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**Testimony on SB 314 relating to Senior Exemptions for Hunting/Fishing Licenses  
To  
The Senate Committee on Natural Resources**

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**February 17, 2012**

SB 314 seeks to repeal exemptions for Kansas residents 65 and older for the purchase of hunting and fishing licenses. The bill would be effective January 1, 2013. **The Department supports the provisions contained in the bill.**

As we discuss the issue of requiring hunting and fishing licenses for sportsmen and women age 65 and older, it is important to remember two things. First, we are talking about \$20.50 for either annual license. Compared with all the costs associated with hunting or fishing, this is not a large amount. Second, this bill is not about taking anything away from our seniors but it is instead about passing on our outdoor traditions to our children and grandchildren.

This is a timely issue resulting from two converging developments: the baby boomer generation, who are more likely to hunt and fish than other generations, has started to retire and we are living longer. With this fast increasing portion of our outdoor enthusiasts not paying license fees, an adjustment is overdue.

The exemption age for hunters and anglers was 70 years old until 1971, when the legislature reduced the age to 65. In 1971, the life expectancy was 71 years; today average life expectancy is 78.5 years. And if we reach age 65, we are expected to live another 19.2 years. As such, there might be an age where we should not require hunting or fishing licenses, but it is no longer 65 years old.

Our goal in the department is to provide a quality outdoor experience for the most people at a reasonable cost. With the changing demographics, paying for current fish and wildlife programs is putting more of a burden on young families than ever. Those are the very people that we need to get outdoors. There is a growing body of work to support the premise that an outdoor lifestyle is a healthy lifestyle, both physically and mentally. By making sure our young families can afford to enjoy our parks, hunting, and fishing, we can ensure their children will continue that tradition when they are adults.

I have included a number of graphs and documents to better explain the situation.

**In summary, the Department appreciates the support of the Committee in passage of the bill.**

1947

**LICENSE SALES**

Resident Hunt	139,231	@	\$1.50
Resident Combo	59,597	@	\$3.00
Resident Fish	182,243	@	\$1.50
Nonresident Hunt	5,833	@	\$5.00
Nonresident Fish	1,938	@	\$3.00

**HUNTING SEASONS**

Pheasant

Oct. 30-Nov. 3, Daily bag limit 3 cocks  
Area open: 47 counties in western KS

Quail

Nov. 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 26, 27, 28, 30, Dec. 3, 5,  
Daily bag limit: 10 Area open: Statewide

Prairie chicken

NO OPEN SEASON

Turkey

NO OPEN SEASON

Deer

NO OPEN SEASON

2010

**LICENSE SALES**

Resident Hunt	69,560	@	\$20.50
Resident Combo	37,626	@	\$38.50
Resident Fish	159,014	@	\$20.50
24-hour Fish	58,827	@	\$5.50
Nonresident Hunt	66,229	@	\$72.50
Nonresident Hunt Jr.	2,793	@	\$37.50
Nonresident Fish	8,933	@	\$42.50

**HUNTING SEASONS**

PHEASANT

Nov. 12-Jan. 31, 2012, Daily bag limit 4 cocks  
Area Open: Statewide

QUAIL

Nov. 12-Jan. 31, 2012, Daily bag limit 10  
Area Open: Statewide

PRAIRIE CHICKEN

East Zone - Sept. 15-Oct. 15 and Nov. 20-Jan. 31, 2012  
Northwest Zone - Nov. 19-Jan. 31, 2012, Daily bag limit 2  
Southwest Zone - Nov. 15-Dec. 31, 2011, Daily Bag Limit: 1

TURKEY

Fall season: Oct. 1-Nov. 29, 2011 and Dec. 12-31 and  
Jan. 9-31, 2012, Daily bag limit 1 per permit/game tag  
Spring season: April 1-10 archery/youth/disabled season  
April 11-May 31, 2012, regular season

DEER

Youth/disabled: Sept. 10-18, 2011, Muzzleloader: Sept. 19-Oct. 2, 2011  
Archery: Sept. 19-Dec. 31, 2011, Early Firearm (Unit 19): Oct. 8-16, 2011  
Regular Firearm: Nov. 30-Dec. 11, 2011,  
Extended Antlerless: Jan. 1-8, 2012, Spcl. Antlerless: Jan. 9-15, 2012

**1947**

Public Wildlife Areas  
3

State Fishing Lakes  
12

State Parks  
3

Federal Reservoirs  
0

Community Lakes  
25

**2010**

Public Wildlife Areas  
107

State Fishing Lakes  
57

State Parks  
26

Federal Reservoirs  
25

Community Lakes  
258

**Table 8. Life expectancy at birth by race, Hispanic origin, race for non-Hispanic population, and sex: United States, 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970 and 1975-2009**

