



# **Wildlife Management Division**

## **Barbary Sheep, Oryx, and Persian Ibex 19.31.12 NMAC**

**May 22, 2018**

**New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting**

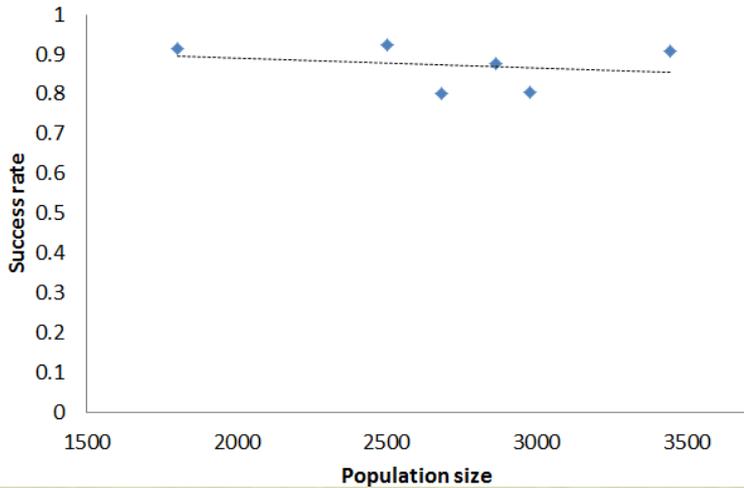
**Los Alamos, NM**

# **Public Comment on 19.31.12 NMAC (oryx)**

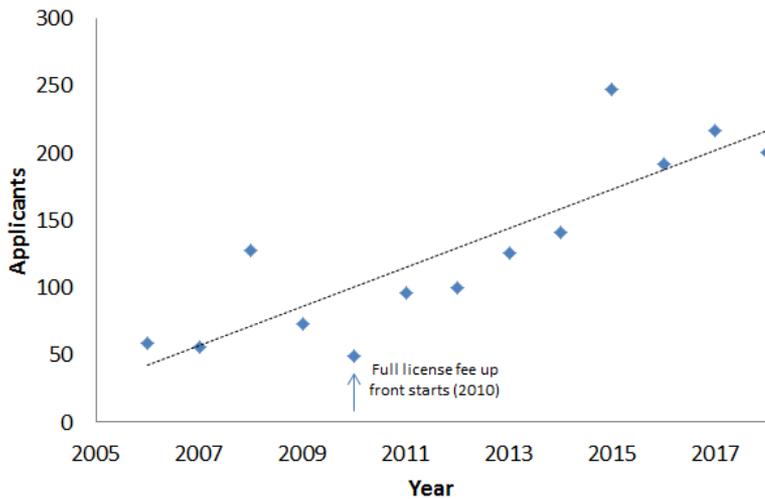
- **Maintain once-in-lifetime (OIL) for oryx (15)**
- **Supportive of non-OIL hunts (10)**
- **Maintain Iraq/Afghanistan designation (3)**
- **More youth opportunities (2)**
- **More veteran opportunities (2)**
- **Support change to all veterans (1)**
- **Increase injured veteran hunt (1)**

