

**South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority**  
Via Remote Access\*\*

**AGENDA**

**Regular Meeting of Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.**

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- A. Safety Moment
- B. Non-core Business Committee: D. Borowy
  - 1. Approve Minutes – September 17, 2020 meeting
  - 2. Amare Advisors Non-core Strategy – Including Executive Session: B. Malarkey & W.X. Pek
  - 3. Non-core Business Update – Including Executive Session: B. Nesteriak and P. Singh
- C. Audit-Risk Committee: J. Cermola
  - 1. Approve minutes – September 17, 2020 meeting
  - 2. Cyber/Technology Resiliency Review – Including Executive Session: P. Singh
  - 3. Risk Management Update: J. Reckdenwald
- D. Meet as Environmental, Health & Safety Committee: K. Curseaden
  - 1. Approve Minutes – September 17, 2020 meeting
  - 2. 2021 Legislative Session Outlook: L. Vitagliano
  - 3. Deer Management Program Update: J. Triana
  - 4. Recreation Permit and Program Update: J. Triana
- E. Act on matters arising from Committee meetings
- F. Consent Agenda
  - 1. Approve Minutes – November 19, 2020 meeting
  - 2. Capital Budget Authorization – January 2021
  - 3. Capital Budget Transfer Notifications (no action required)
  - 4. Accounts Receivable Update – November 2020
  - 5. Key Performance Indicators
  - 6. RPB Quarterly Dashboard Report
  - 7. Derby Tank Update
  - 8. North Cheshire Update
- G. Finance: R. Kowalski
  - 1. Quarterly Financial Reports
- H. Elect Officers for Calendar Year 2021
- I. Updates: L. Bingaman
  - 1. COVID Update: B. Nesteriak and R. Kowalski
  - 2. Monthly Highlights: L. Bingaman
- J. RPB Committee assignments and reports on RPB Committee meetings
- K. \*RPB Application: West River Water Treatment Plant Improvements: B. Nesteriak, J. Hill and O. Kelly
  - 1. Discussion regarding West River Water Treatment Plant Application

2. Consider and act on Application for the approval of West River Water Treatment Plant Improvements
  3. Affidavit of Edward O. Norris III regarding confidential information within said Application
  4. Motion for Protective Order of the SCCRWA's confidential information within said Application
  5. Protective Order concerning the SCCRWA's confidential and sensitive information to the Representative Policy Board, dated December 17, 2021
  6. West River Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project Financing
- L. Executive Session to discuss personnel matters

**\*\***In accordance with the Governor Lamont's, Executive Order No. 7B for the Protection of Public Health and Safety during COVID-19 Pandemic and Response, the public meeting will be held remotely. Members of the public may attend the meeting via conference call, videoconference or other technology. For information on attending the meeting via remote access, and to view meeting documents, please visit <https://www.rwater.com/about-us/our-boards/board-meetings-minutes?year=2020&category=1422&meettype=&page=>. For questions, contact the board office at [jslubowski@rwater.com](mailto:jslubowski@rwater.com) or call 203-401-2515.

*\*RPB Member (M. Levine) is excused at K*

**Topic: Authority Meeting (incl. Non-Core Business Committee, Audit-Risk Committee and Environmental, Health and Safety Committee)**

Time: Dec 17, 2020 12:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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**South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority  
Environmental, Health & Safety Committee**

**Minutes of the September 17, 2020 Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Environmental, Health & Safety Committee of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (“RWA”) took place on Thursday, September 17, 2020, via remote access. Chair Curseaden presided.

Present: Committee –Messrs. DiSalvo, Borowy, Curseaden, and Ms. Sack  
Management – Mss. Kowalski, Nesteriak, Reckdenwald, Schenkle and Messrs. Bingaman, Norris, Norris and Tracy  
RPB – Ms. Campbell and Mr. Ricozzi  
Staff – Mrs. Slubowski

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

On motion made by Mr. DiSalvo, seconded by Ms. Sack, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the its meeting held on June 18, 2020.

Borowy	Aye
Cermola	Absent
Curseaden	Aye
DiSalvo	Aye
Sack	Aye

Ms. Schenkle, the RWA’s Manager of Environmental, Health, Safety and Risk, provided an update on the new Environmental, Health, Safety and Risk Department, which included:

- Review of department
- Key focus areas for FY21
- RWA’s philosophy of safety
- Strategic roadmap

At 1:36 p.m., Ms. Schenkle withdrew from the meeting.

Mr. Norris, the RWA’s Vice President of Asset Management, provided a FY2021 Business Continuity Work Plan, which included:

- Training and exercise update
- Activities planned
- On-site tabletop exercises
- Division/Departmental table top exercises
- Planning activities

Mr. Norris also reviewed the America Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) Emergency Response Plan Submission, which included:

- AWIA of 2018
- Risk and resilience assessment
- Emergency response plans
- Plans under review and updated

At 1:52 p.m., Mr. Ricoszi entered the meeting.

Mr. Tracy, the RWA's Invasive Species Management Technician, provided an update on Invasive Plan Management on RWA owned properties, which included:

- Locations
- Invasive management progress
- Tree removal and experiments
- Rental and hay field management
- Herbicide plots
- Biological control
- Furnace Pond water chestnut harvest
- Equipment

At 2:07 p.m., on motion made by Ms. Sack, seconded by Mr. Borowy, and unanimously carried, the Committee voted to adjourn.

