

# Improving Mentored Hunts

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## Partnership

- This project is conducted in partnership with Delta Waterfowl, which is a duck hunter conservation organization.
- Mentored hunts through Delta Waterfowl have a focus tailored towards the conservation and management of waterfowl species.
  - This focus is not specific to the mentored hunt program but also comes with guardianship of vital breeding grounds, as well as academic research to enhance the field of wildlife management.



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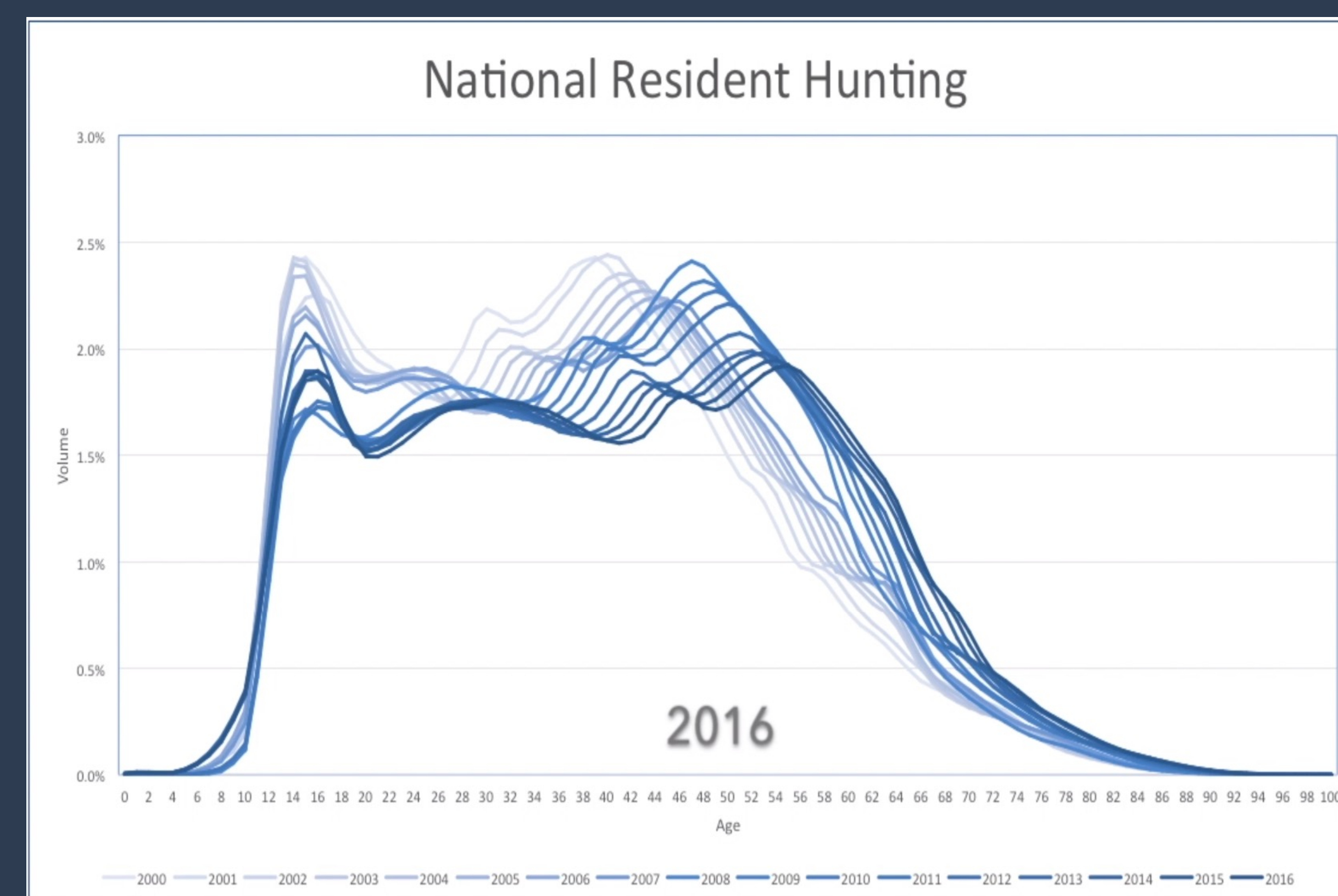
## Purpose

- The purpose of this study is to research and analyze experiences on Delta Waterfowl's mentored hunt program.
  - This is to be achieved through recognizing the barriers to participation in the program and
  - Finding out what worked and what did not.
- This project is being conducted using an exploratory approach.
  - To learn more about the program from its participants through individual interviews.

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## Objectives

- Identify experiences had on the program from its participants.
  - With respect to the barriers faced and how these were addressed.
- Understand how NTPH's came to the mentored hunt program.
- Acquire other recommendations that can be done to improve mentored hunts.
  - For the future
  - or
  - How they can be expanded upon.