(Race categories are consistent with the 1977 Office of Management and Budget standards. Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on the death certificate. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Data for Hispanic persons are not tabulated separately by race; data for non-Hispanic persons are tabulated by race; see "Technical Notes")

Year	All races and origins <sup>1</sup>																			
	White				Black				Hispanic				Non-Hispanic white				Non-Hispanic black			
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female		
2009 <sup>2</sup>	78.5	76.0	80.9	78.8	76.4	81.2	74.5	71.1	77.6	81.2	78.7	83.5	78.7	76.3	81.1	74.2	70.7	77.3		
2008 <sup>2</sup>	78.1	75.6	80.6	78.5	76.1	80.9	74.0	70.6	77.2	81.0	78.4	83.3	78.4	75.9	80.8	73.7	70.2	76.9		
2007 <sup>2</sup>	77.9	75.4	80.4	78.4	75.9	80.8	73.6	70.0	76.8	80.9	78.2	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
2006 <sup>2</sup>	77.7	75.1	80.2	78.2	75.7	80.6	73.2	69.7	76.5	80.6	77.9	83.1	78.1	75.6	80.4	72.9	69.2	76.2		
2005 <sup>2</sup>	77.4	74.9	79.9	77.9	75.4	80.4	72.8	69.3	76.1	80.6	77.9	83.1	78.1	75.6	80.4	72.9	69.2	76.2		
2004 <sup>2</sup>	77.5	74.9	79.9	77.9	75.4	80.4	72.8	69.3	76.1	80.6	77.9	83.1	78.1	75.6	80.4	72.9	69.2	76.2		
2003 <sup>2</sup>	77.1	74.5	79.6	77.6	75.0	80.0	72.3	68.8	75.6	80.0	77.6	83.5	78.7	76.3	81.1	74.2	70.7	77.3		
2002	76.9	74.3	79.5	77.4	74.9	79.9	72.1	68.6	75.4	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
2001	76.9	74.2	79.4	77.4	74.8	79.9	72.0	68.4	75.2	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
2000	76.8	74.1	79.3	77.3	74.7	79.9	71.8	68.2	75.1	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
1999	76.7	73.9	79.4	77.3	74.6	79.9	71.4	67.8	74.7	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
1998	76.7	73.8	79.4	77.3	74.5	80.0	71.3	67.6	74.8	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
1997	76.5	73.6	79.4	77.1	74.3	79.9	71.1	67.2	74.7	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
1996	76.1	73.1	79.1	76.8	73.9	79.7	70.2	66.1	74.2	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
1995	75.8	72.5	78.9	76.5	73.4	79.6	69.6	65.2	73.9	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
1994	75.7	72.4	79.0	76.5	73.3	79.6	69.5	64.9	73.9	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
1993	75.5	72.2	78.8	76.3	73.1	79.5	69.2	64.6	73.7	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
1992	75.8	72.3	79.1	76.5	73.2	79.8	69.6	65.0	73.9	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
1991	75.5	72.0	78.9	76.3	72.9	79.6	69.3	64.6	73.8	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
1990	75.4	71.8	78.8	76.1	72.7	79.4	69.1	64.5	73.6	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
1989	75.1	71.7	78.5	75.9	72.5	79.2	68.8	64.3	73.3	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
1988	74.9	71.4	78.3	75.6	72.2	78.9	68.9	64.4	73.2	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
1987	74.9	71.4	78.3	75.6	72.1	78.9	69.1	64.7	73.4	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
1986	74.7	71.2	78.2	75.4	71.9	78.8	69.1	64.8	73.4	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
1985	74.7	71.1	78.2	75.3	71.8	78.7	69.3	65.0	73.6	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
1984	74.7	71.1	78.2	75.3	71.8	78.7	69.5	65.3	73.6	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
1983	74.6	71.0	78.1	75.2	71.6	78.7	69.4	65.1	73.6	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
1982	74.5	70.8	78.1	75.1	71.5	78.7	69.4	65.1	73.6	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
1981	74.1	70.4	77.8	74.8	71.1	78.4	68.9	64.5	73.2	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
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1979	73.9	70.0	77.8	74.6	70.8	78.4	68.5	64.0	72.9	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
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1977	73.3	69.5	77.2	74.0	70.2	77.9	67.7	63.4	72.0	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
1976	72.9	69.1	76.8	73.6	69.9	77.5	67.2	62.9	71.6	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
1975	72.6	68.8	76.6	73.4	69.5	77.3	66.8	62.4	71.3	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
1970	70.8	67.1	74.7	71.7	68.0	75.6	64.1	60.0	68.3	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
1960	69.7	66.6	73.1	70.6	67.4	74.1	64.1	60.0	68.3	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
1950	68.2	65.6	71.1	69.1	66.5	72.2	64.1	60.0	68.3	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		
1940	62.9	60.8	65.2	64.2	62.1	66.6	64.2	62.1	66.6	79.9	77.4	83.4	78.2	75.8	80.6	73.2	69.6	76.5		

--- Data not available.

