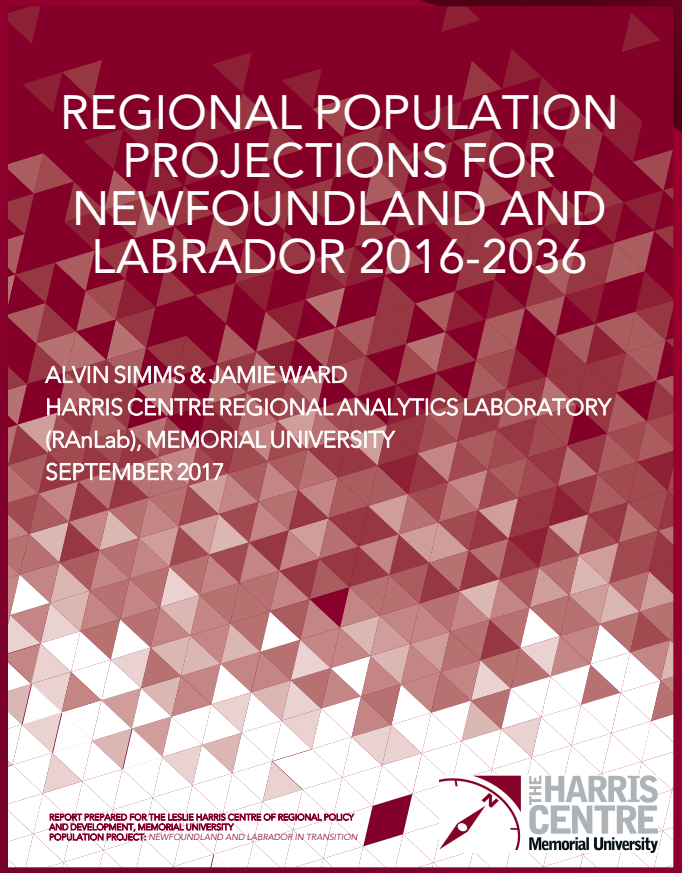

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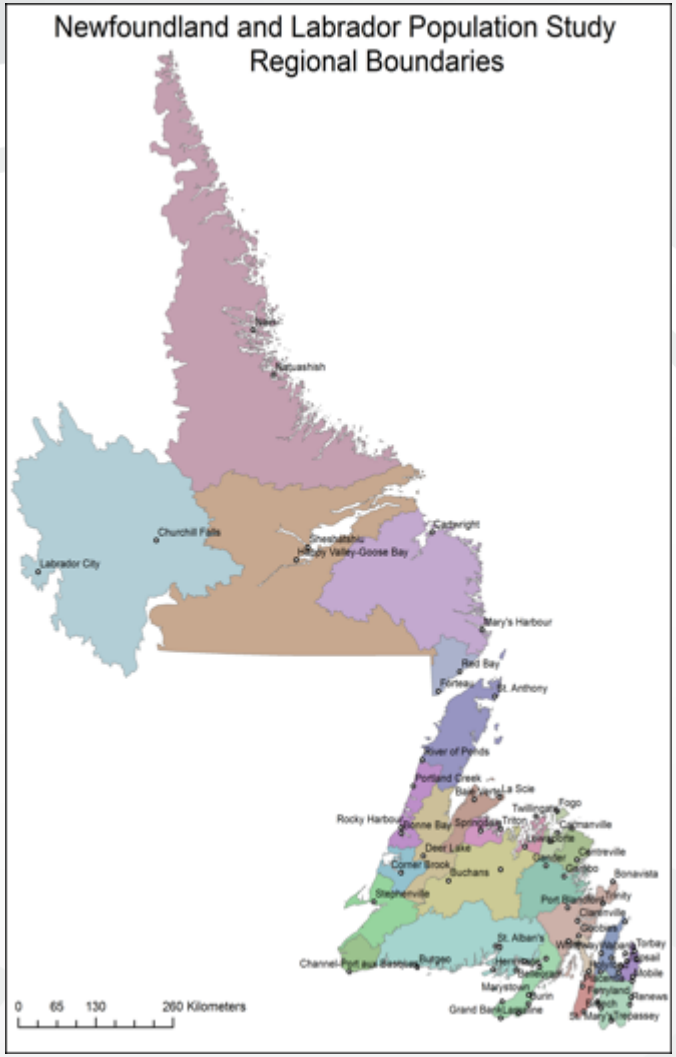
NL Population Projections - Regions