Borowy	Aye
Cermola	Absent
Curseaden	Aye
DiSalvo	Aye
Sack	Aye

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Kevin Curseaden, Chairman

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**Government Affairs: 2021 Legislative Outlook**



**Lori Vitagliano  
Government and Public Relations Specialist**

# State Legislative Landscape

## Regular Session

- January - June
- Session Format

## 2020 General Election

- Key Leadership Changes
- Committee Changes
- Committee Chair Changes



# State Legislative Landscape

## Senate

- 24 Democrats
- 12 Republicans

## House of Representatives

- 97 Democrats
- 54 Republicans



# RWA Emerging Topics

- Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)
  - Safe Drinking Water Advisory Council
- Safe Drinking Water Assessment
- Virtual Net Metering
- Water Treatment Operator Reciprocity

# Other Industry Issues to Watch

- Installation of Backflow Prevention Devices
- Chlorination Issues
- Public Water Supply Resiliency
  - Commission on Health Equity and Climate Change
  - Drought Management
  - Interconnections



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**Update on the 2020 Deer Hunt**



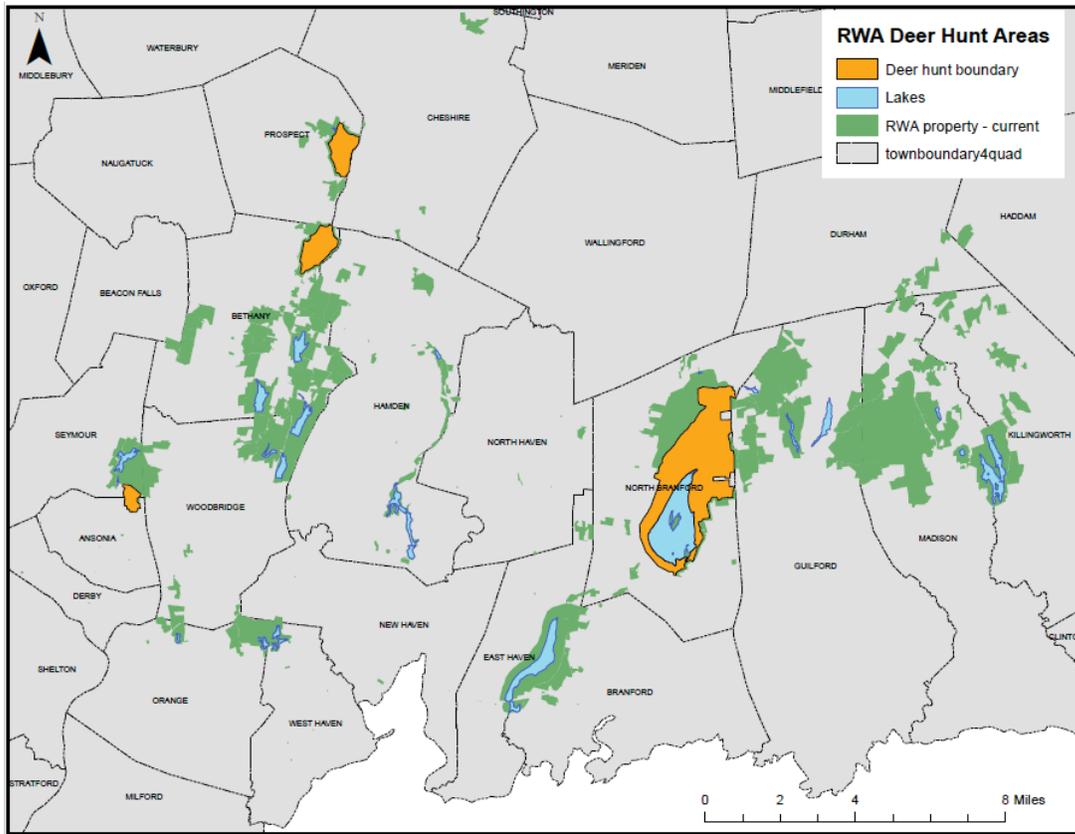
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Real Estate Manager**

# Reducing Deer Density

- Enhances forest regeneration.
- Controls erosion and locks up nutrients that can fuel algal blooms in reservoirs.



# Deer Hunting on 4,400 Acres



## Hunting Season 2020

27 Days of Hunting During 10/30/20 – 11/30/20

- 180 permits issued by lottery.
- Ten days of scouting in October.
- Two deer check stations (Lake Gaillard & Bethany) staffed by 53 volunteers.
- Doe Incentive - 26 Does harvested by 19 hunters.