<sup>1</sup> Includes races other than white and black.

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**Table 7. Life expectancy at selected ages by race, Hispanic origin, race for non-Hispanic population, and sex: United States, 2009**

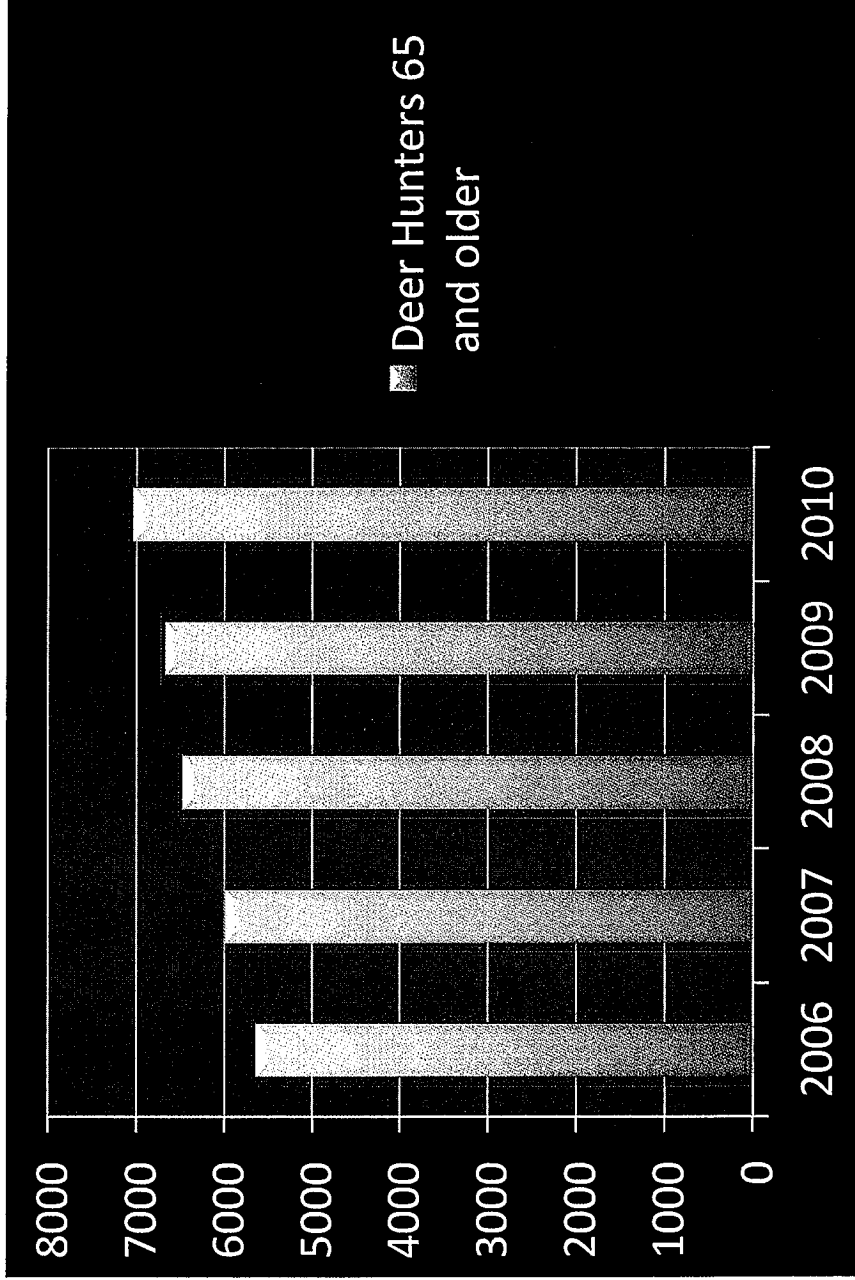
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Exact age in years	All races and origins <sup>1</sup>						Black <sup>2</sup>			White <sup>2</sup>			Hispanic			Non-Hispanic white <sup>2</sup>			Non-Hispanic black <sup>2</sup>					
	Both sexes		Male		Female		Both sexes		Male		Female		Both sexes		Male		Female		Both sexes		Male		Female	
	sexes	Male	Female	sexes	Male	Female	sexes	Male	Female	sexes	Male	Female	sexes	Male	Female	sexes	Male	Female	sexes	Male	Female	sexes	Male	Female
0	78.5	76.0	80.9	78.8	76.4	81.2	74.5	71.1	77.6	81.2	78.7	83.5	78.7	76.3	81.1	74.2	70.7	77.3	78.7	78.1	75.7	74.2	70.7	77.2
1	78.0	75.5	80.4	78.3	75.9	80.6	74.5	71.1	77.5	80.6	78.2	82.9	78.2	75.7	80.4	74.1	70.7	77.2	78.1	78.1	75.7	74.1	70.7	77.2
5	74.1	71.6	76.4	74.3	71.9	76.7	70.6	67.2	73.6	76.7	74.2	79.0	74.2	71.8	76.5	70.3	66.8	73.4	74.2	74.2	71.8	70.3	66.8	73.4
10	69.2	66.6	71.5	69.4	67.0	71.7	65.6	62.3	68.7	71.8	69.3	74.0	69.3	66.9	71.5	65.3	61.9	68.4	70.3	70.3	66.9	65.3	61.9	68.4
15	64.2	61.7	66.5	64.4	62.0	66.7	60.7	57.3	63.7	66.8	64.3	69.1	64.3	61.9	66.6	60.4	57.0	63.5	67.5	67.5	64.3	60.4	57.0	63.5
20	59.4	56.9	61.6	59.6	57.2	61.8	55.9	52.6	58.8	62.0	59.6	64.2	59.6	57.1	61.7	55.6	52.3	58.6	61.7	61.7	57.1	55.6	52.3	58.6
25	54.6	52.3	56.8	54.8	52.6	57.0	51.2	48.1	54.0	57.2	54.9	59.3	54.9	52.4	56.8	50.9	47.7	53.8	56.8	56.8	52.4	50.9	47.7	53.8
30	49.9	47.6	51.9	50.0	47.9	52.1	46.6	43.5	49.2	52.4	50.2	54.4	50.2	47.7	52.0	46.3	43.2	49.0	52.0	52.0	47.7	46.3	43.2	49.0
