

Michigan's Deer Management Initiative



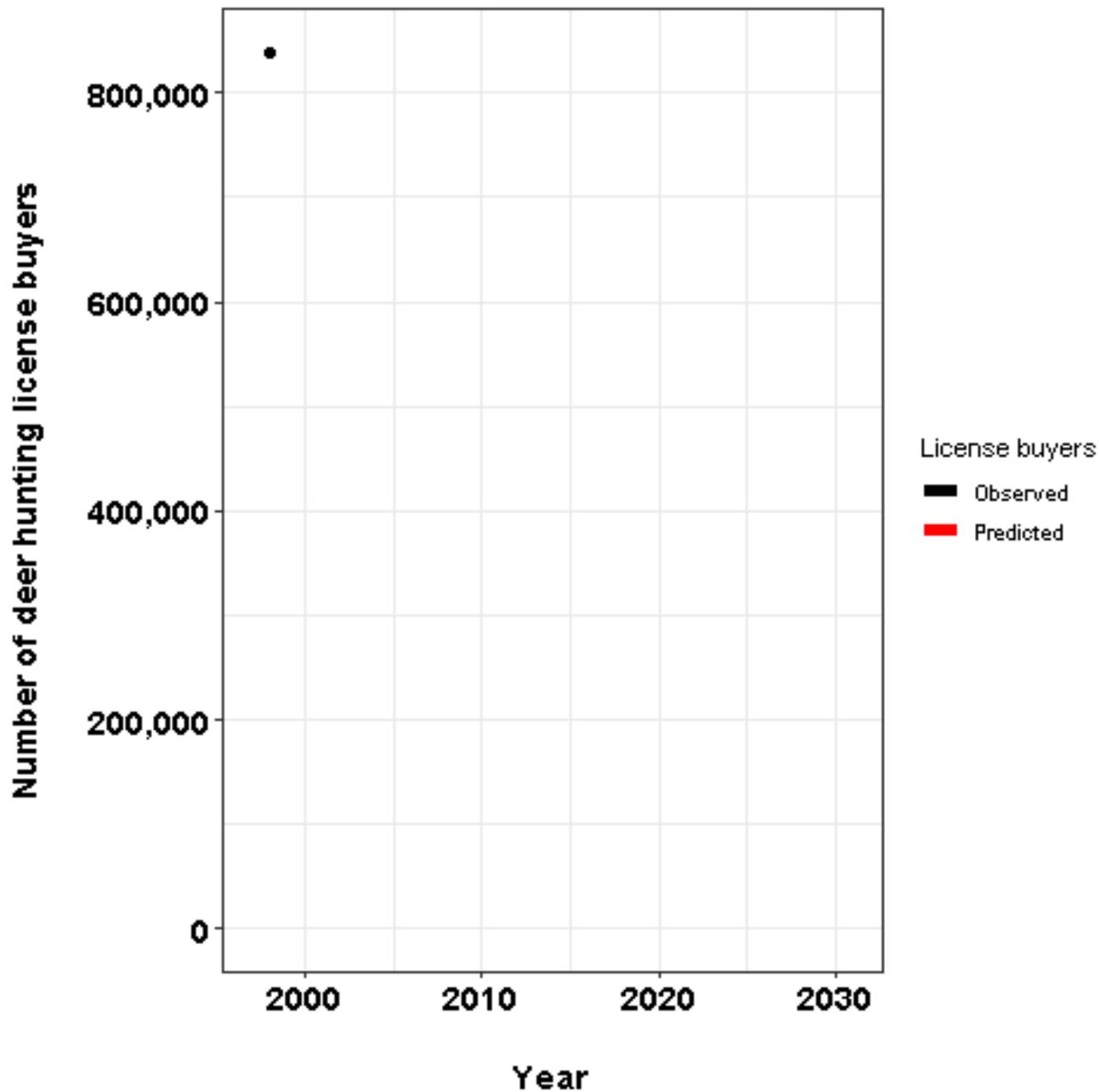
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 - Increasing suburban/urban sprawl
 - Habitat changes
 - Weather patterns and predators
 - Disease
- Our traditional model of addressing these problems is becoming less effective



What is the DMI?

- We need to reevaluate our current management paradigm and develop a set of recommendations in both Peninsula's to shift how management occurs
 - Short term, actionable items
 - Long term approaches that take time
- Effort must be collaborative and use best available science



Stakeholder Selection

- Development of UP and LP specific workgroups representing a diverse set of opinions and values
 - Will include traditional groups we have historically worked with
 - Will include unaffiliated hunters and non-hunters who can provide a unique perspective
 - Goal is to position our deer management to meet future challenges



Responsibilities

- Help develop a broad survey about deer trends
 - Distributed to hunters and non-hunters
- Attend a several day, facilitated meeting to look at data, identify problems, and develop recommendations on DNR/NRC actions
 - UP and LP specific



Anticipated Timeline

- December/January
 - Begin to compile work groups, including developing an application for non-affiliated individuals to participate
- January/February
 - Develop and administer public survey on deer
- April/May
 - Meetings are held and issues are discussed
- June/July
 - Each peninsula report is completed



Questions?