# WSMR Oryx Population & Harvest Data

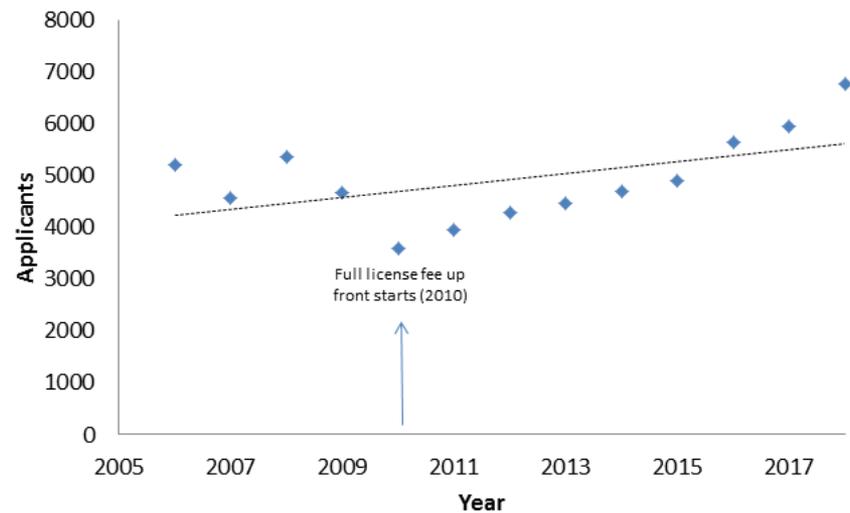
Harvest success rate by population size



Iraq/Afghanistan veteran applicants by year

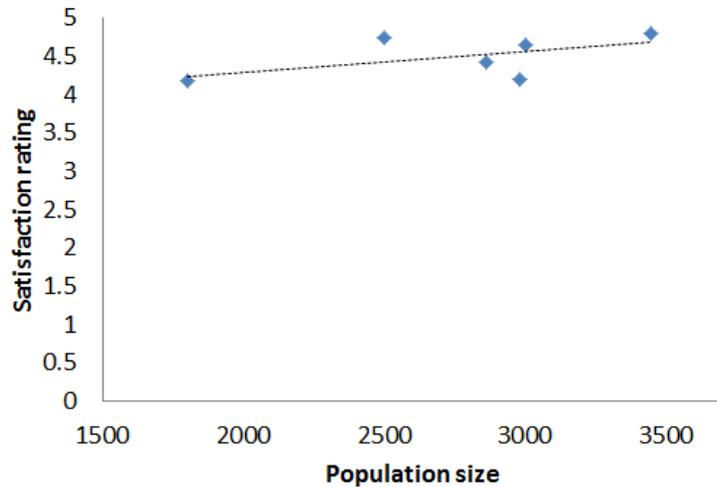


Once-in-a-lifetime applicants/year

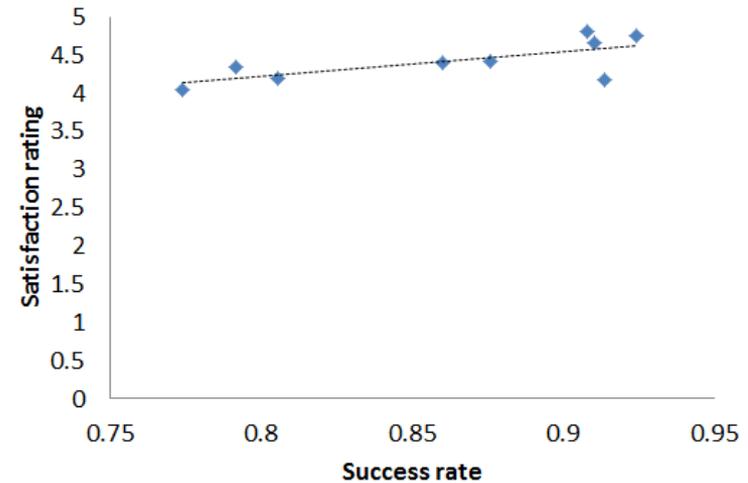


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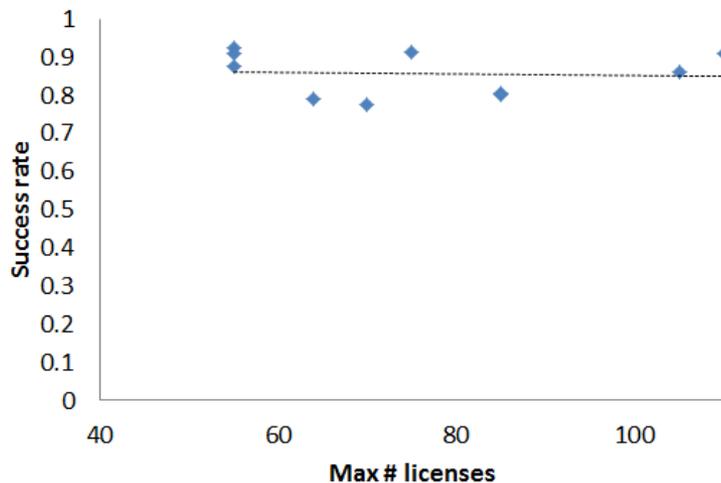
Hunter satisfaction rating by population size



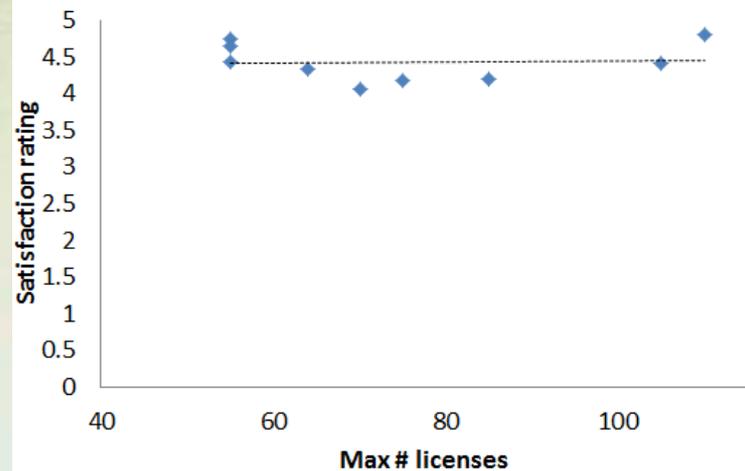
Hunter satisfaction rating by harvest success rate



Success by total licenses (during hunt period)

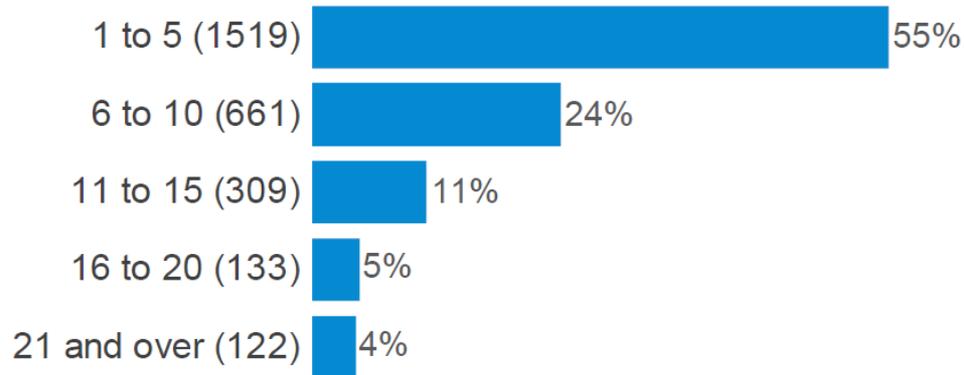


Hunter satisfaction by total licenses (during hunt period)

