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Resident / Nonresident Allocation Policy

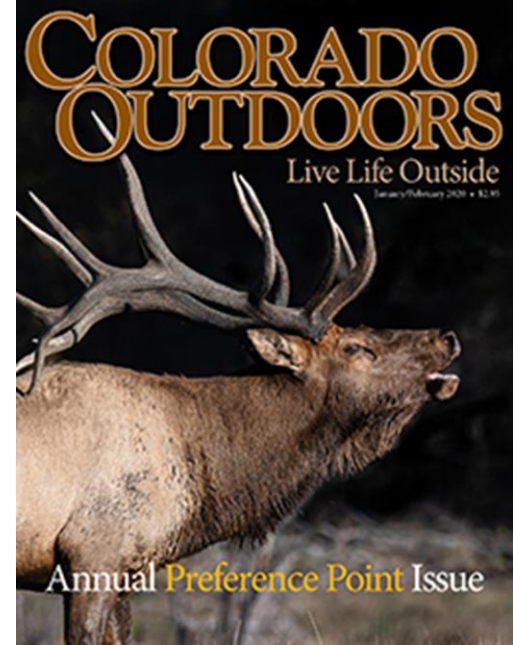
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Colorado's Preference Point System

- Preference points are a tool for managing demand for a variety of hunting experiences.
- The number of preference points needed to draw a hunt code are a product of supply (license quota) and demand (applicants).
- A qualifying hunting license must be held to apply for the primary or secondary big game draws.
- The secondary draw, OTC and leftover licenses do not require preference points.