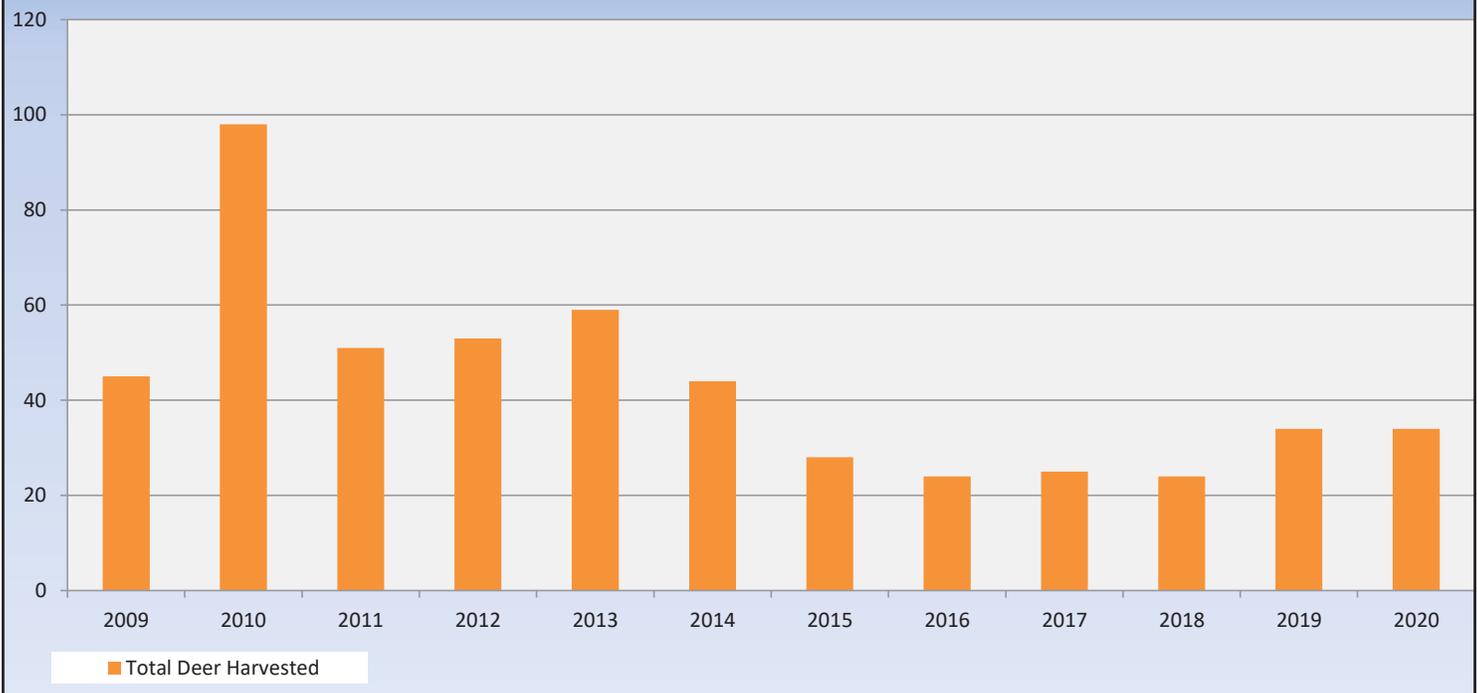


# 2020 Harvest Totals

2020 Deer harvest by area				
Location	Permits	Doe	Buck	Total
North Branford	127	18	16	34
Prospect	20	5	2	7
Bethany	25	3	0	3
Seymour/Ansonia	8	0	1	1
2020	180	26	19	45
2019	168	24	23	47
2018	172	15	24	39
2017	174	24	17	41



### Total Deer Harvested in North Branford



## Total Deer Harvested In Seymour/Ansonia, Bethany and Prospect



## Final Thoughts

- **Hunt Impacts**
  - Fewer deer sightings since 2009.
  - Increased brush and understory vegetation seen by hunters and RWA employees.
  - Decreased annual harvest. Most evident in North Branford.
- We have reached the eleven year mark for collecting and analyzing data.
- RWA Forestry and CAES have research plots.
  - CAES will be conducting feeder/camera plots to assess the population.
- Annual DPH reporting requirement.
  - DPH Recreational Activity Permits up for renewal in 2020.
- Hunters are grateful for the opportunity. Appreciate our efforts toward conservation and stewardship of the land. No negative publicity this season.