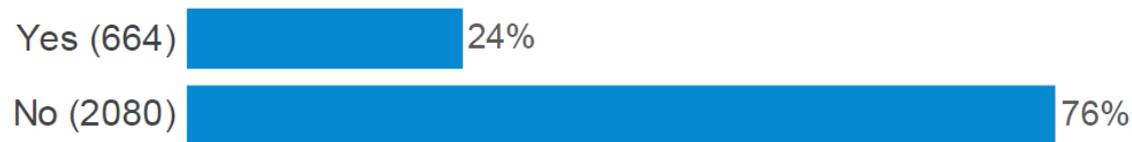


# WSMR Oryx Online survey

**A: Approximately how many years have you applied for a once-in-a-lifetime oryx hunt? (Years Applied?)**



**B: Would you be supportive of a White Sands Missile Range proposed draw strategy that increases the number of applicants for oryx hunts by allowing previous once-in-a-lifetime license holders to be able to apply for hunts on White Sands Missile Range? (Allow previous draws?)**



# WSMR Oryx Online survey

**C: Would you like the Department to offer more once-in-a-lifetime oryx draw license in the next ~4 years? (More in 4 years?)**



**White Sands Missile Range is proposing to change the draw strategy for oryx by removing the once-in-a-lifetime designation from ~60% of the licenses on Range.**

**That means everyone could apply for and draw oryx licenses on Range, even those who have already held a once-in-a lifetime oryx license.**

**Would you support this draw strategy? (Support strategy?)**



# On Range Hunt Recommendation

	PROPOSED HUNT STRUCTURE				
	Once in Life <sup>1</sup>	ES <sup>x</sup>	BH <sup>x</sup>	Veteran <sup>1</sup>	Total
Sept. 13-15, 2019	65		15	5	85
Sept. 27-29, 2019 New Date	65		15	5	85
Oct. 25-27, 2019 New Date	65		15	5	85
Nov. 8-10, 2019	65		15	5	85
Dec 6-8 Dec, 2019 New Date	65		15	5	85
Jan. 3-5, 2020	65		15	5	85
Jan. 17-19, 2020	65		15	5	85
Feb. 14-16, 2020	65		15	5	85
Feb. 28-Mar. 1 2020 New Date	65		15	5	85
Oct. 11-13, 2019 (Mobility impaired)	20				20
Oct. 11-13, 2019 (Youth only)		40			40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>825</b>

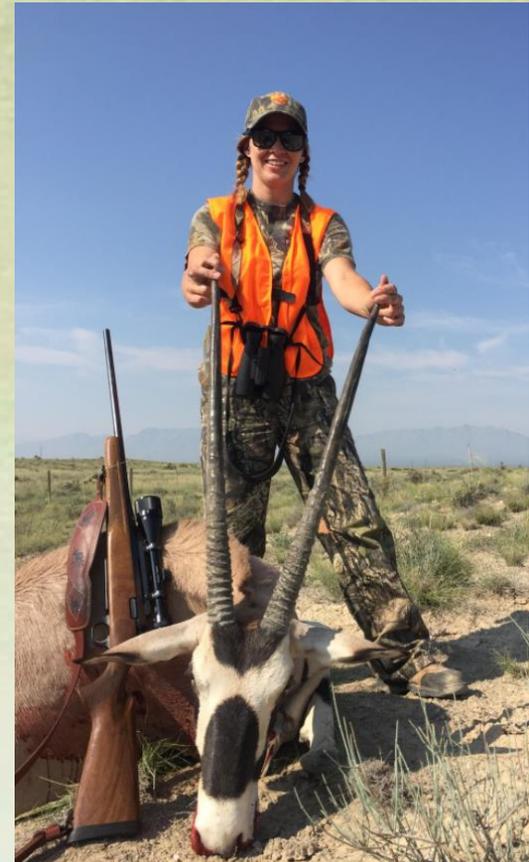
	EXISTING DRAW 2018-2019				
	Once in Life <sup>1</sup>	ES <sup>x</sup>	BH <sup>x</sup>	Veteran <sup>1</sup>	Total
Oct. 12-14, 2018	50		25	5	80
Nov. 9-11, 2018	50		25	5	80
Jan. 4-6, 2019	50		25	5	80
Jan. 18-20, 2019	50		25	5	80
Feb. 15-17, 2019	50		25	5	80
Sept. 7-9, 2018 (Mobility impaired)	20				20
Sept. 7-9, 2018 (Youth only)		40			40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>460</b>

