

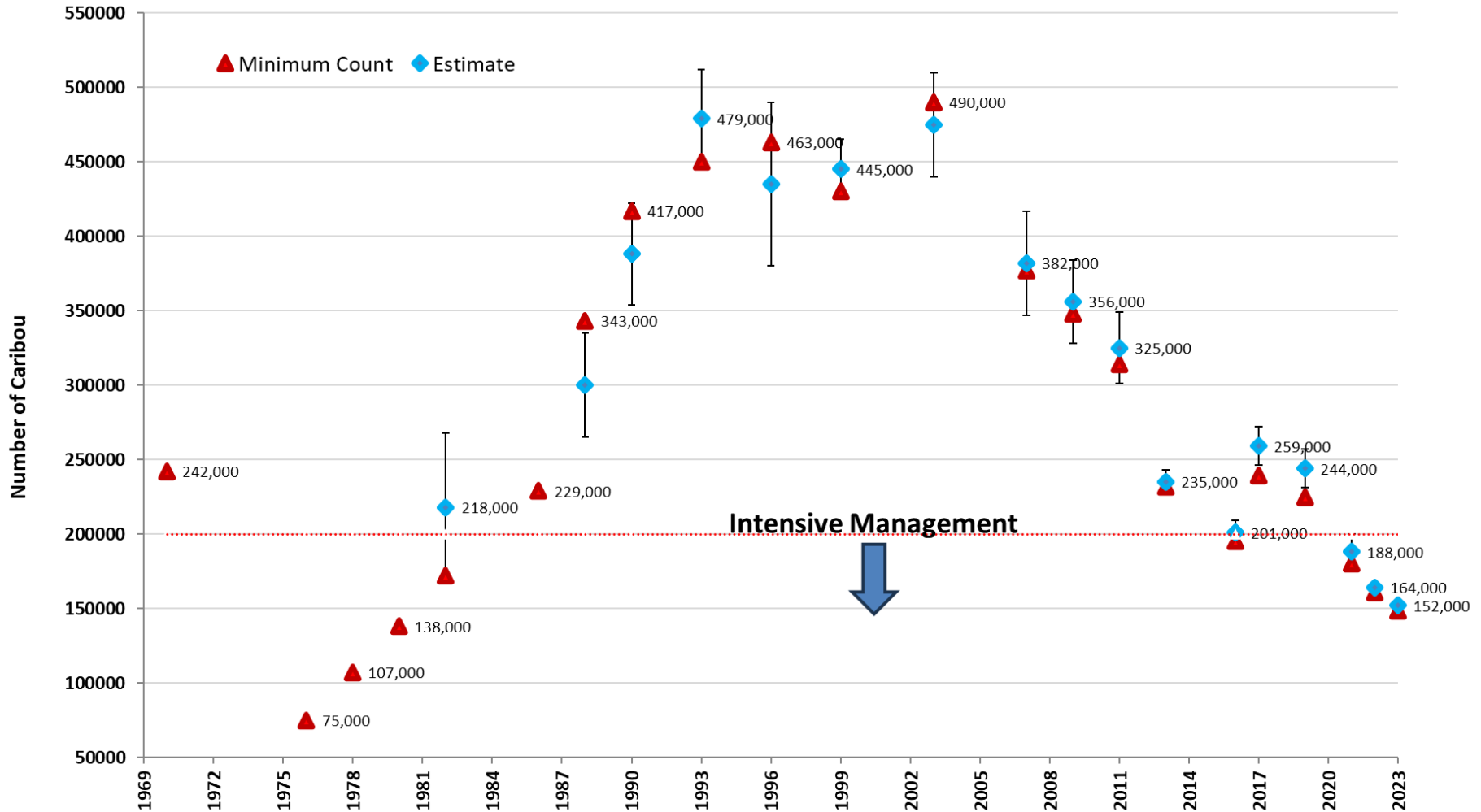
WAH Caribou Update



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WAH Abundance Over Time



WAH Metrics



WAH Health Stats

Population Size:	152,000
Population Trend:	Declining
Calving Rate:	71%
Calf Recruitment:	22 calves:100 adults
Cow Survival Rate:	75%
Bull-to-Cow Ratio:	50 bulls:100 cows