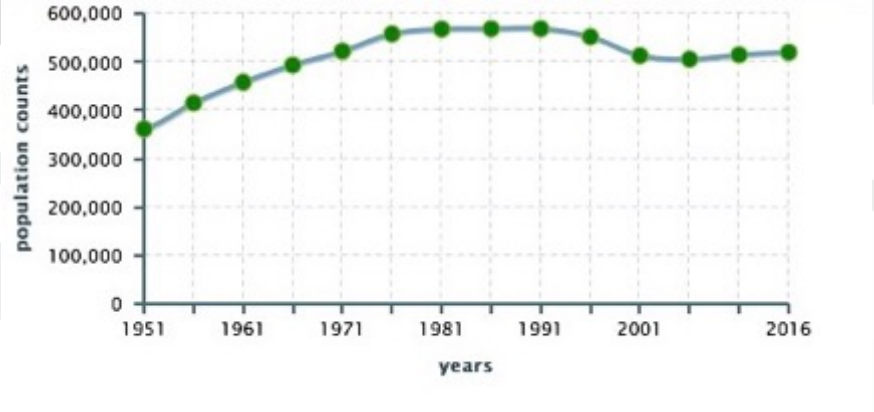
Projection period 2016-2036

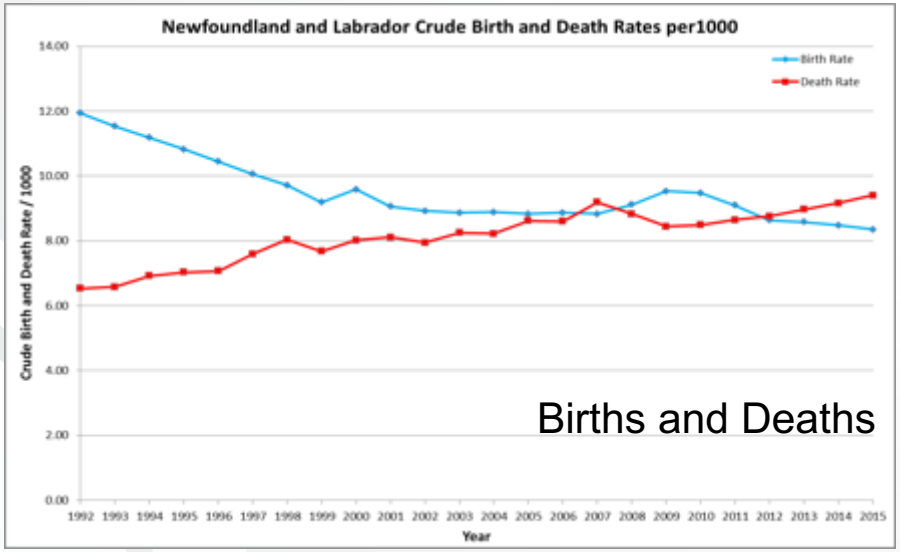
Labrador
5 regions

Island
21 regions

NL Population: Past Trends

Population 1951-2016





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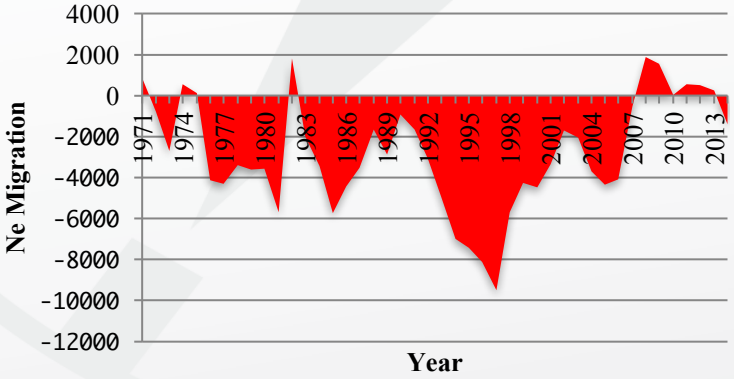