<sup>1</sup> Hunts w/this designation are once-in-a-lifetime

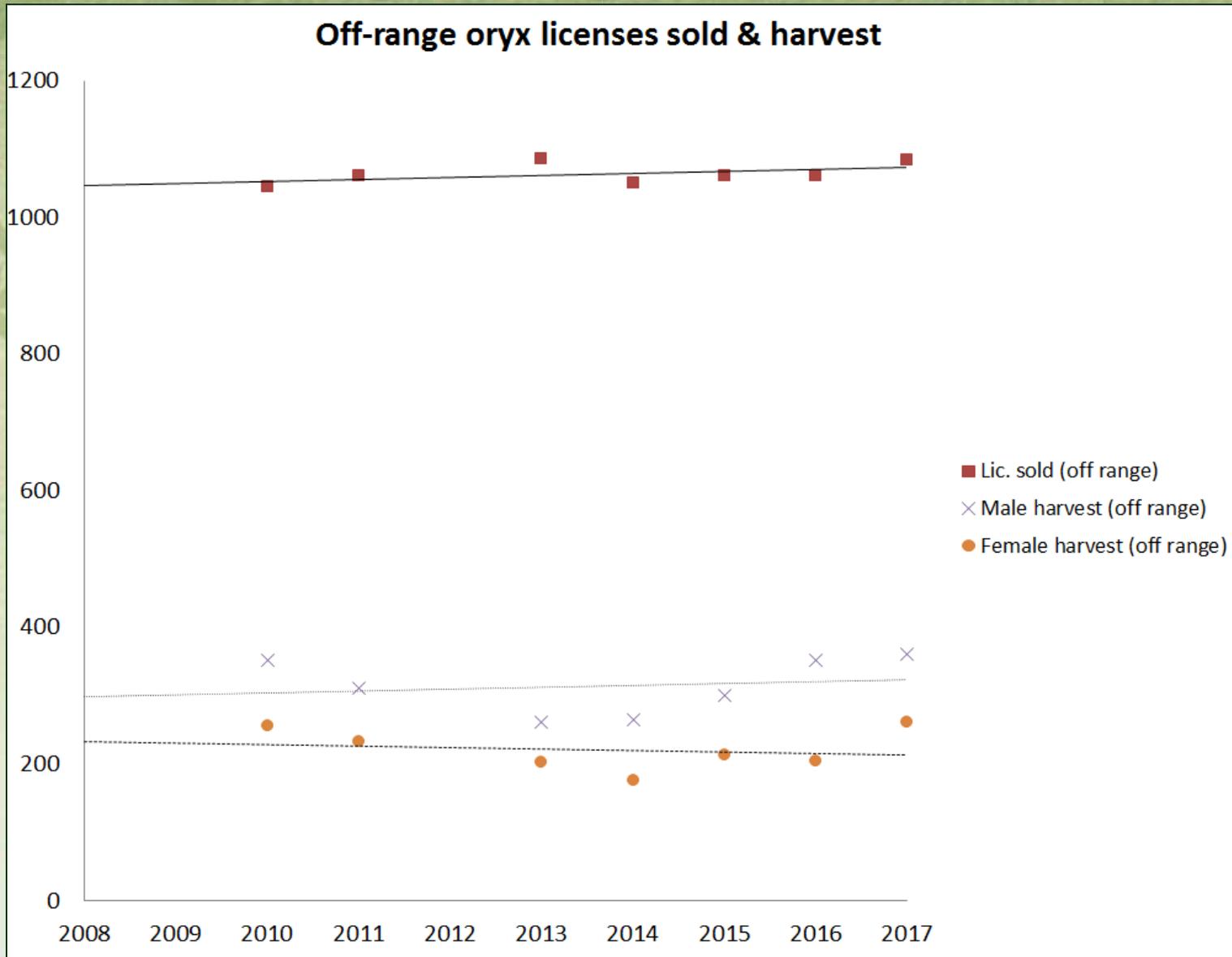
<sup>x</sup> Hunts w/this designation are NOT once-in-a lifetime

# Proposed Amendments: Oryx 19.31.12 NMAC

- **Maintain Iraq/Afghanistan veteran hunt\***
- **Maintain youth only\***
- **Maintain mobility impaired**
- **Eliminate Rhodes/Stallion designation**
- **Increase injured veteran hunt from 3 → up to 10 licenses**