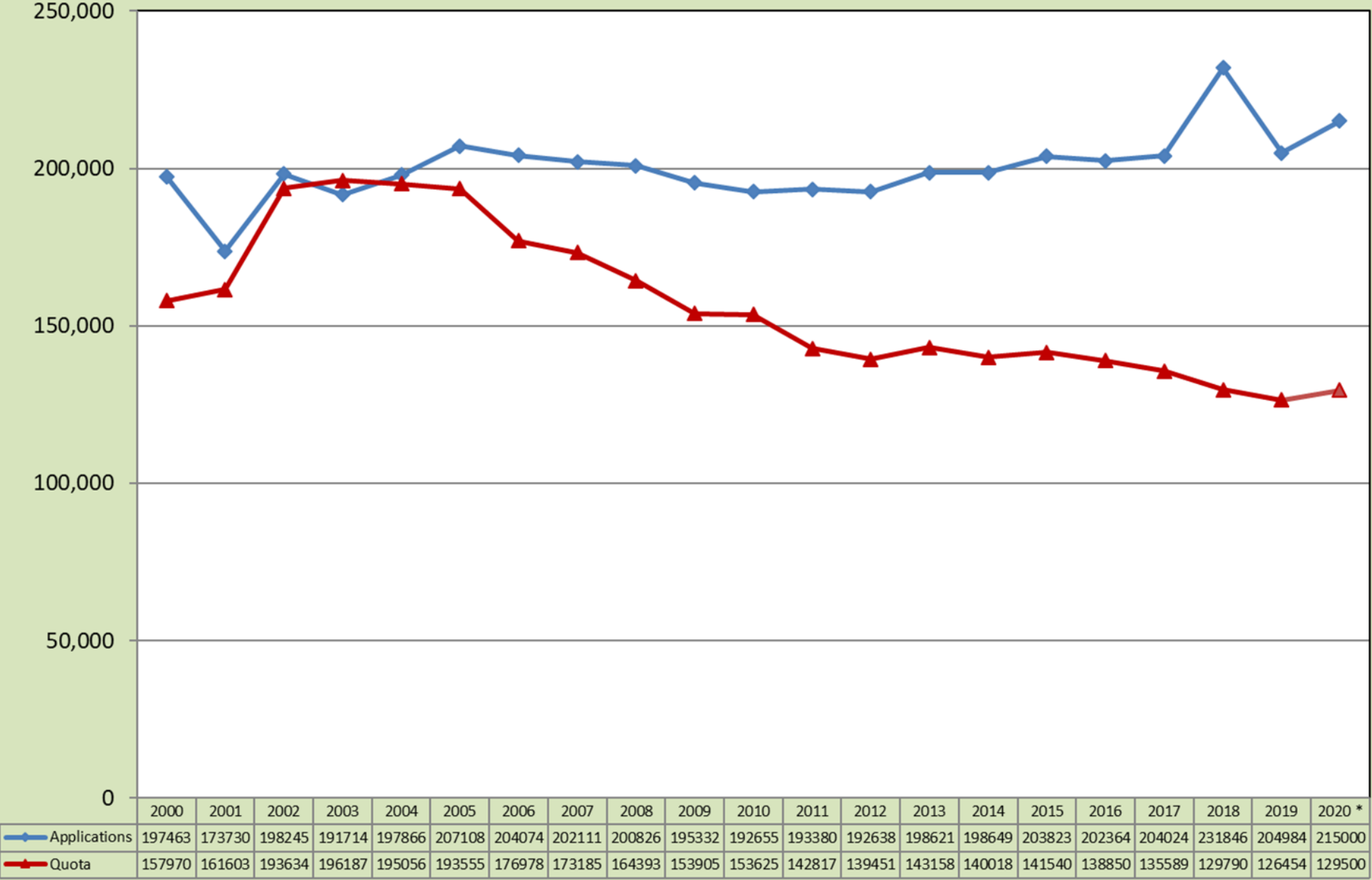
Allocation

- 80/20 Resident/Nonresident allocation for elk and deer hunt codes requiring 6 or more preference points
- 65/35 Resident/Nonresident allocation for elk and deer hunt codes if less than 6 points needed
- Soft cap means nonresidents not guaranteed minimum percentage of available licenses. Nonresident allocation can exceed the cap if there is insufficient first-choice resident demand.



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Elk Applications and Limited License Quotas By Year



Year

Timeline 2000 - 2006

- 2000: Wildlife Commission Policy B-19 establishes 60/40 allocation with a soft cap
- 2004: Big Game Season Structure 2005-2009 includes allocation discussion with no change made to the 60/40 allocation
- April – June 2005: License Allocation Working Group convened
- June – Sept 2005: 8 public meetings held statewide
- Oct 2005: Commission adopts policy of 80/20 for 5 or more preference points, 65/35 otherwise, soft cap
- Jan 2006: Allocation policy put into regulations



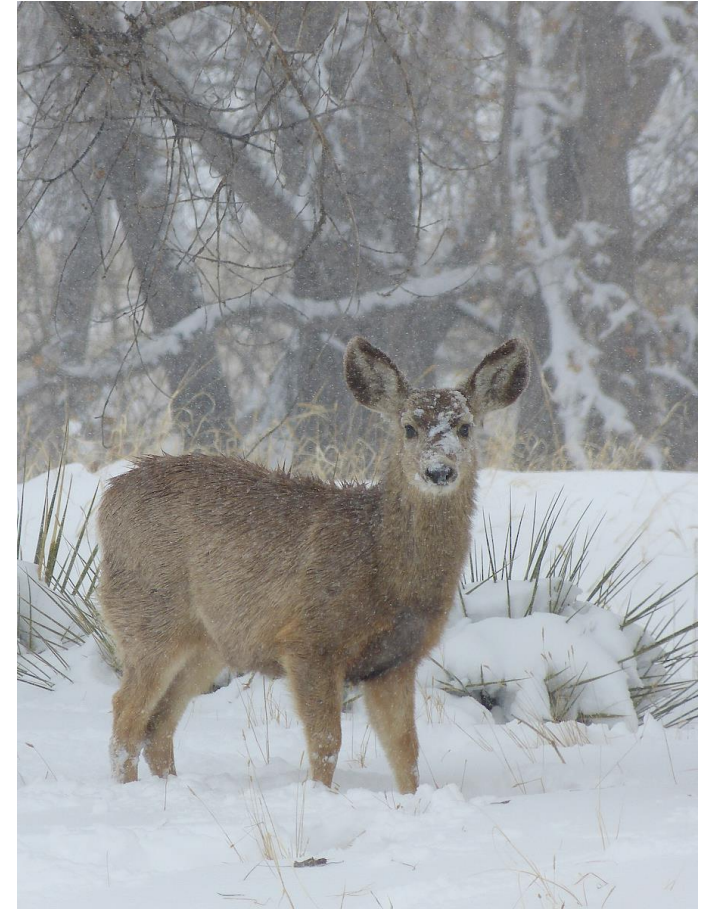
October 2005 Commission Meeting

- Staff recommendation is 80/20 for 5+ points, 65/35 otherwise, soft cap
- Clarification of soft cap
- Public comment
- Motion carried unanimously to move from policy to regulation hunt of a lifetime, landowner access fee, youth hunting, pay to play and non-resident cap
- Motion to reject staff's recommendation fails 4-4; motion to maintain 60/40 allocation for deer fails 4-4
- Motion for staff allocation recommendation of 80/20, 65/35 carries 5-3



January 2006 Commission Meeting

- Presentation of regulatory language and analysis
- Public comment
- Proposal to freeze 80/20 hunt codes
- Draft regulatory language on freeze brought to the Commission and approved unanimously