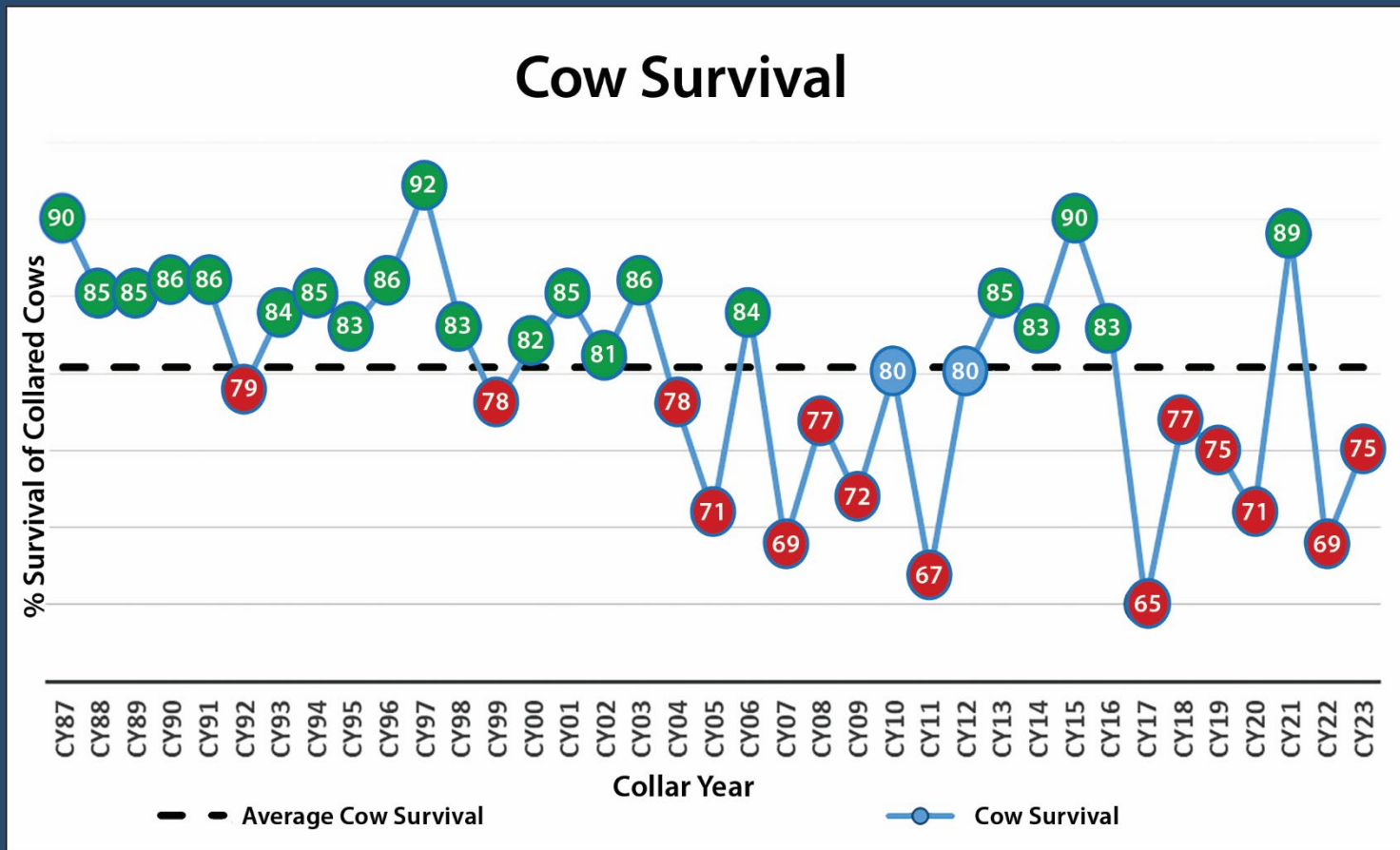
Green = Above long-term average

Red = Cause for concern



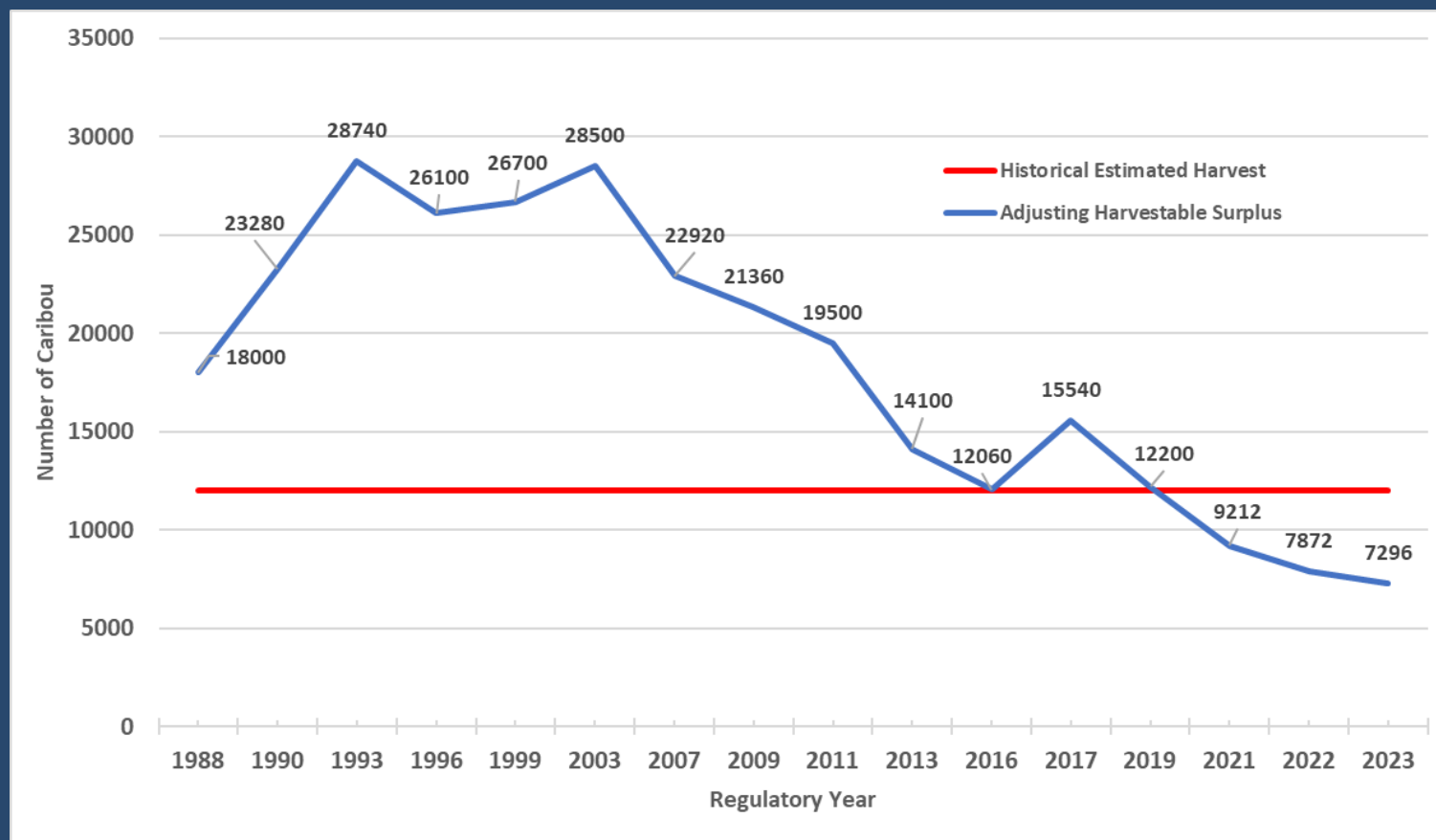
Adult Survival

- Adult Female Survival – 75% (below average)
 - Long term average = 80%



Limiting Cow Harvest

- IM Objective of at least 200,000
 - Harvest Objective 12,000-20,000
 - WAH and TCH combined ANS of 8,000-12,000
- Harvestable surplus is approximately 7300; (2023 census), recommended cow harvest is between 0 and 750 animals.