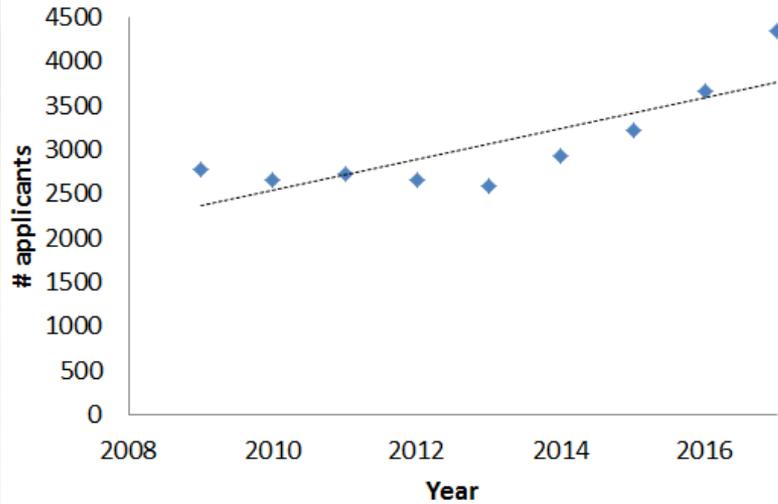


# Off Range Oryx Harvest Data

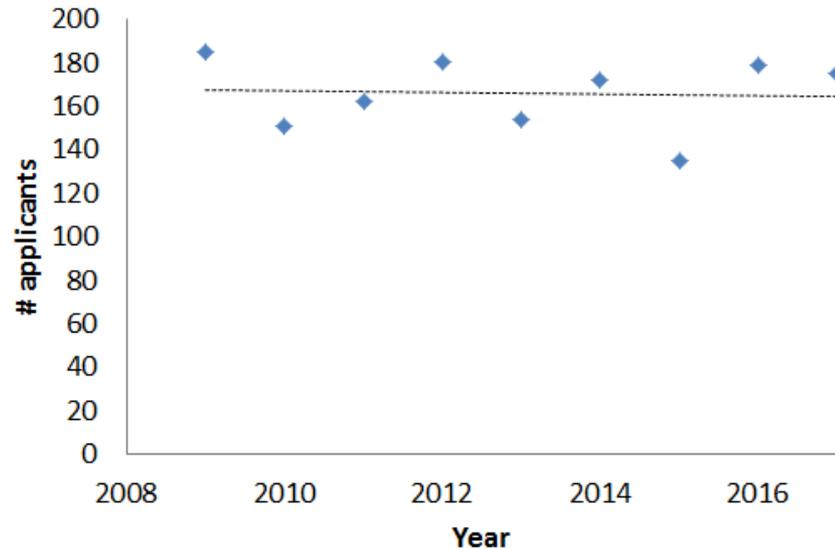


# Off Range Application Data

# applicants (off-range)



# youth applicants (off-range)



# Proposed Amendments: Oryx

## 19.31.12 NMAC

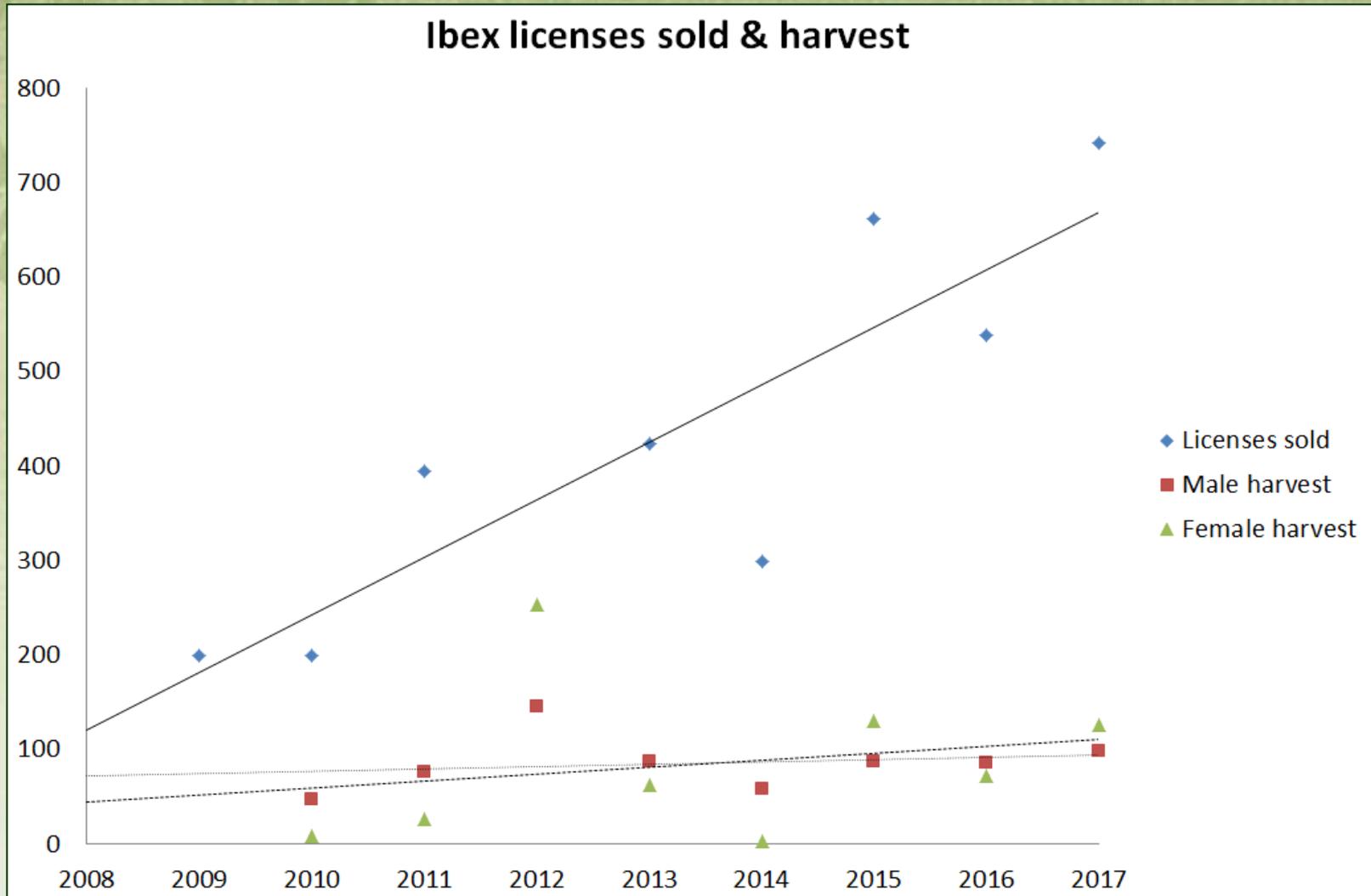
- **Off range**
  - **Increase statewide off range hunts by 33% (600 → 800)**
  - **Increase statewide off range youth hunts by 11% (180 → 200)**
  - **Data suggests oryx numbers are increasing, can offer more opportunity**