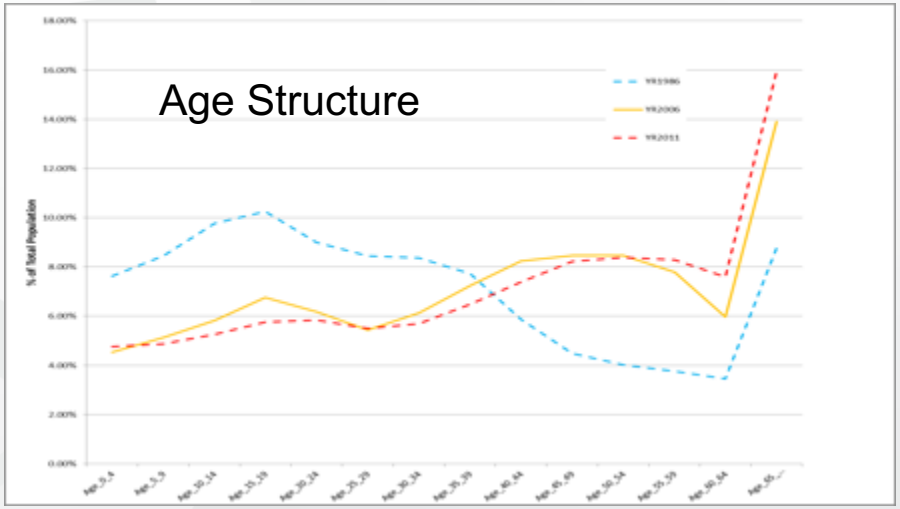

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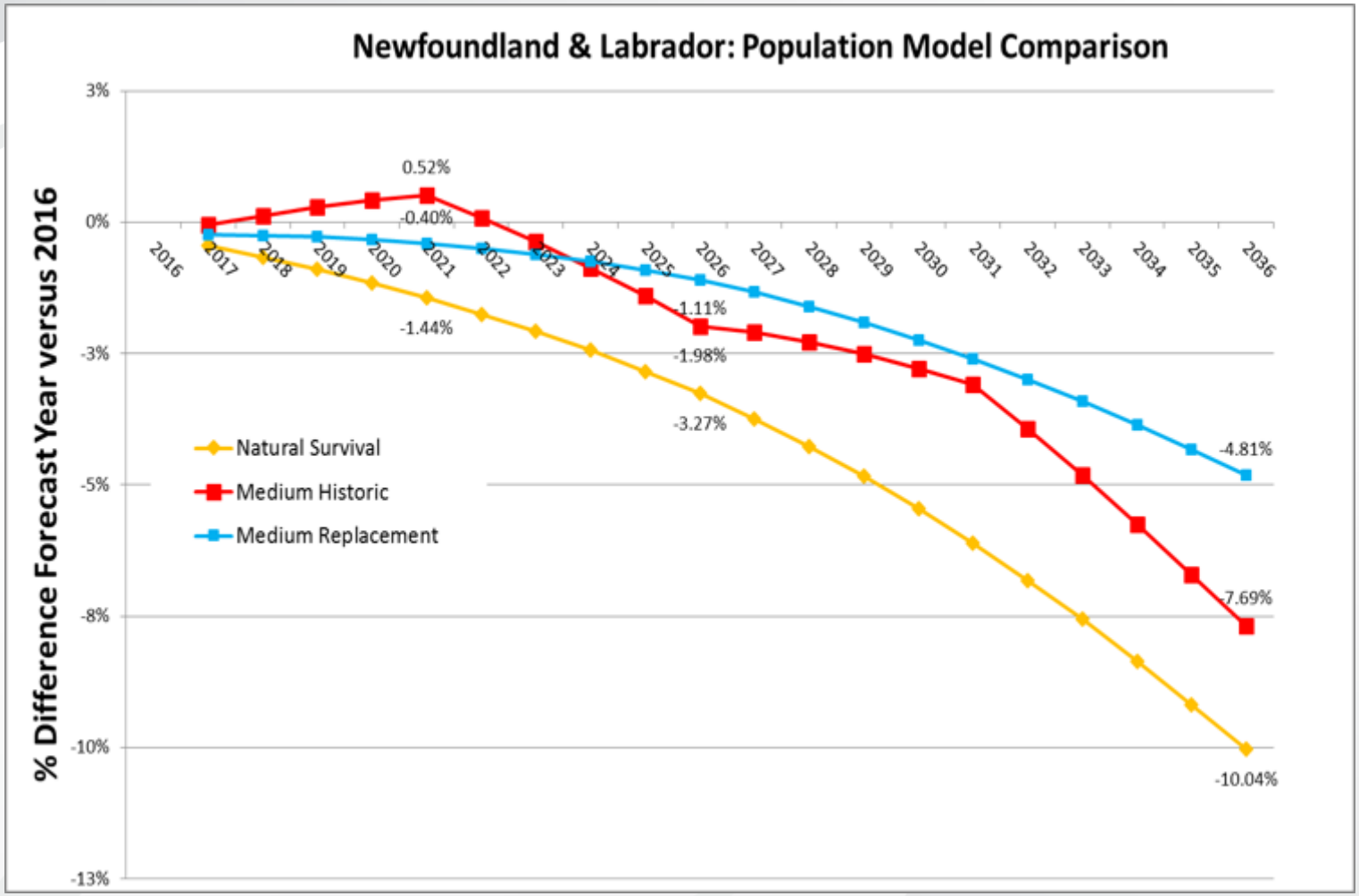