35	45.1	42.9	47.1	45.3	43.2	47.3	42.0	39.0	44.5	47.6	45.4	49.5	45.4	43.1	47.2	41.7	38.7	44.3	47.2	47.2	43.1	41.7	38.7	44.3
40	40.4	38.3	42.3	40.6	38.5	42.5	37.4	34.5	39.8	42.9	40.7	44.7	40.7	38.4	42.4	37.1	34.2	39.6	42.4	42.4	38.4	37.1	34.2	39.6
45	35.8	33.7	37.7	36.0	34.0	37.8	33.0	30.2	35.3	38.2	36.1	39.9	36.1	33.9	37.7	32.7	29.9	35.1	37.7	37.7	33.9	32.7	29.9	35.1
50	31.4	29.4	33.1	31.5	29.6	33.2	28.7	26.0	31.0	33.6	31.6	35.3	31.6	29.5	33.2	28.5	25.8	30.8	33.2	33.2	29.5	28.5	25.8	30.8
55	27.1	25.3	28.7	27.2	25.4	28.8	24.8	22.3	26.9	29.2	27.3	30.8	27.3	25.4	28.7	24.6	22.1	26.7	28.7	28.7	25.4	24.6	22.1	26.7
60	23.1	21.3	24.4	23.1	21.5	24.5	21.2	18.9	23.0	25.0	23.3	26.3	23.3	21.4	24.4	21.0	18.7	22.8	24.4	24.4	21.4	21.0	18.7	22.8
65	19.2	17.6	20.3	19.1	17.7	20.4	17.8	15.8	19.3	20.9	19.4	22.0	19.4	17.6	20.3	17.7	15.7	19.1	20.3	20.3	17.6	17.7	15.7	19.1
70	15.5	14.2	16.5	15.5	14.2	16.5	14.6	13.0	15.8	17.1	15.7	18.0	15.7	14.1	16.4	14.6	12.9	15.7	16.4	16.4	14.1	14.6	12.9	15.7
75	12.2	11.0	12.9	12.1	11.0	12.9	11.7	10.3	12.6	13.6	12.4	14.3	12.4	11.0	12.9	11.7	10.2	12.5	12.9	12.9	11.0	11.7	10.2	12.5
80	9.2	8.2	9.7	9.1	8.2	9.7	9.1	7.9	9.7	10.4	9.3	10.9	9.3	8.2	9.7	9.0	7.8	9.7	9.7	9.7	8.2	9.0	7.8	9.7
85	6.7	5.9	7.0	6.6	5.8	7.0	6.8	5.9	7.2	7.6	6.8	7.9	6.8	5.8	7.0	6.8	5.9	7.2	7.0	7.0	5.8	6.8	5.9	7.2
90	4.7	4.1	4.9	4.6	4.1	4.8	5.1	4.4	5.3	5.4	4.8	5.6	4.8	4.0	4.8	4.6	4.4	5.3	4.8	4.8	4.0	4.8	4.4	5.3
95	3.3	2.9	3.4	3.2	2.8	3.3	3.8	3.3	3.9	3.8	3.4	3.9	3.4	2.8	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.9	3.3	3.3	2.8	3.3	3.3	3.9
100	2.4	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.9	2.5	2.9	2.7	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.9	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.9