# **Public Comment on 19.31.12 NMAC (ibex)**

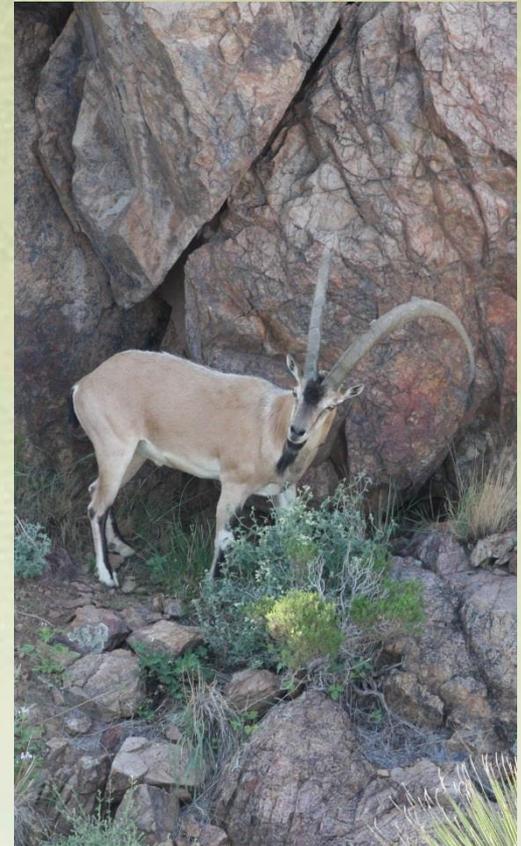
- **Supportive of increasing F/IM hunts in draw (6)**
- **Not supportive of increase in F/IM hunts (3)**
- **Remove incentive hunt (1)**
- **License fee too high for non residents (1)**

# Ibex Harvest Data



# Proposal: Ibex 19.31.12 NMAC

- **Adjust seasons for calendar dates**
- **Increase F/IM draw licenses & add new hunt(s)**
  - **Maintain stable ibex population**
  - **# F/IM applicants has approx. doubled since draw hunt was put in place**



# **Proposal: Ibex**

## **19.31.12 NMAC**

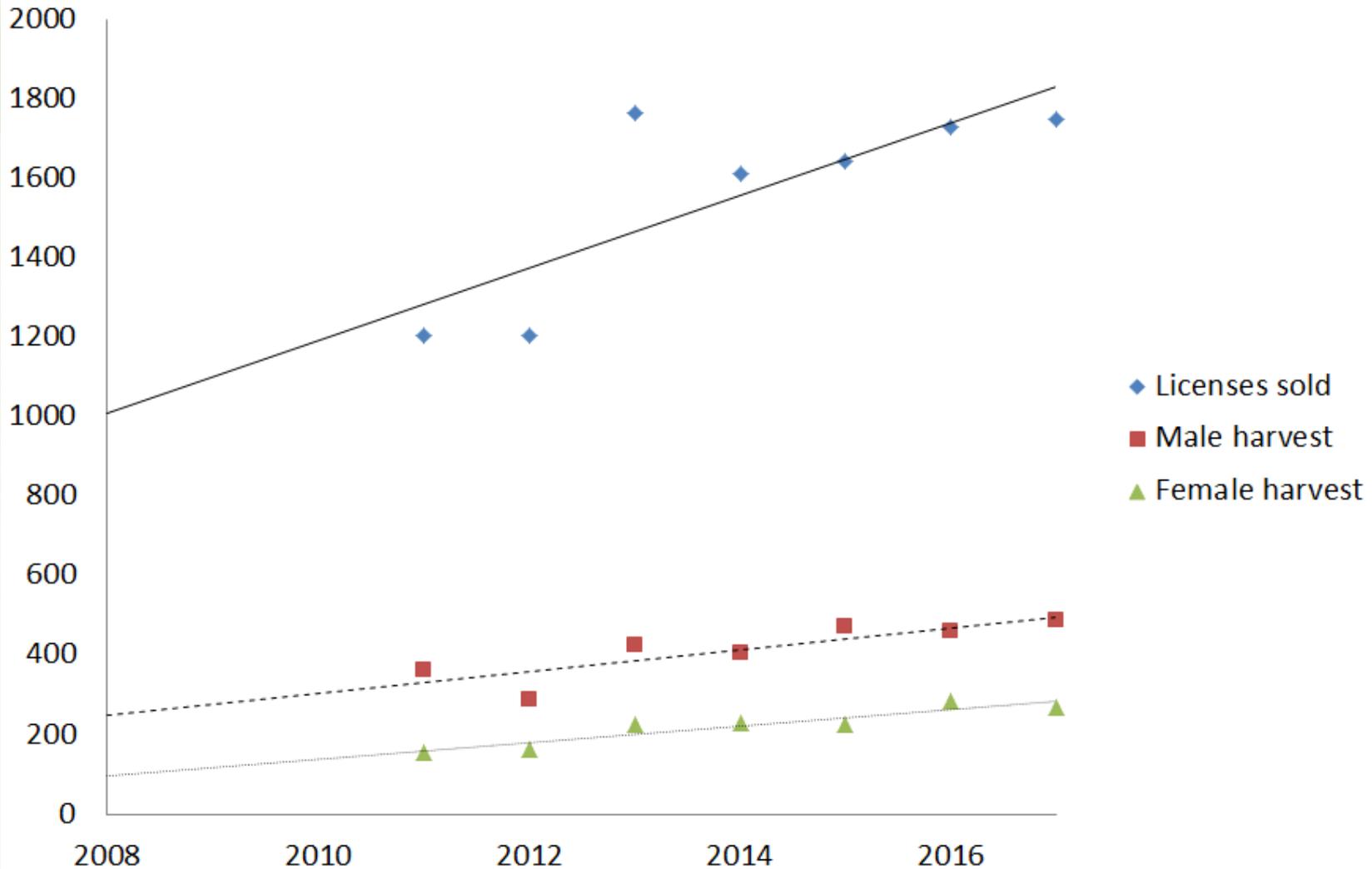
- **Proposed hunt structure**
  - **Maintain YO**
  - **Maintain archery & muzzleloader hunts**
  - **Combine OIL hunt w/incentive hunt**
  - **4 F/IM hunts of 75 lic.\***

