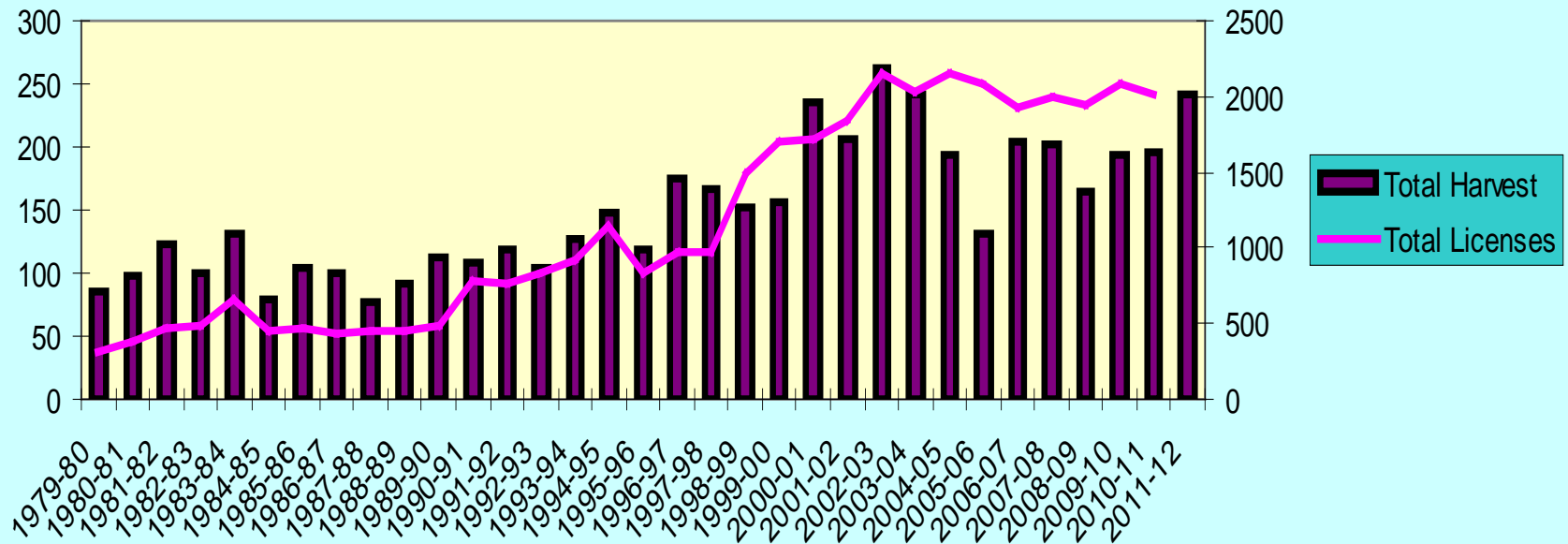




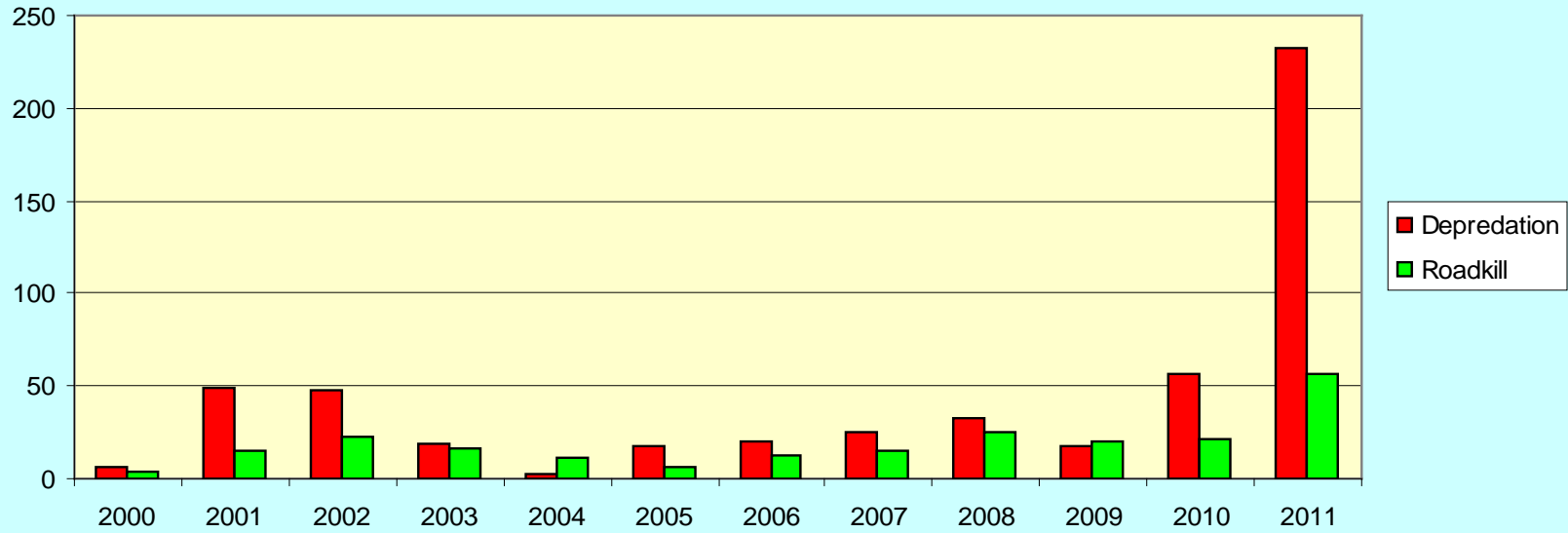
### Black Bear Mortality and License Sales from 1979 - 2011



### 1979-Present New Mexico Cougar Mortality and License Sales



### 2000-2011 New Mexico Black Bear Depredation and Roadkill Mortalities



### Bear Complaints April-June, 2000-11