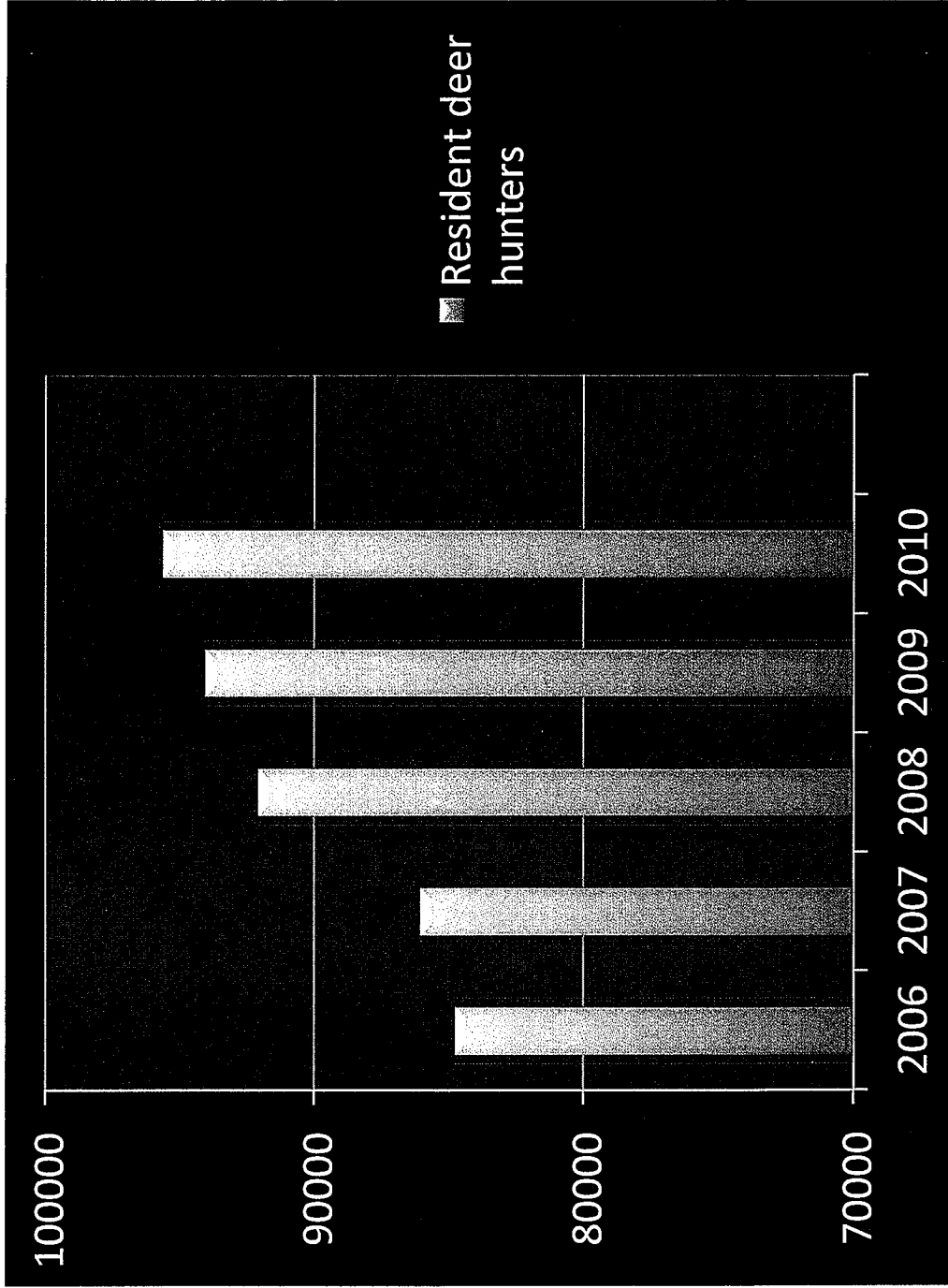
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