# **Public Comment on 19.31.12 NMAC (Barbary sheep)**

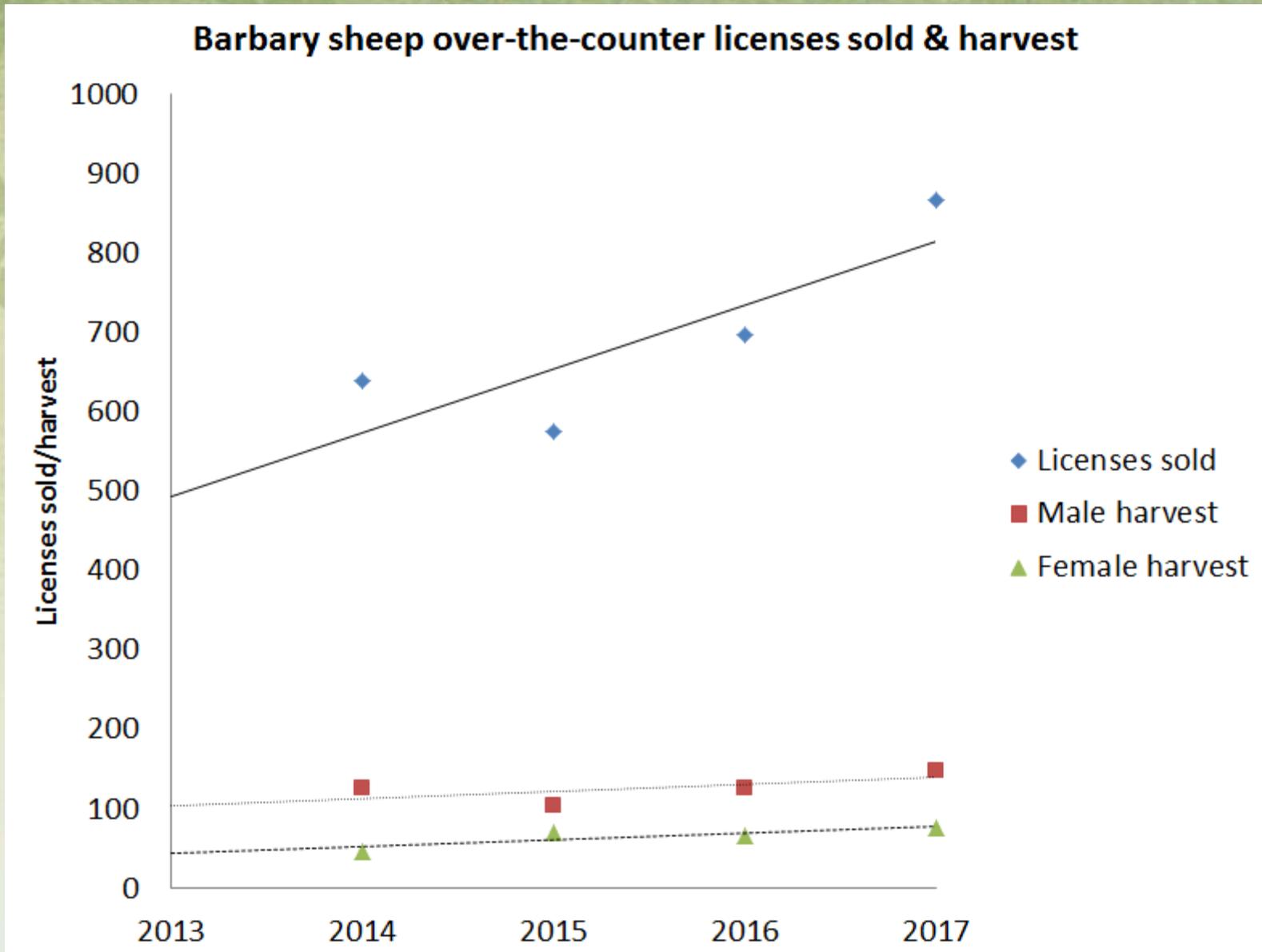
- **Split units out, either each unit separate or keep units combined as they currently are (11)**
- **Supportive of all changes (6)**
- **Too much of an increase in license numbers (5)**
- **Supportive of increasing hunts (3)**
- **Supportive of Oct. hunt (2)**
- **Longer hunts (2)**
- **No changes (2)**
- **Unlimited licenses, 2 month season (1)**
- **Make Oct. an archeryhunt (1)**

# Barbary Sheep Harvest Data (draw hunts)

## Barbary sheep licenses sold & harvest



# Barbary Sheep Harvest Data (OTC hunts)



# Proposal: Barbary Sheep

## 19.31.12 NMAC

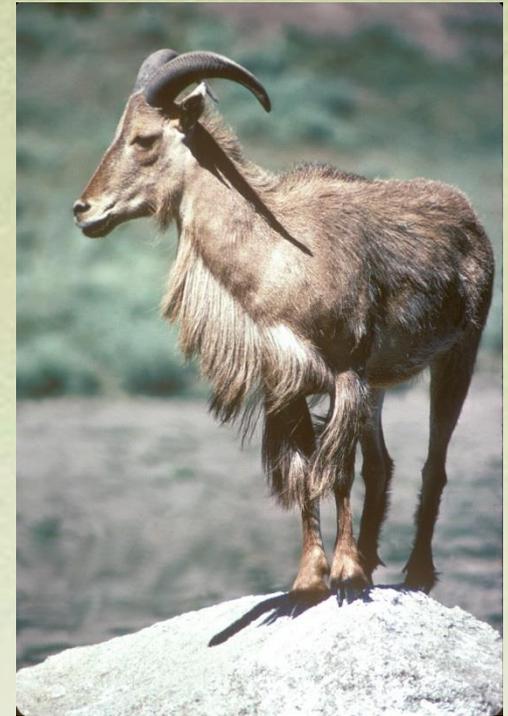


- **Increase draw licenses by 25% in response to increasing pop. size**
  - **1,275 → 1,600**
- **Split hunts to distribute hunters (no longer a single month-long season)**