## Questions?



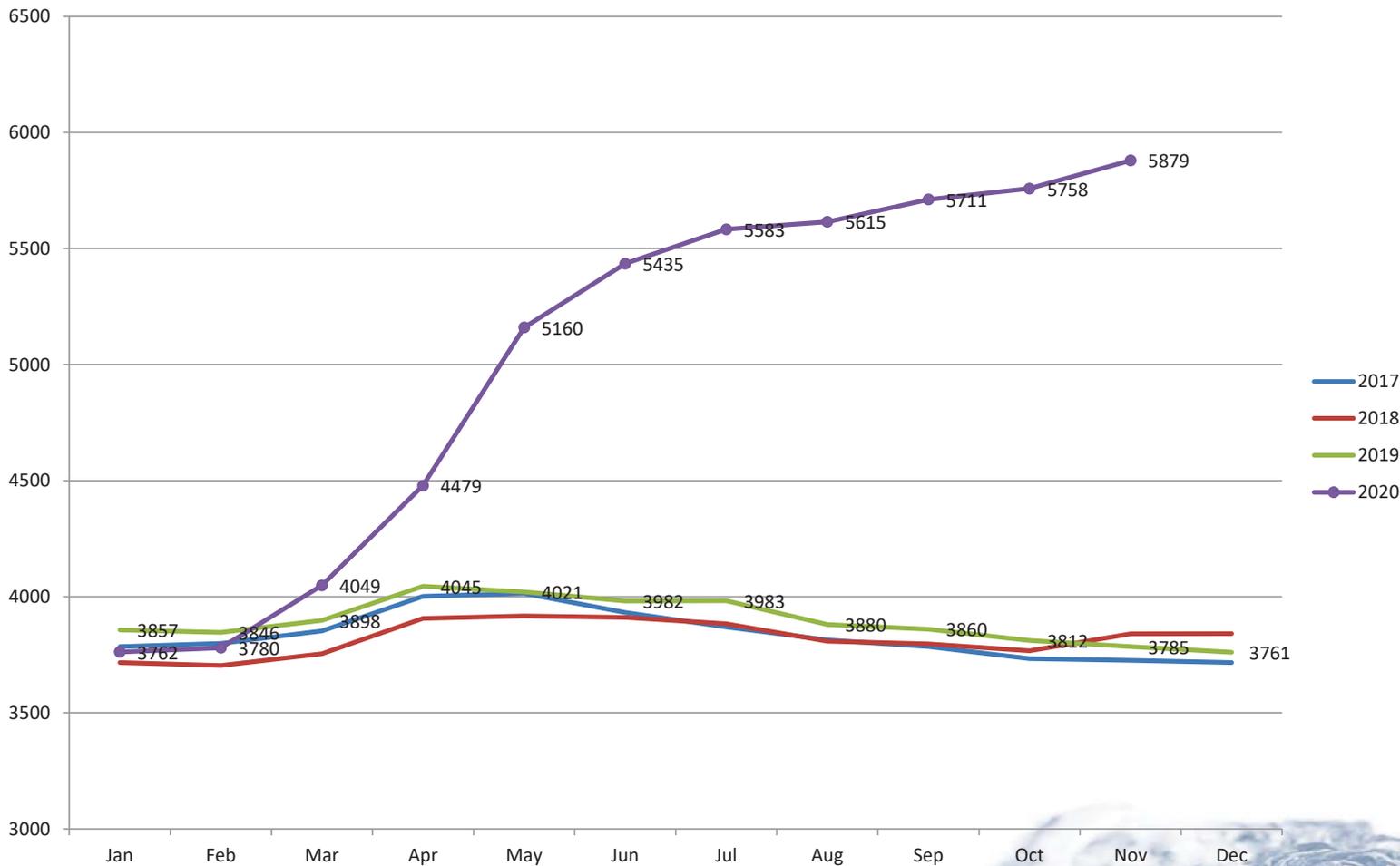
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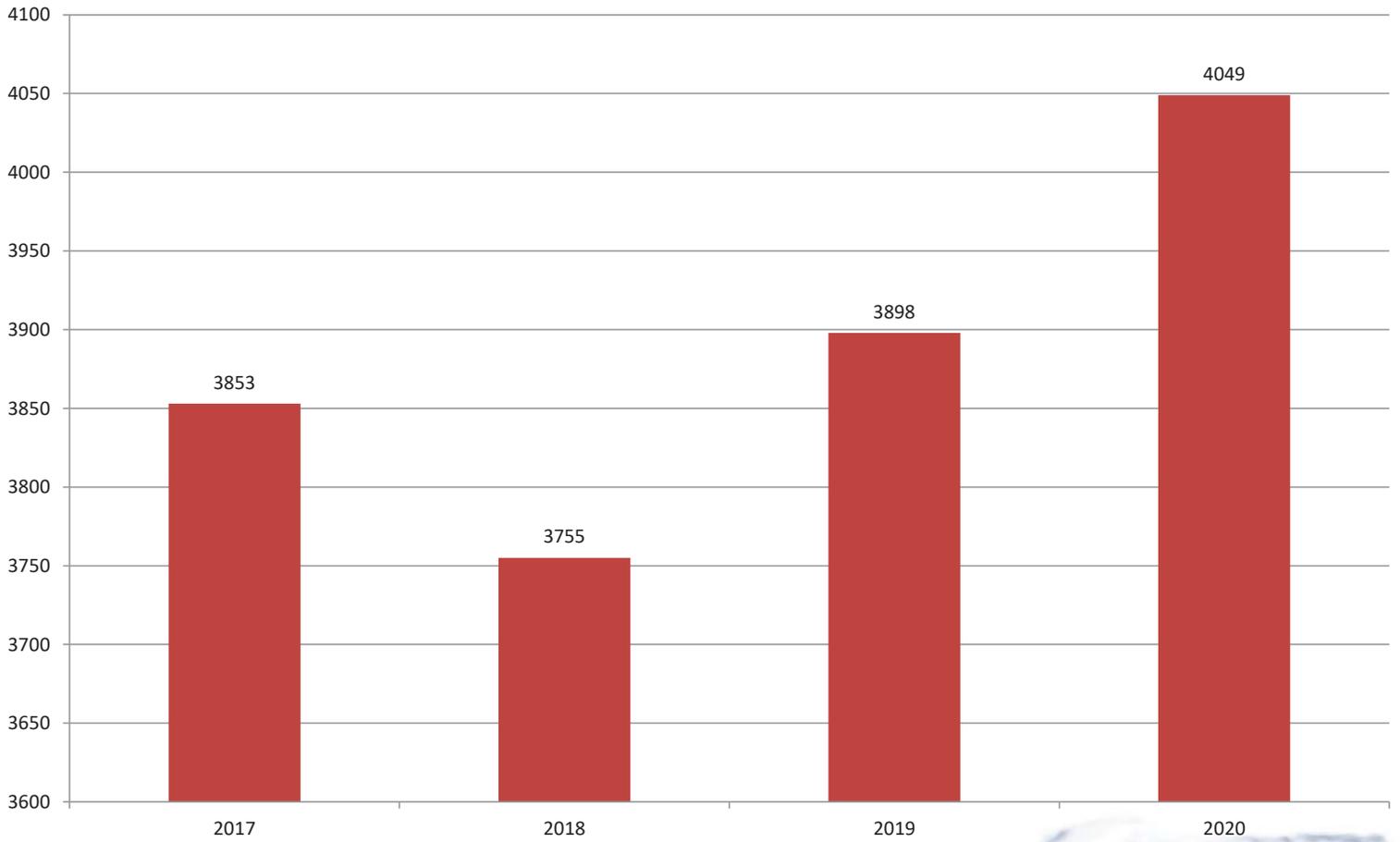
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