



Fish and Game Council Meeting

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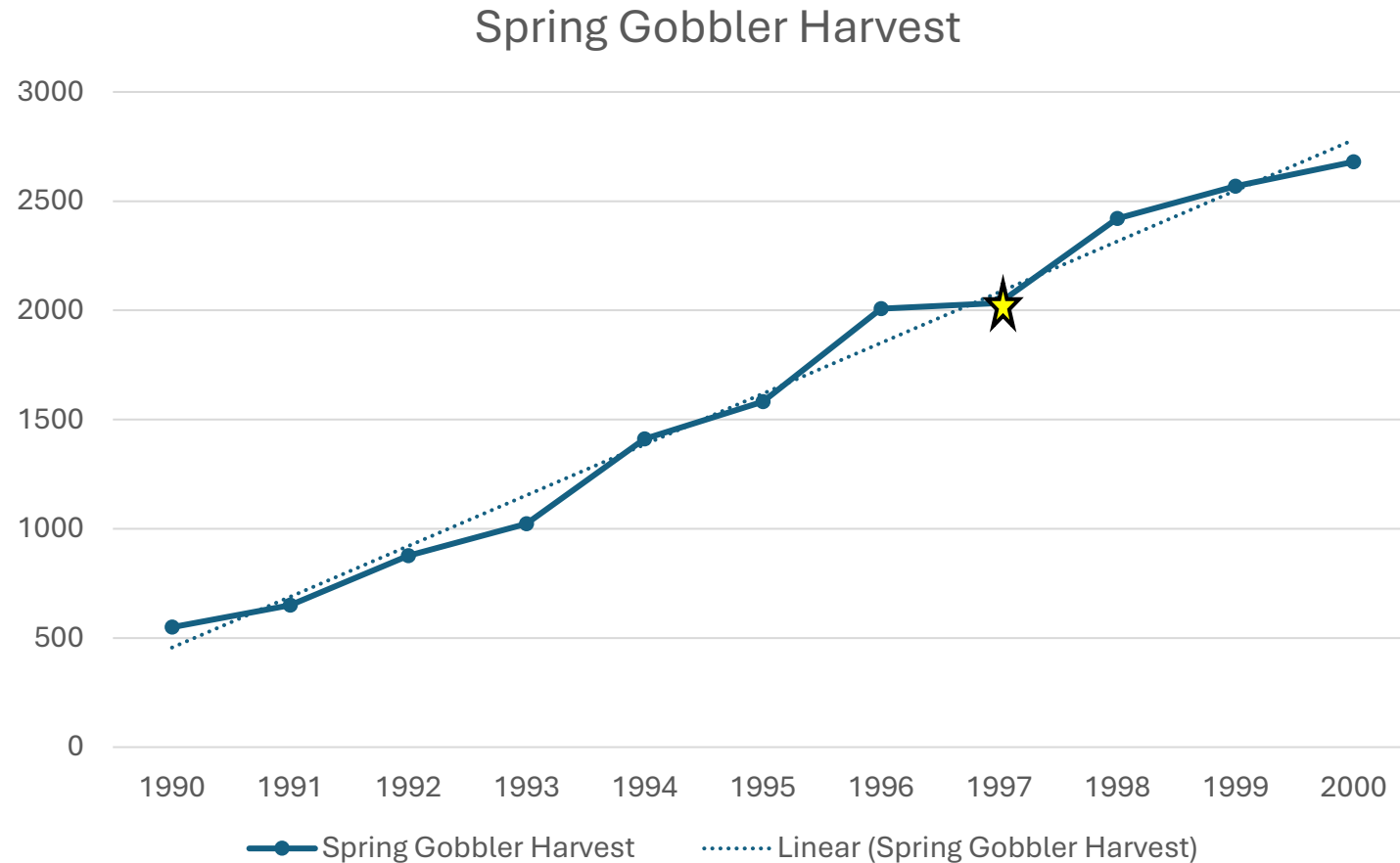
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