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## Results & Challenges

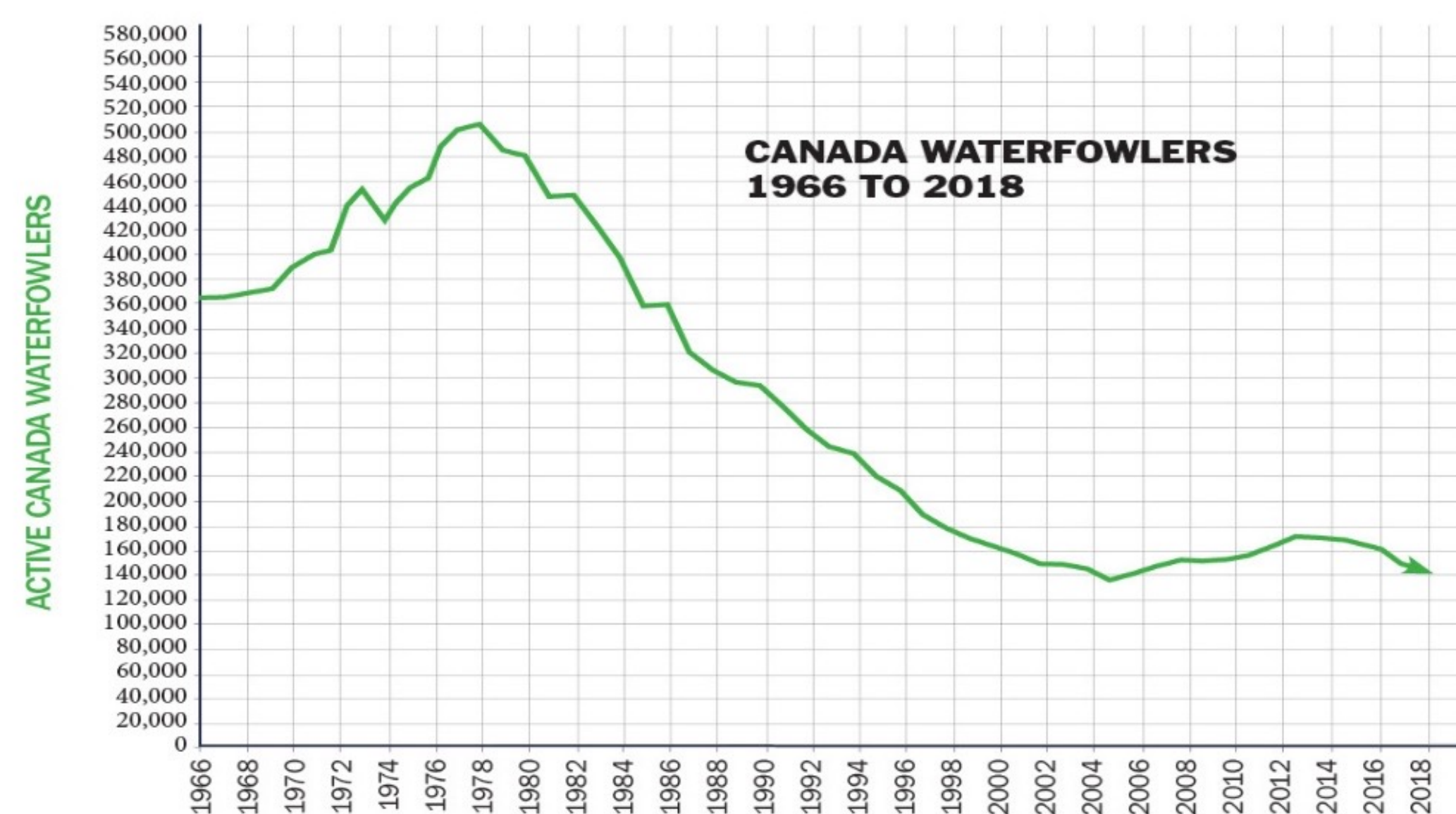
- As of now no preliminary results have been gathered.
  - No inference has been made into what these results might be, as to not influence the study in any way.
- All the results are expected to be concluded by the end of February.
- Due to the nature of qualitative research there are expected challenges to be faced such as:
  - Observer effect influencing responses
  - Ambiguity in collected responses
  - The grouping of related themes within multiple interviews.



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## Conclusion

- Mentored hunts offer a chance for all groups of people to learn how to hunt in a proper and sustainable manner.
  - This assists in offsetting the decline of hunters, particularly through NTPH.
- This study is done in partnership with Delta Waterfowl, with the intention of understanding the experiences had on mentored hunts.
  - This is achieved through conducting individual interviews to reach several predetermined objectives.
- Not enough results have been obtained yet.
  - Using qualitative research comes with several challenges to watch out for.



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## Introduction

- Due to the significant decrease in the number of hunters today, programs such as mentored hunts have been developed to encourage participation in the activity. The mentored hunt initiative is aimed at pairing inexperienced hunters (mentees) with experienced hunters (mentors).
  - This helps overcome a key barrier for many prospective hunters, the lack of first-hand experience.
  - It also offers the opportunities to people who did not or was not allowed to follow the traditional path of hunting (Non-Traditional Path Hunters, NTPH) a safe learning environment.