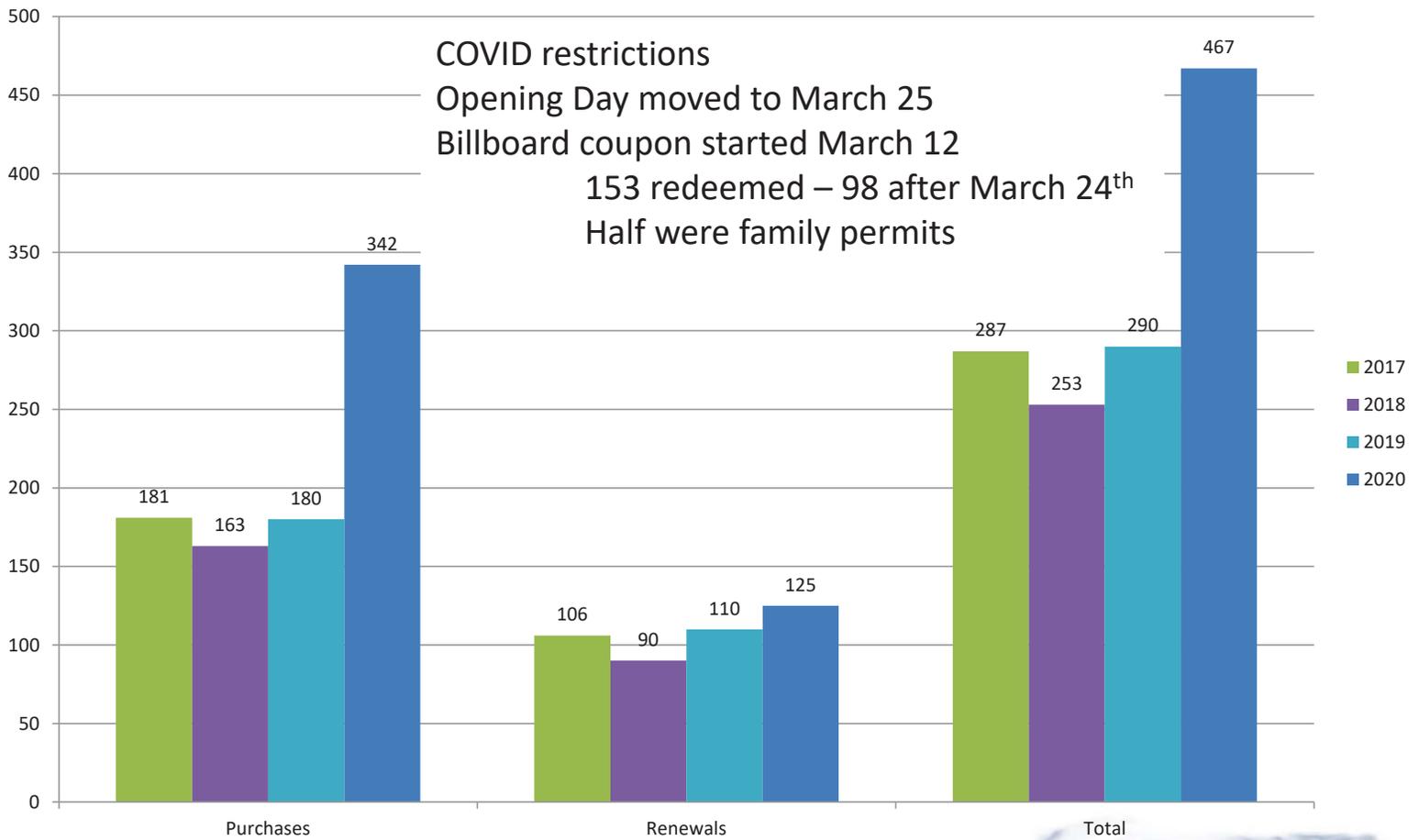
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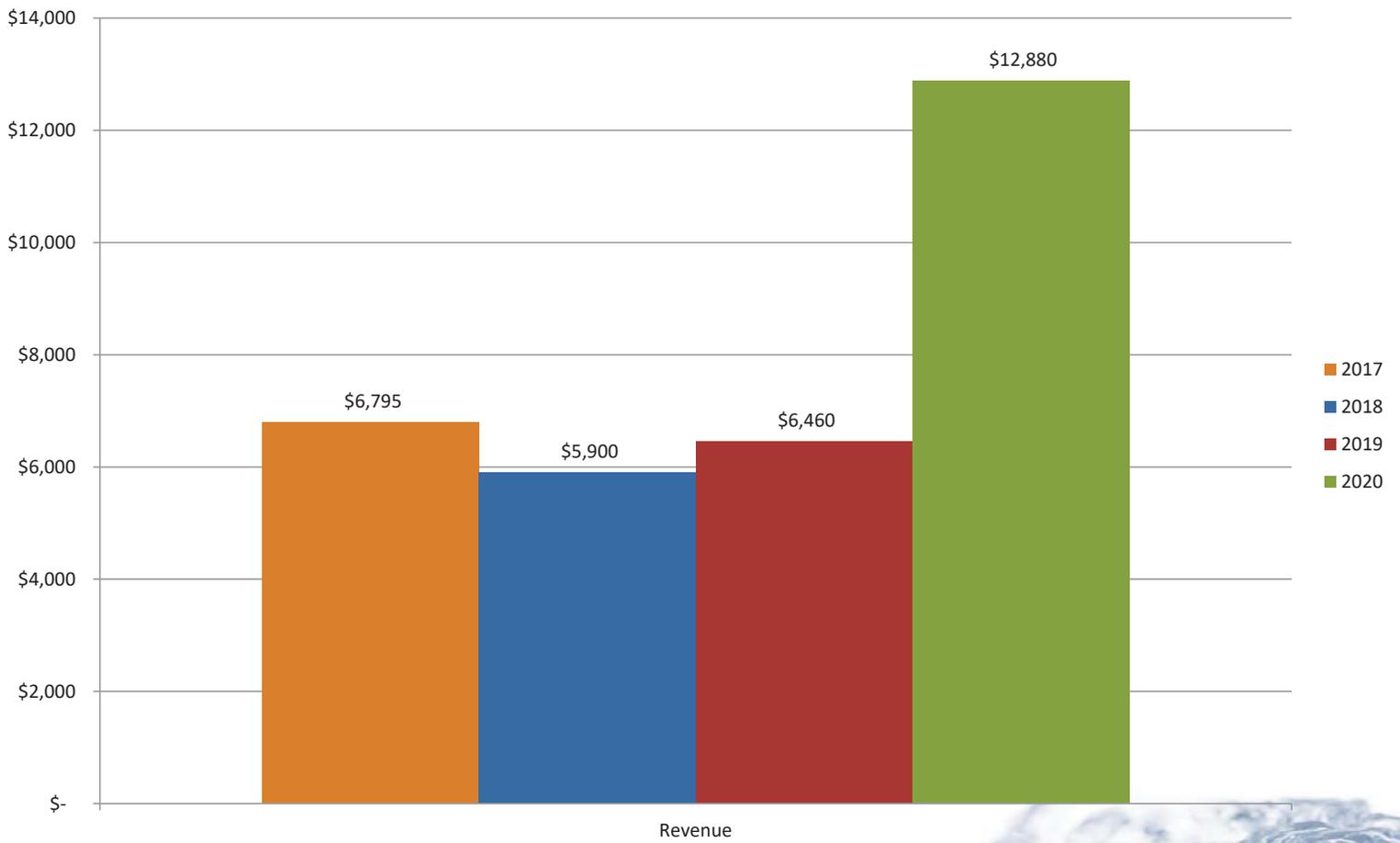
Permit holders by month for the last four years.