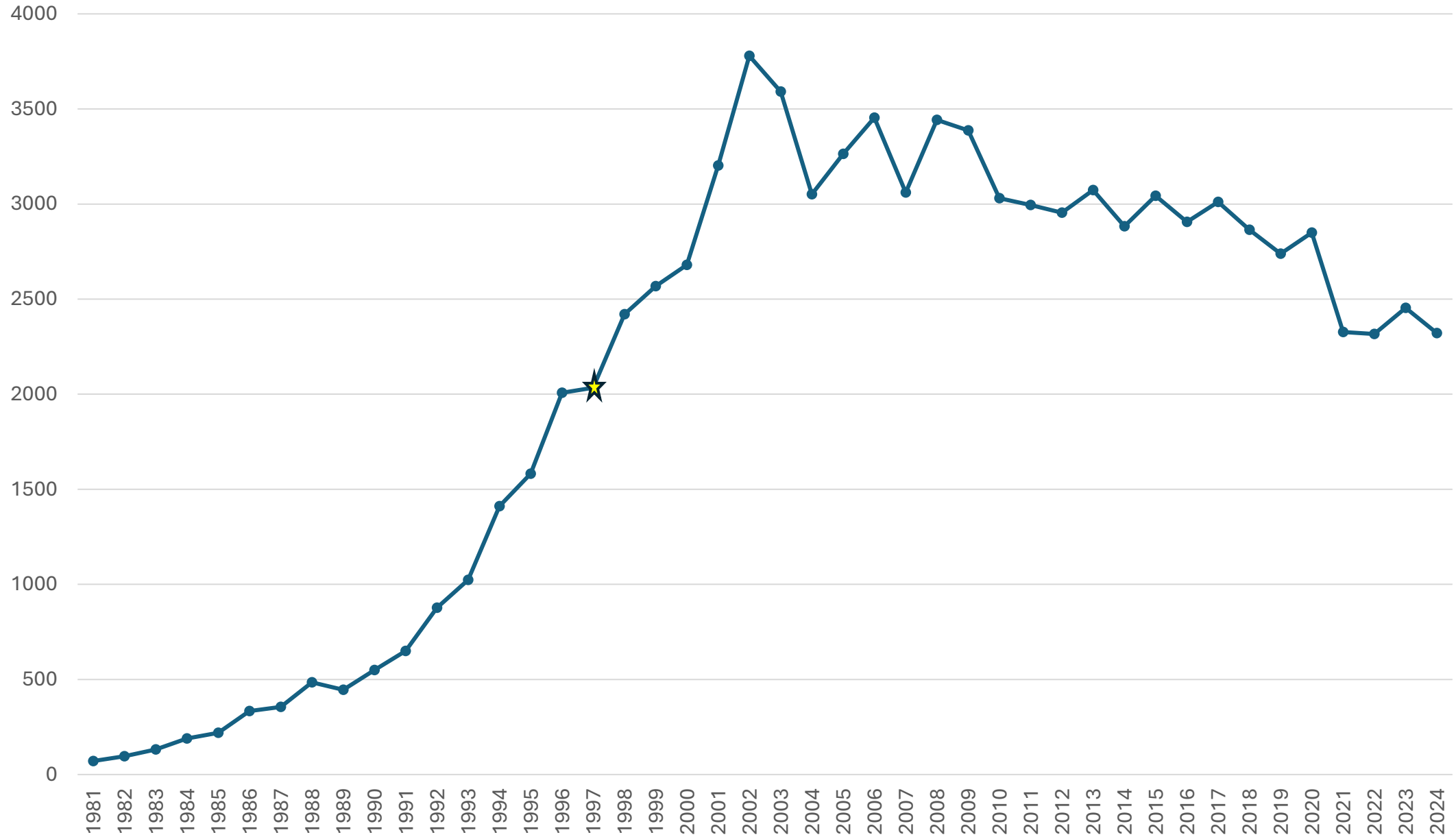
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History of the Fall Either-Sex Season