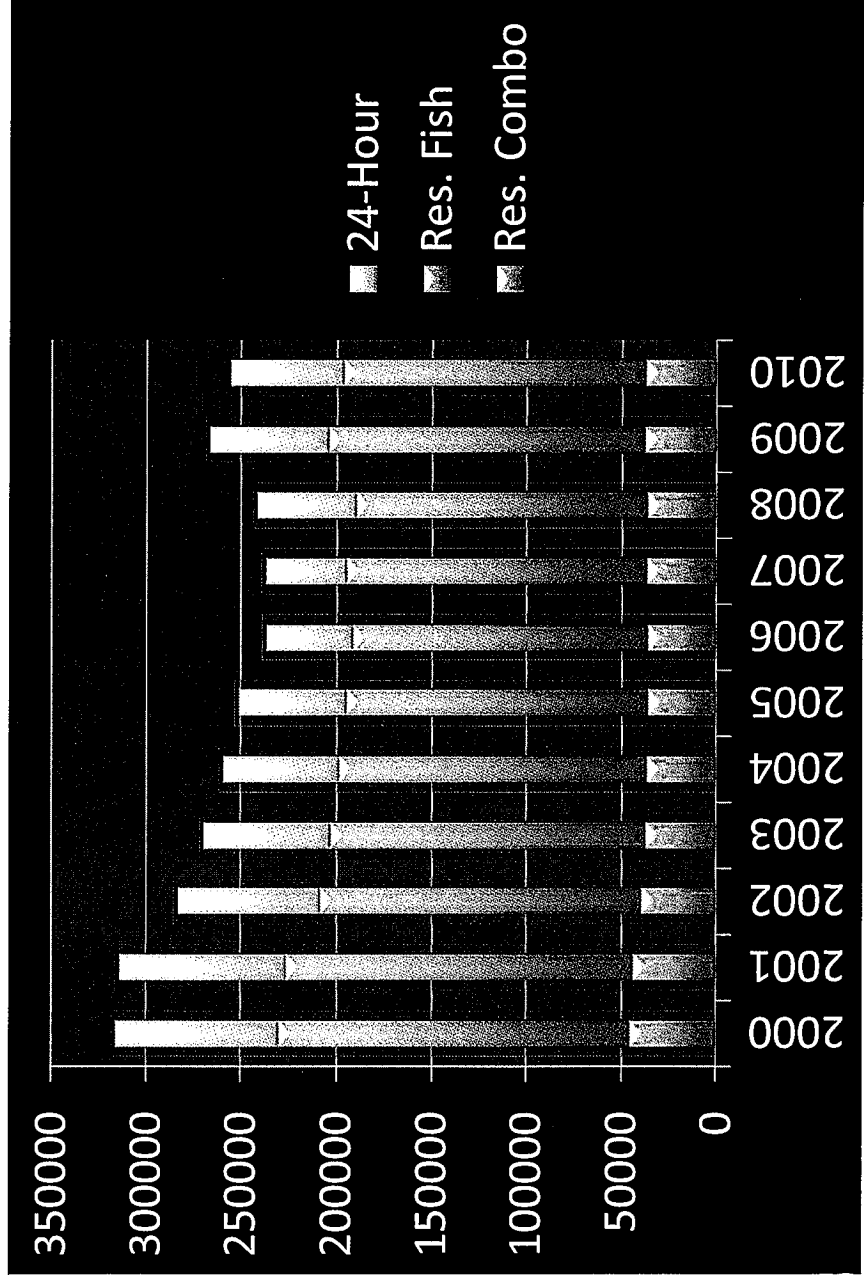
# Deer Hunters Age 65 And Older 2006-2010