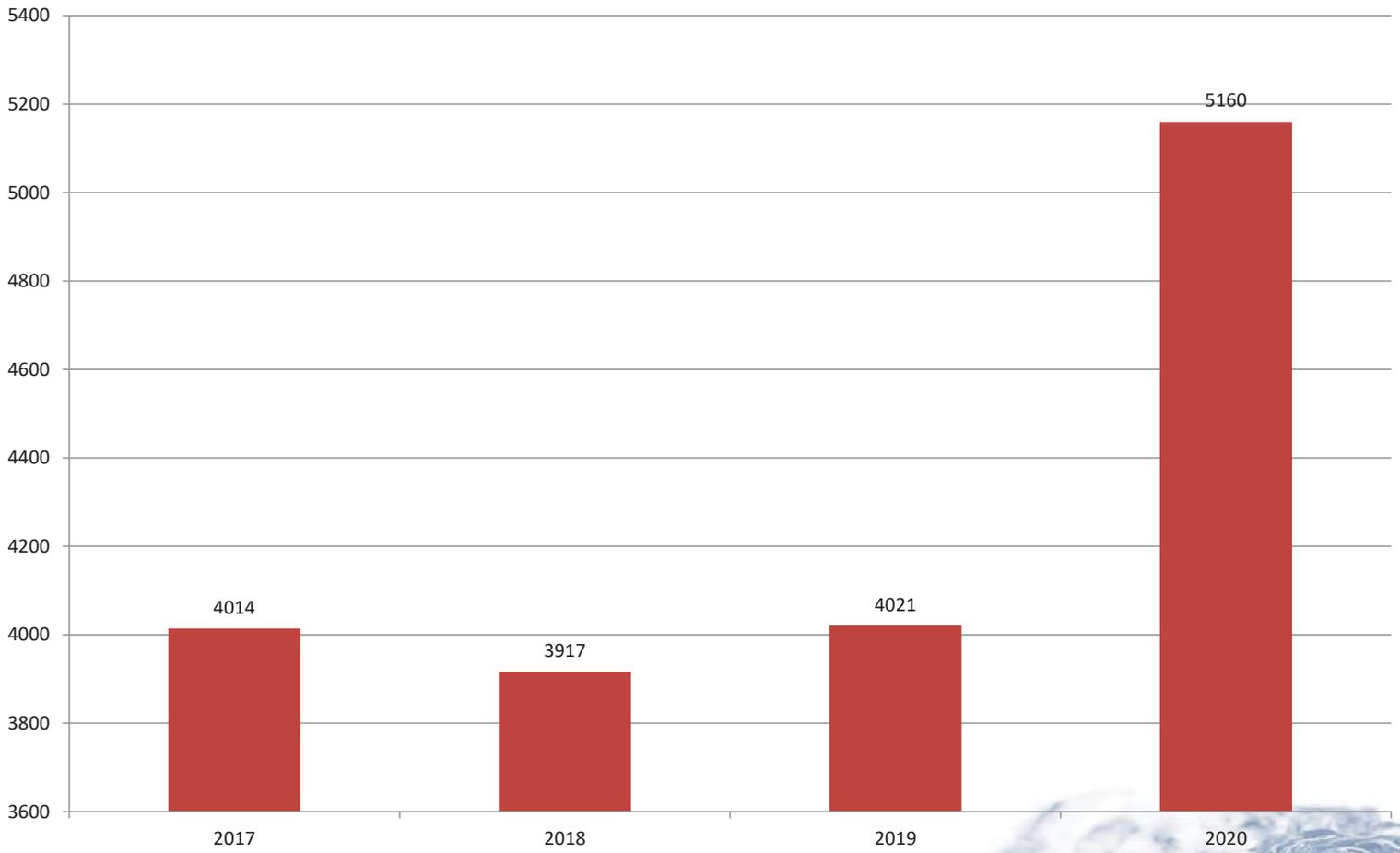
Total permit holders at the end March for the last four years.