Why cows matter

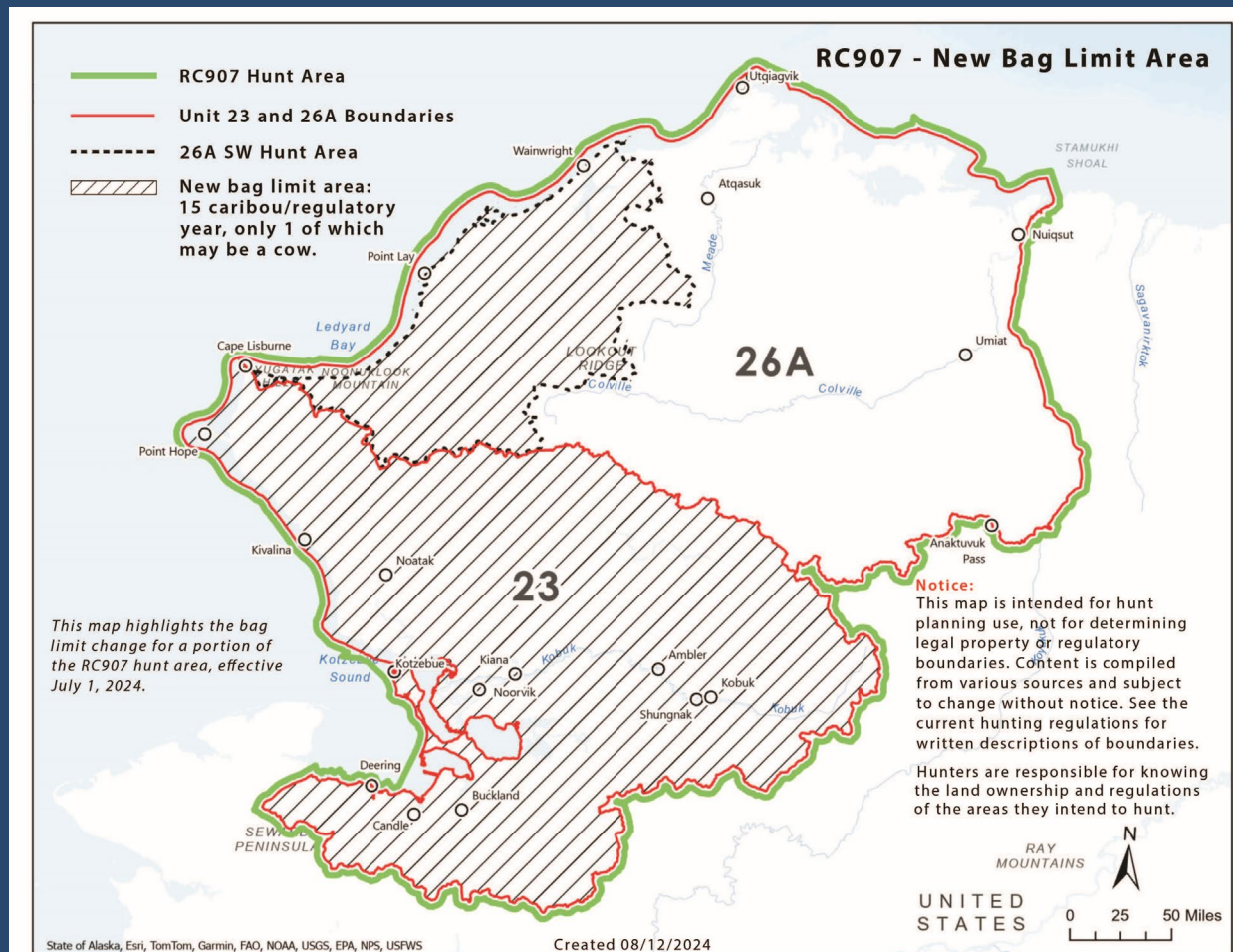
Cow Caribou Reproductive Potential



Board of Game Actions

Bag Limit changed in GMUs 22, 23, and SW 26A

- Bag limit is now: 15 caribou per year only 1 of which may be a cow



Board of Game Actions Cont.

Nonresident harvest in GMU 23

- Changed from general harvest ticket to Drawing tag
- Up to 300 permits issued (1 bull)

Increased bear harvest opportunity

- Year-round resident brown bear harvest in GMU 23
- Nonresident limit increased to 2 bears a year

Questions?

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