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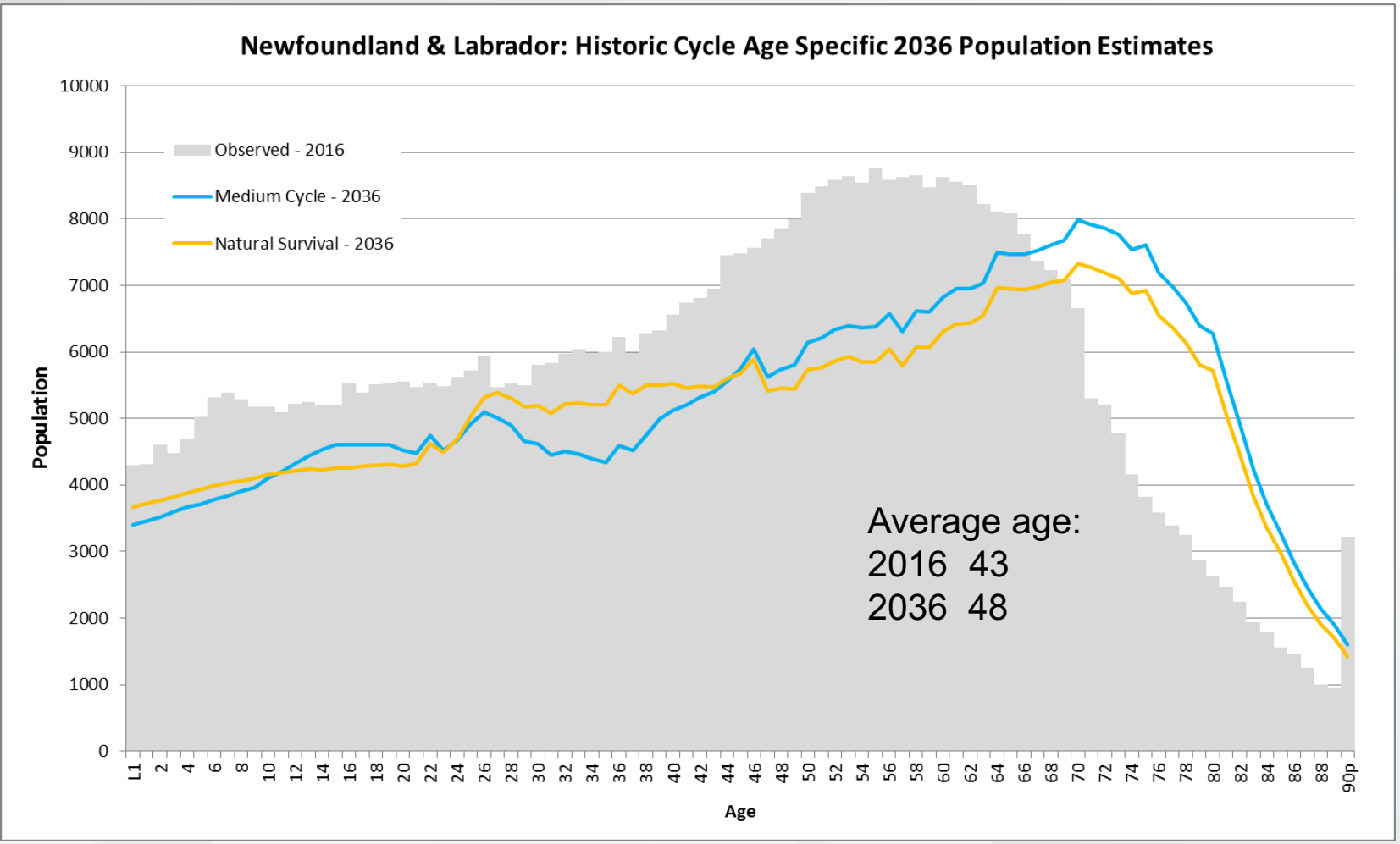

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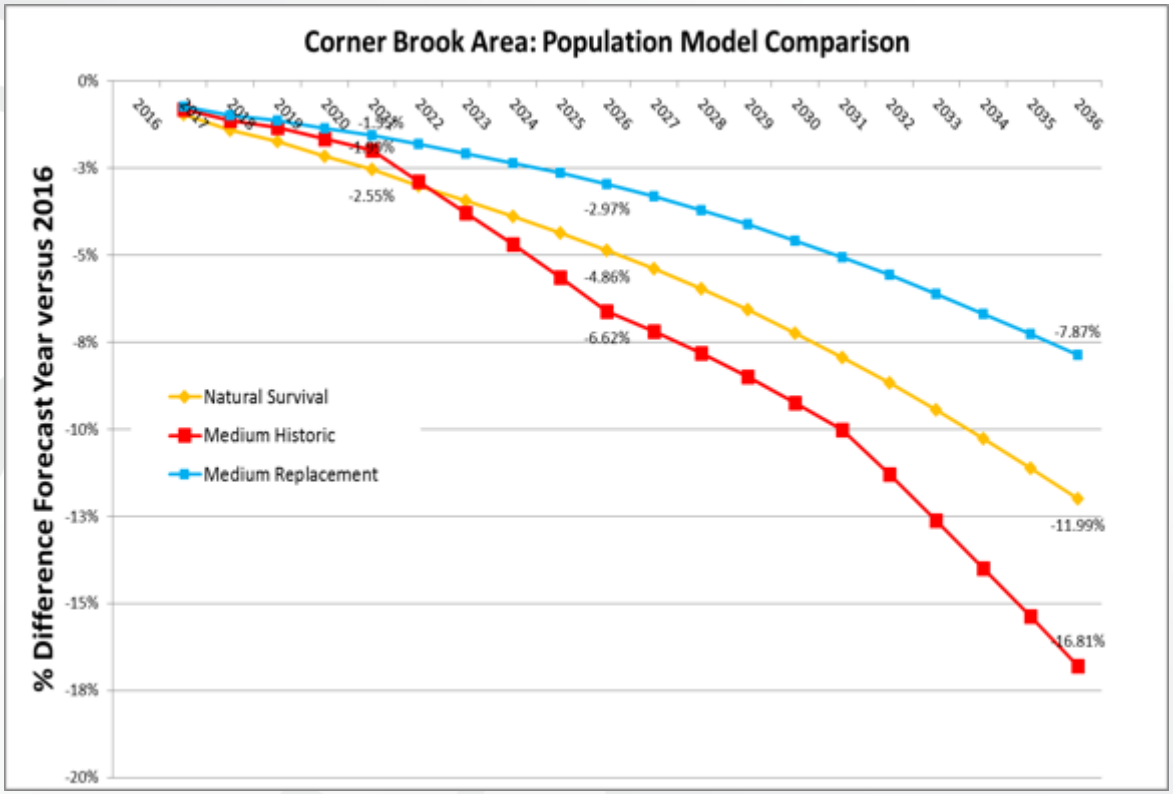