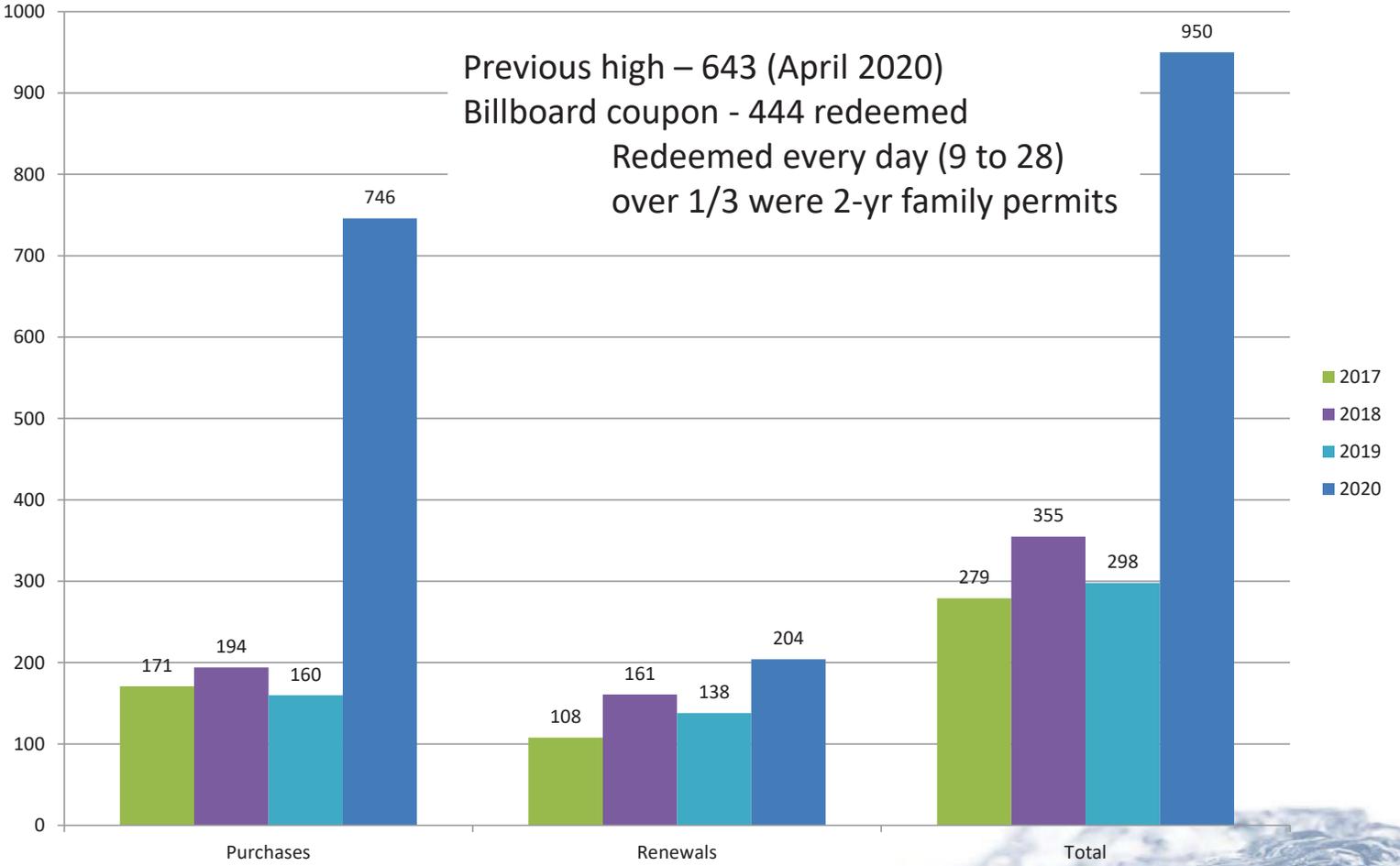
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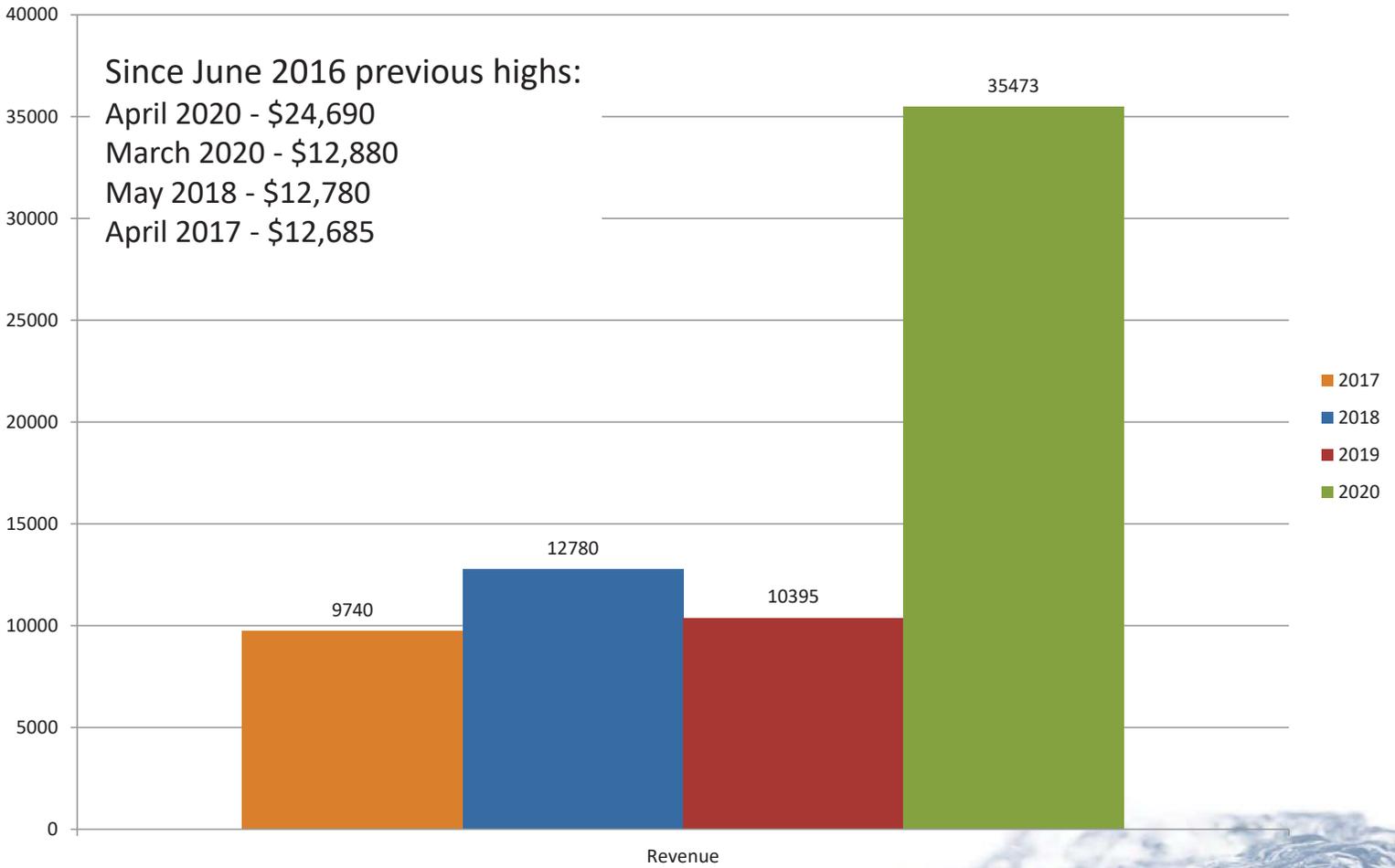
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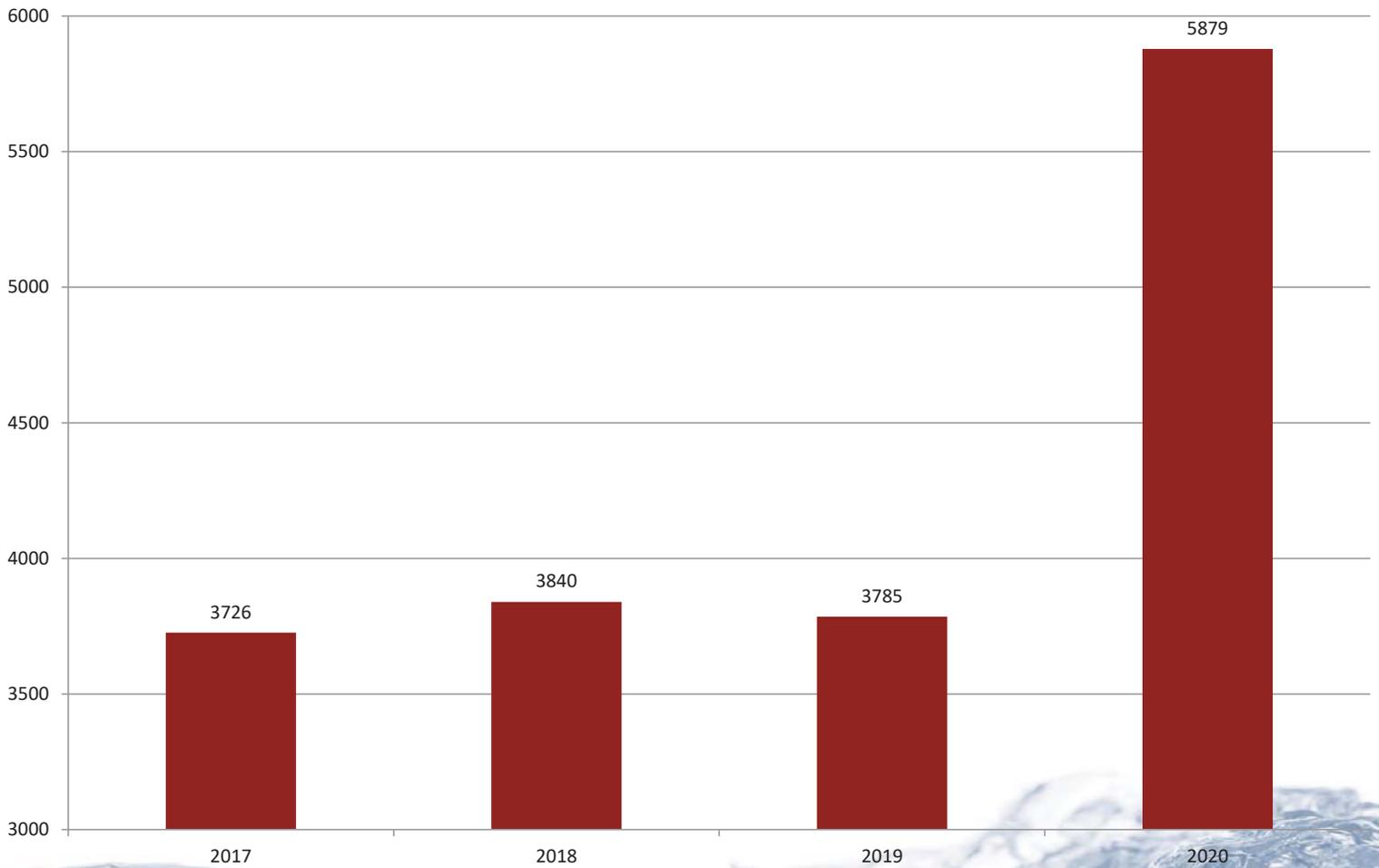
Total permit holders at the end May for the last four years.