# Proposal: Barbary Sheep

## 19.31.12 NMAC

- **Adjust seasons for calendar dates**
- **Maintain split units**
  - **GMUs 29/30**
  - **GMUs 32/24/36/37**
- **Split hunts**



# Proposal: Barbary Sheep

## 19.31.12 NMAC

Hunt dates	# licenses (GMUs 29/30)	# licenses (GMUs 32/34/36/37)
Late Oct. (5 days)	100	75
Early Dec. (14 days)	250	225
Late Jan. (14 days)	250	225
Mid Feb. (14 days)	250	225
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>750</b>

- **Increases total hunting days; 28 → 47**

# Proposal: Barbary Sheep

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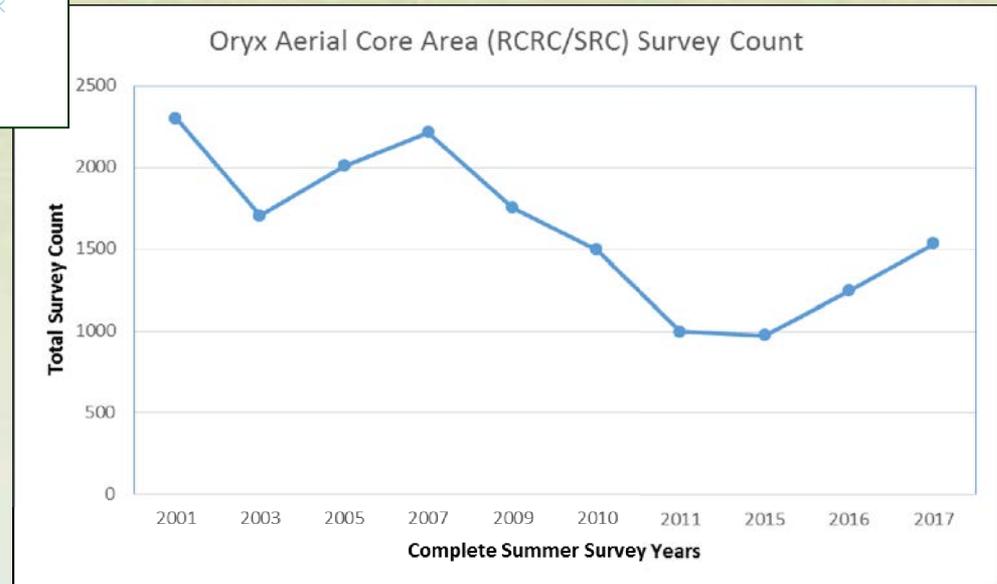
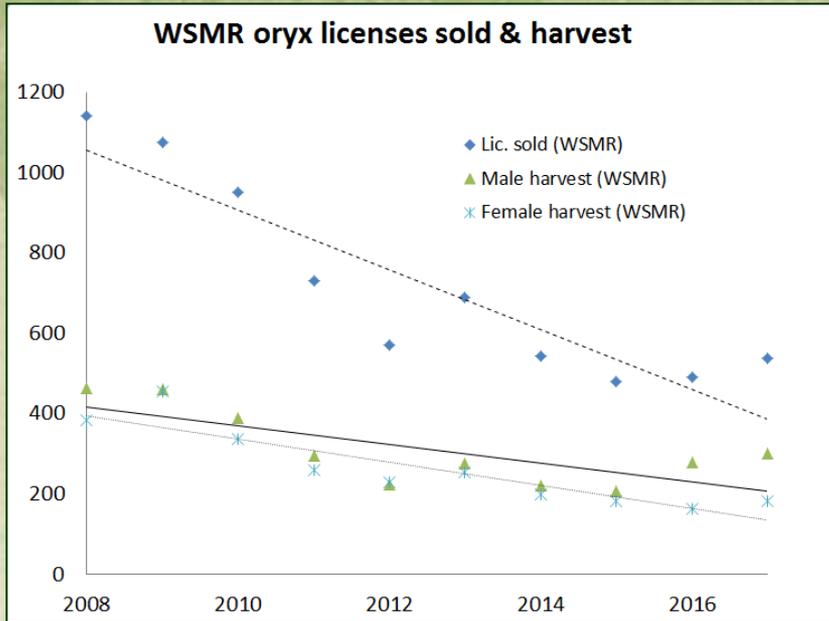
- **Allow public hunters to hunt on private land in their units w/written permission**
- **Modify description of GMU 34 west side for clarity**
- **Increase McGregor hunts by 33%**





***Questions?***

# WSMR Oryx Population & Harvest Data



# Proposed Amendments: Oryx

## 19.31.12 NMAC

- **On-range**
  - **Adjust seasons for calendar dates**
  - **Add 4 new on-range hunts to accommodate more hunters**
  - **Increase once in lifetime (OIL) hunts**
    - **270 → 605**
  - **Increase broken-horned hunts**
    - **125 → 135**
  - **Increase I/A veteran hunt**
    - **25 → 45**