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Timeline 2006 - 2020

- Sept 2009: 80/20, 65/35 soft cap allocations reapproved
 - 80/20 updated to be hunts requiring six or more preference points based on three-year average of 2007, 2008 and 2009
- Sept 2014: Commission Allocation Subcommittee recommends freezing the 80/20 allocation for the 2015 draw
- 2019: Commission chooses not to address allocation as part of the 2020-2024 BGSS

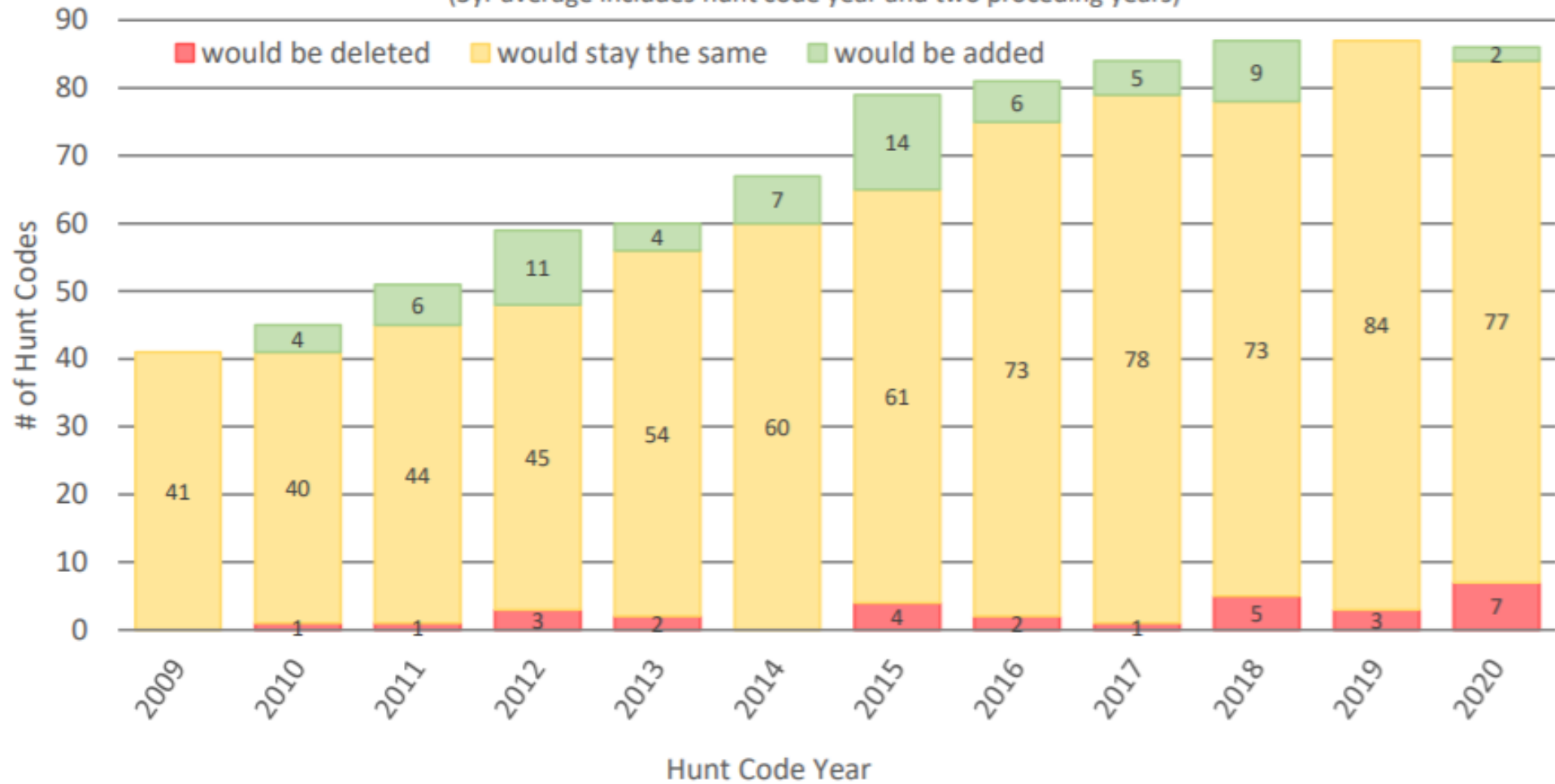


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Change in the Number of Hunt Codes Compared to Current List

for hunts with a 3 year average of 6+ preference points*

(3yr average includes hunt code year and two preceding years)



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