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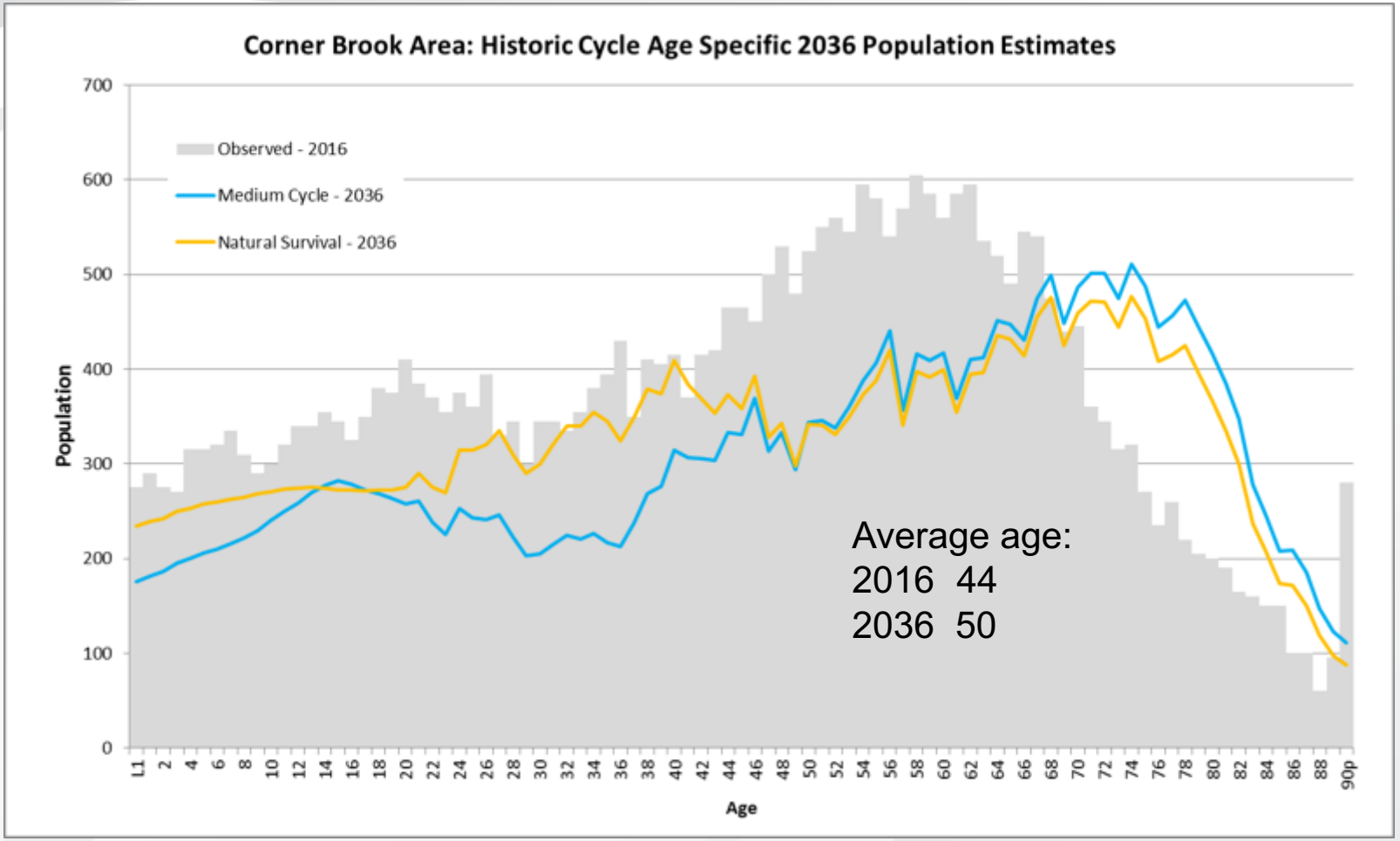