# Resident Deer Hunters

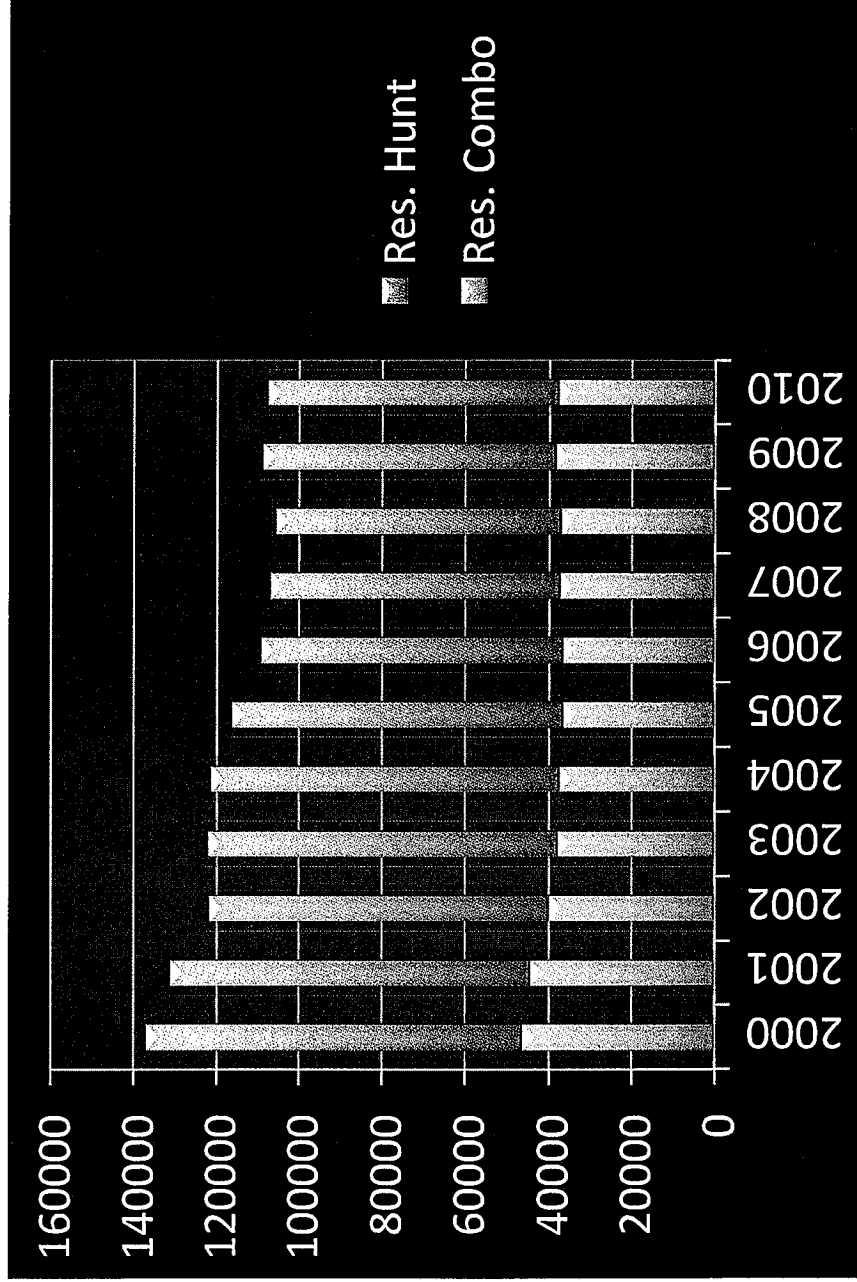


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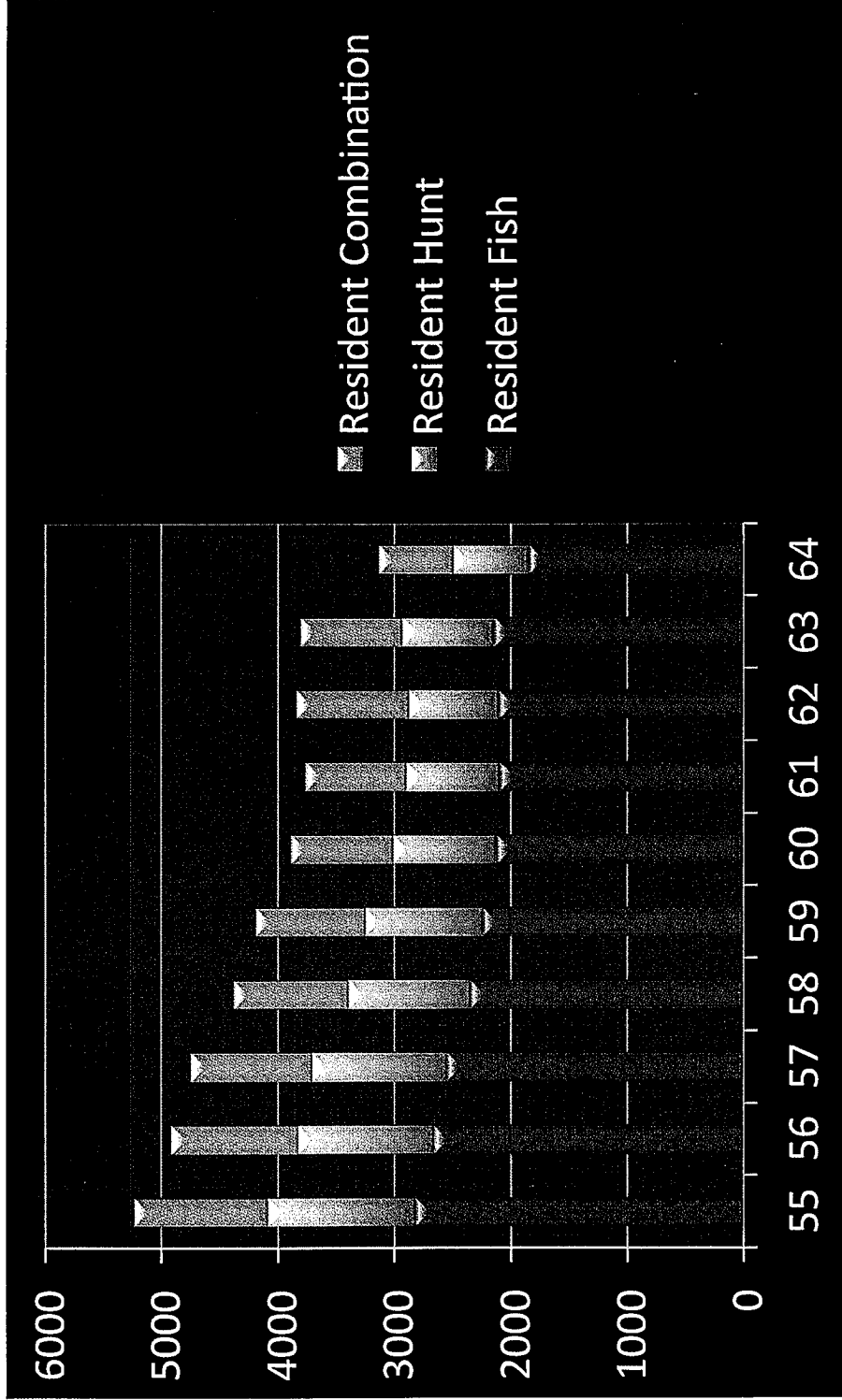