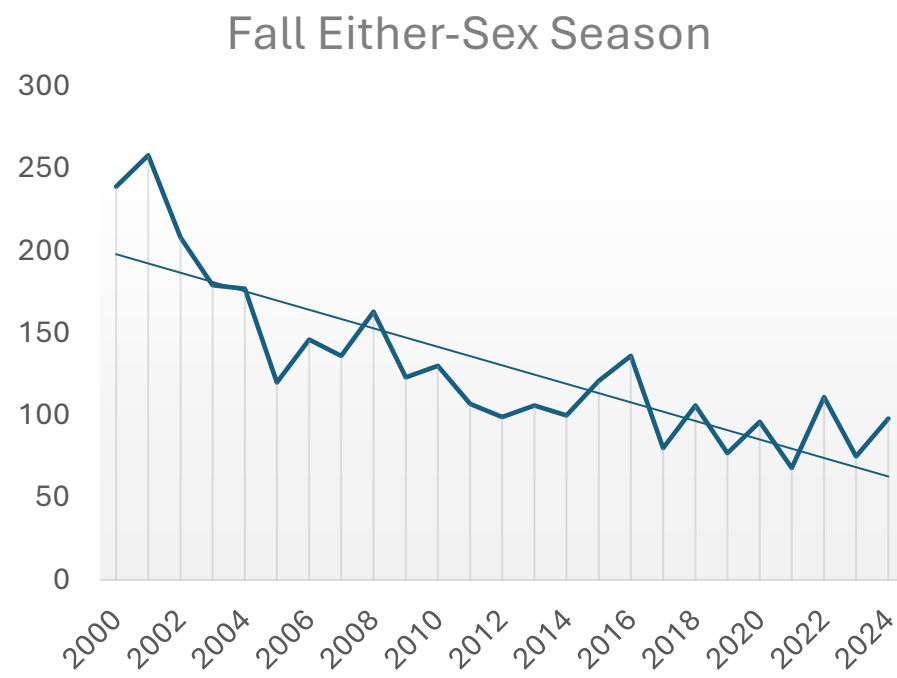
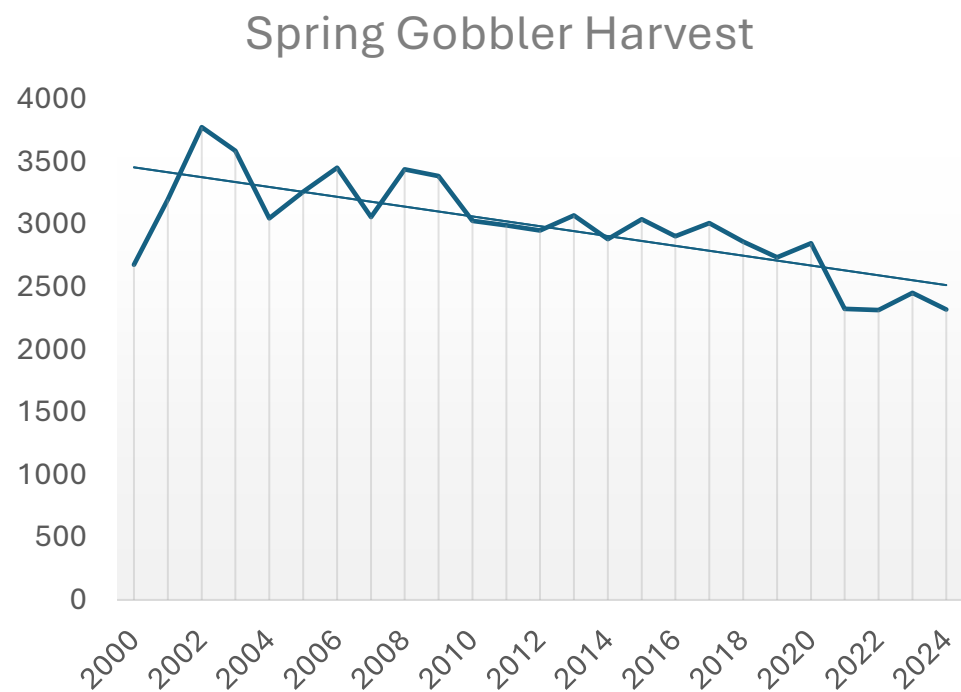
- Fall 1997



Spring Gobbler Harvest



Turkey Harvest Trends





Option 1- Leaving Season Open in the Fall of 2025

Pros-

- Allows constituents additional time in field
- No regulation change during a research period

Cons-

- Could negatively affect future populations



Option 2- Closing Half State

Pros-

- Could increase populations in portion of the State
- Allows constituents in portion of the State to spend more time afield

Cons-

- Complexing regulations
- Could negatively affect future populations in portion of the State

Option 3- Closing Hen Harvest

Pros-

- Could allow more hens to survive for breeding season
- Constituents enjoy time afield

Cons-

- Removing additional males for future take
- Complexing regulations





Option 4- Closing the State-wide Fall Either- Sex Season

Pros-

- Could increase populations State-wide

Cons-

- Removal of a hunting season

★ NJDEP Fish and Wildlife recommends closing the fall either-sex ★
season immediately

-Development of process for re-opening the Fall Season