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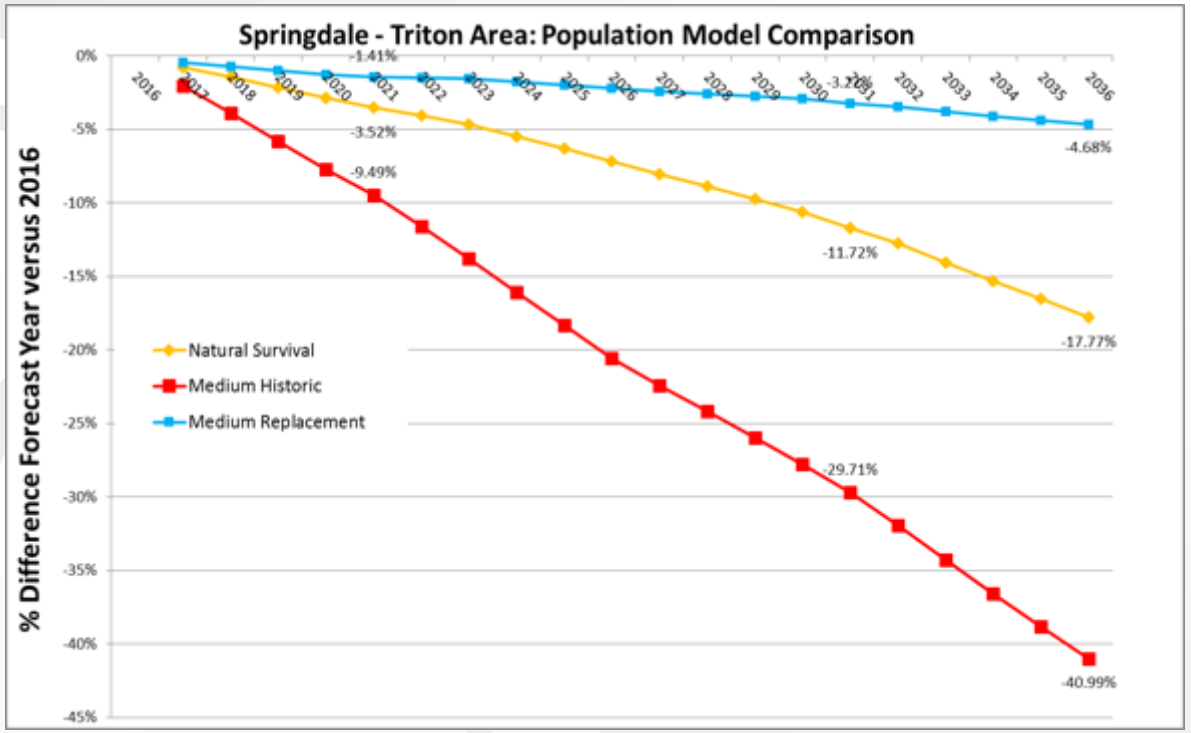

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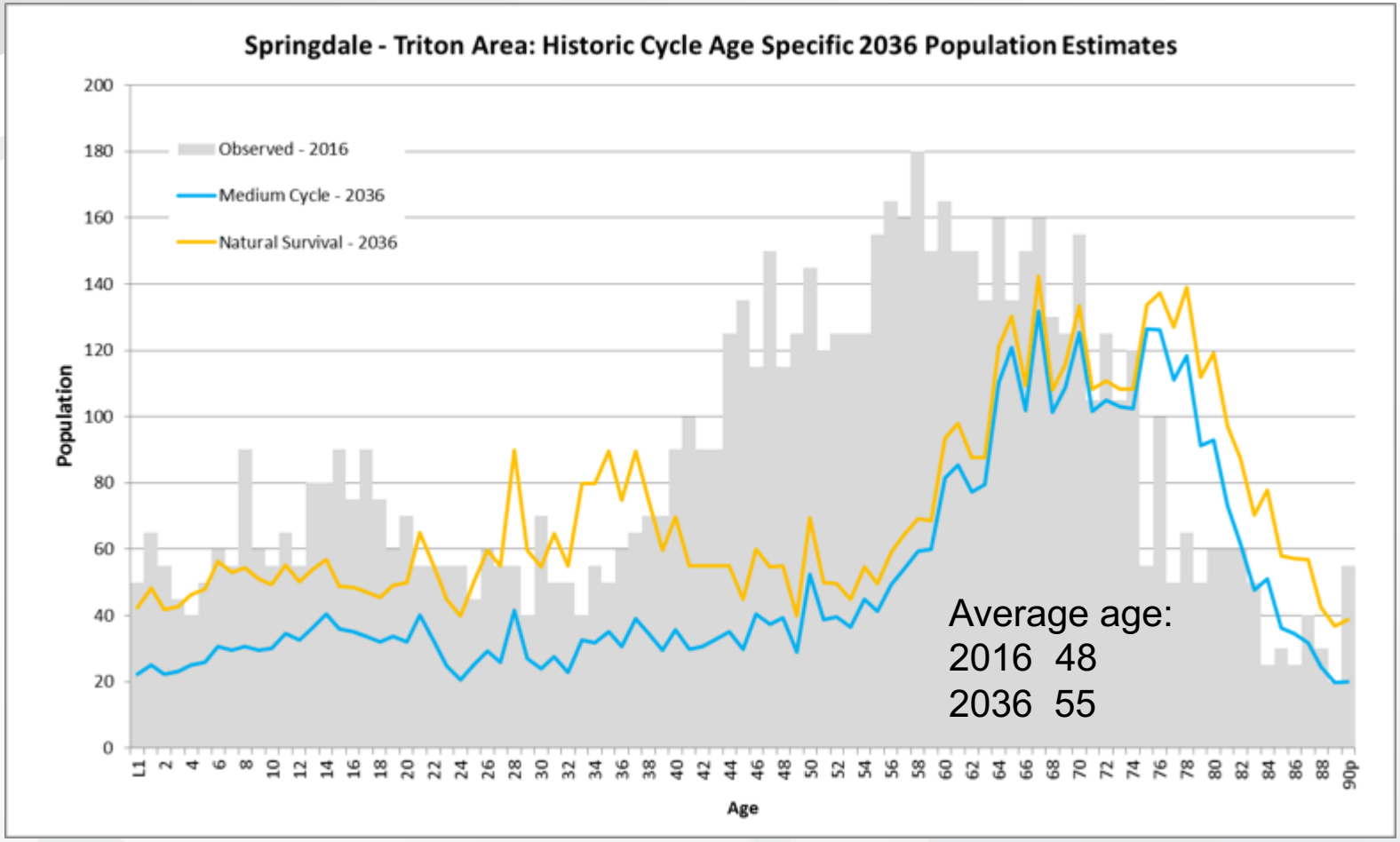