# Resident Hunt and Hunt/Fish Combo License Sales 2000-2010



# Resident Hunters and Anglers Age 55-64



Age of residents holding hunting, fishing and fishing/hunting combination licenses in 2011

**Chart 1**

COMBINED NUMBER OF ANGLERS AND HUNTERS PER OFFICER	WISCONSIN	MINNESOTA	KANSAS	MISSOURI	OKLAHOMA	WASHINGTON	UTAH	OREGON	NORTH DAKOTA	IOWA	ARIZONA	TEXAS	CALIFORNIA	COLORADO	NEBRASKA	MONTANA	NEVADA	IDAHO	NEW MEXICO	SOUTH DAKOTA	WYOMING	ALASKA
	13,848	12,740	10,887	10,206	9,578	9,563	8,869	8,558	8,357	8,301	8,069	7,887	7,260	6,807	6,723	6,507	6,406	6,393	5,179	5,016	5,000	4,136

Mean Average 7,938  
Median 8,870

**Chart 2**

NUMBER OF HUNTERS PER OFFICER	WISCONSIN	NORTH DAKOTA	KANSAS	MISSOURI	MINNESOTA	IOWA	SOUTH DAKOTA	OKLAHOMA	UTAH	MONTANA	NEBRASKA	OREGON	TEXAS	IDAHO	ARIZONA	NEVADA	COLORADO	WASHINGTON	WYOMING	NEW MEXICO	CALIFORNIA	ALASKA
	4,616	4,571	4,371	3,685	3,474	3,024	2,803	2,789	2,721	2,627	2,511	2,495	2,393	2,226	2,208	1,969	1,919	1,896	1,672	1,478	1,014	807

2,871  
3,025

**Chart 3**

NUMBER OF ANGLERS PER OFFICER	MINNESOTA	WISCONSIN	WASHINGTON	OKLAHOMA	MISSOURI	KANSAS	CALIFORNIA	UTAH	OREGON	ARIZONA	TEXAS	IOWA	COLORADO	NEVADA	NEBRASKA	IDAHO	MONTANA	NORTH DAKOTA	NEW MEXICO	ALASKA	WYOMING	SOUTH DAKOTA
	9,266	9,232	7,667	6,789	6,521	6,516	6,245	6,148	6,063	5,861	5,493	5,277	4,889	4,438	4,213	4,167	3,880	3,786	3,701	3,330	3,328	2,213

5,067  
5,740

**Chart 4**

ANGLER-HUNTER DENSITY PER OFFICER (per square mile)	WISCONSIN	MINNESOTA	MISSOURI	TEXAS	OKLAHOMA	IOWA	OREGON	CALIFORNIA	COLORADO	WASHINGTON	KANSAS	IDAHO	ARIZONA	UTAH	NEBRASKA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MONTANA	NORTH DAKOTA	NEW MEXICO	WYOMING	NEVADA	ALASKA
	38.47	24.69	24.47	13.32	12.55	11.45	9.88	9.67	8.91	8.40	8.20	6.42	5.11	4.22	4.09	3.97	3.32	3.31	2.86	2.61	1.86	0.54

9.52  
13.65

The three charts above list the number of anglers and hunters per field-level, non-supervisory officer within each reporting state listed. Chart 1 lists the combined number of anglers and hunters per officer. Chart 2 lists the ratio of hunters to officers. Chart 3 lists the number of anglers per officer. Chart 4 lists the combined number of anglers and hunters per officer per the square miles per officer. (If evenly distributed, this number equals the number of anglers and hunters per square mile per officer) The mean average is based on the hunters, anglers, or combination thereof, from the highlighted states. These states represent the central portion of the United States and probably have a more common relationship to Kansas.