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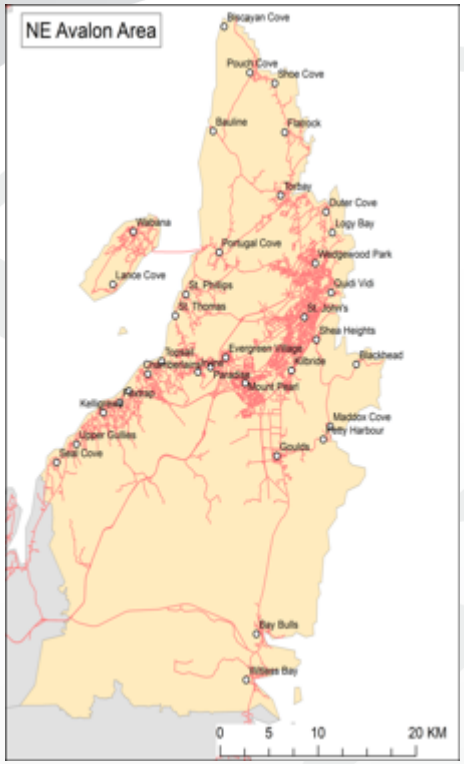

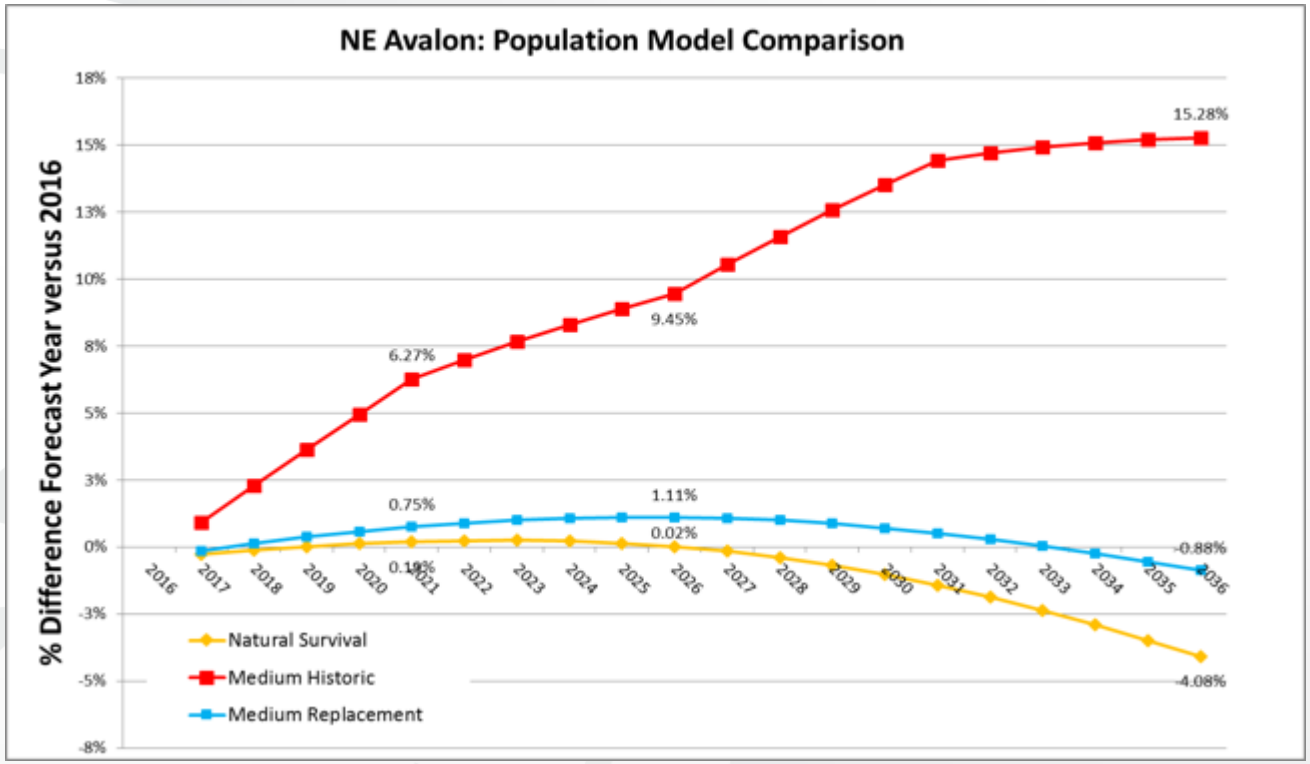

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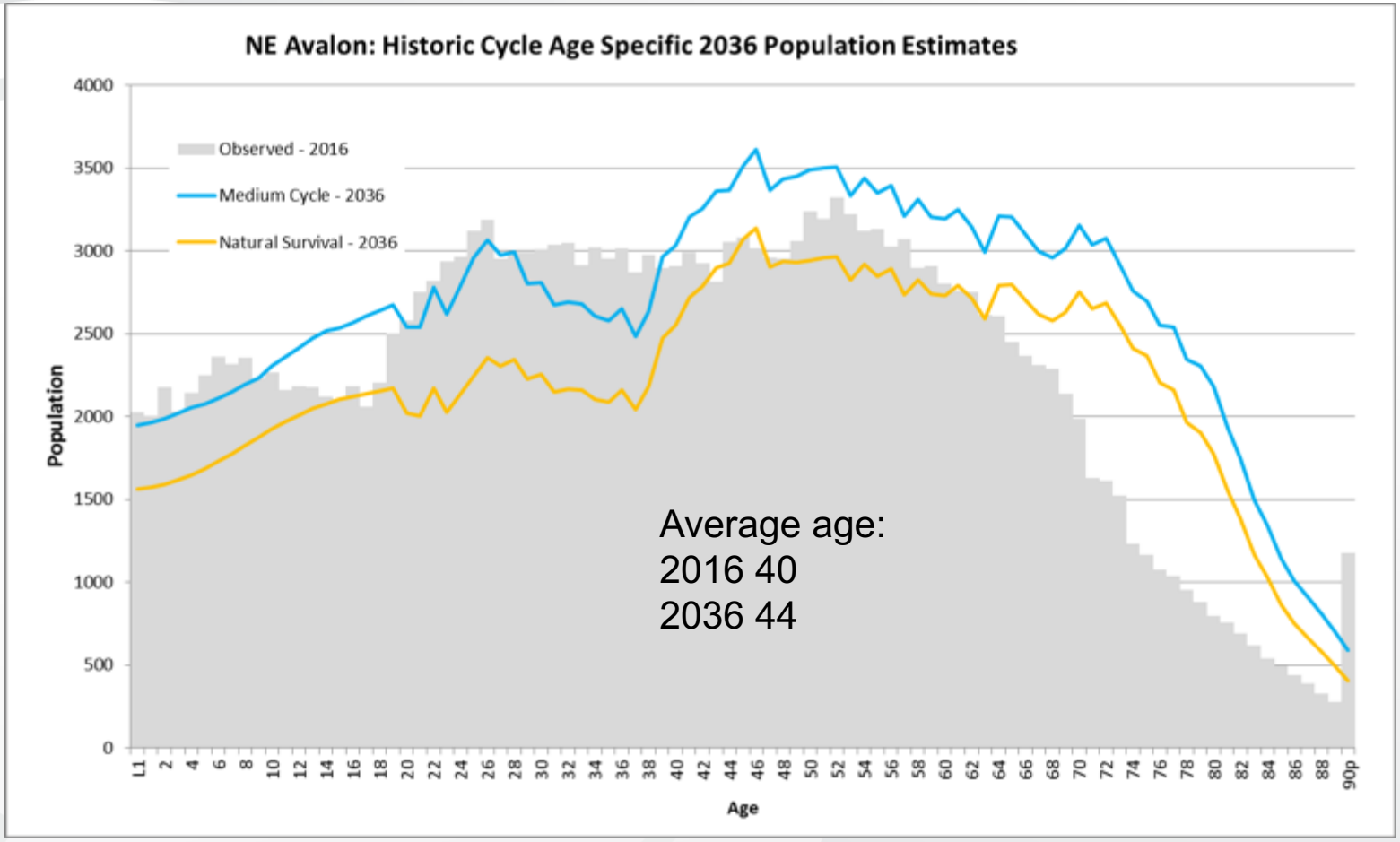

What is to be done?

- **Options:**
  - **continue as usual – unaffordable/inappropriate**
  - **do nothing – unacceptable**
  - **act strategically – politically demanding**
    - **Realistic – public education**
    - **Selective – can't save/maintain everything/where**
    - **Innovative – different, efficient, cost effective, collaborative, learn from others**
    - **Consultative – engage public in decision process**
    - **Timely – act quickly, decisively, now**

Current/Completed Labrador Projects

- Assessment of Temporary Foreign Worker Program
- Municipal services delivery
- Attraction/retention of professionals
- Seniors health care
- Central Labrador housing needs
- Provincial services delivery
- SME succession planning

Next Steps

- Complete/mobilize Labrador projects
- Access/source remainder of funding
- Consult/identify project priorities for Island/Pan-Provincial
- Mobilize findings to inform policy and practice

Thank you!!

Questions?

Suggestions?

Opportunities?