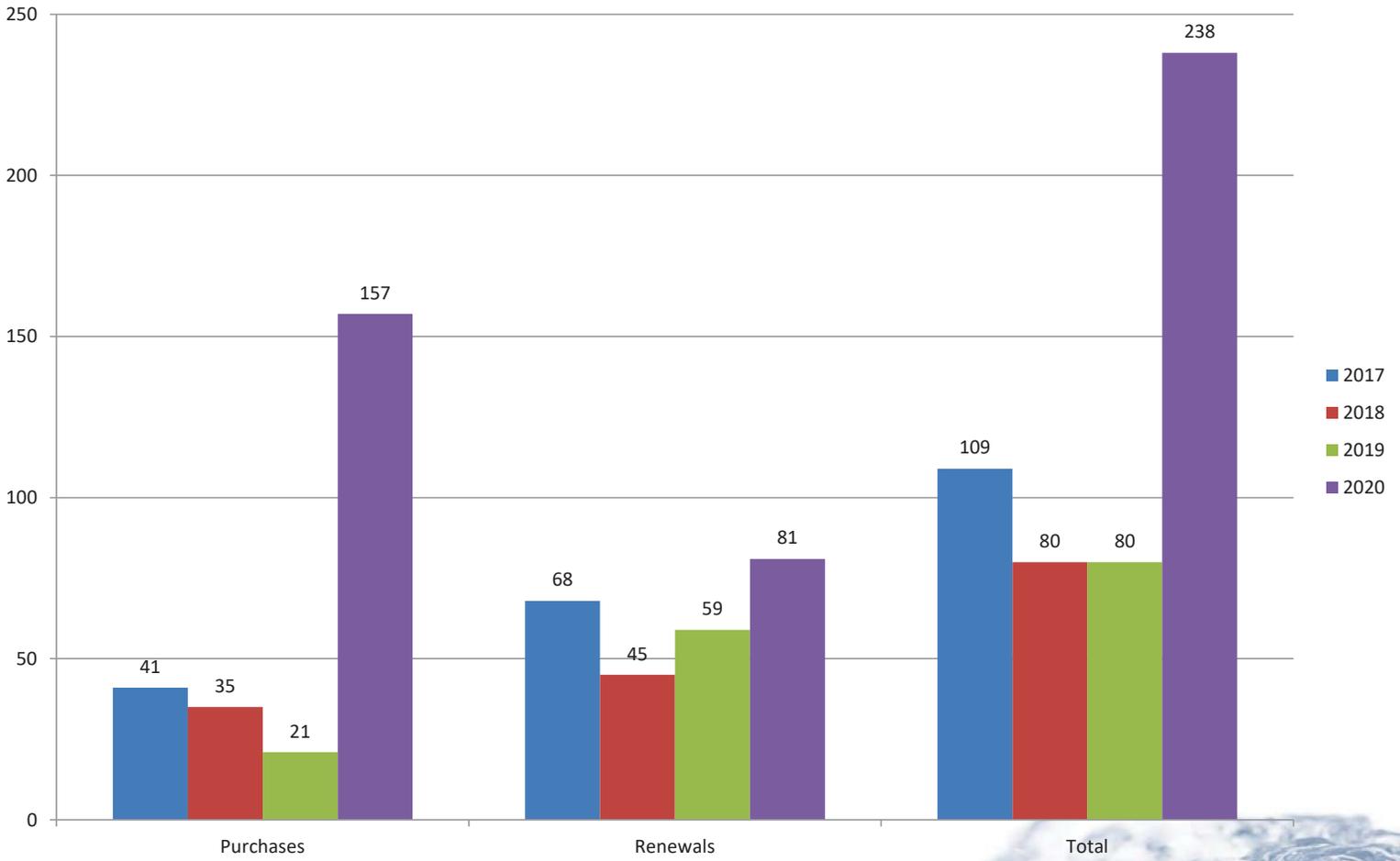
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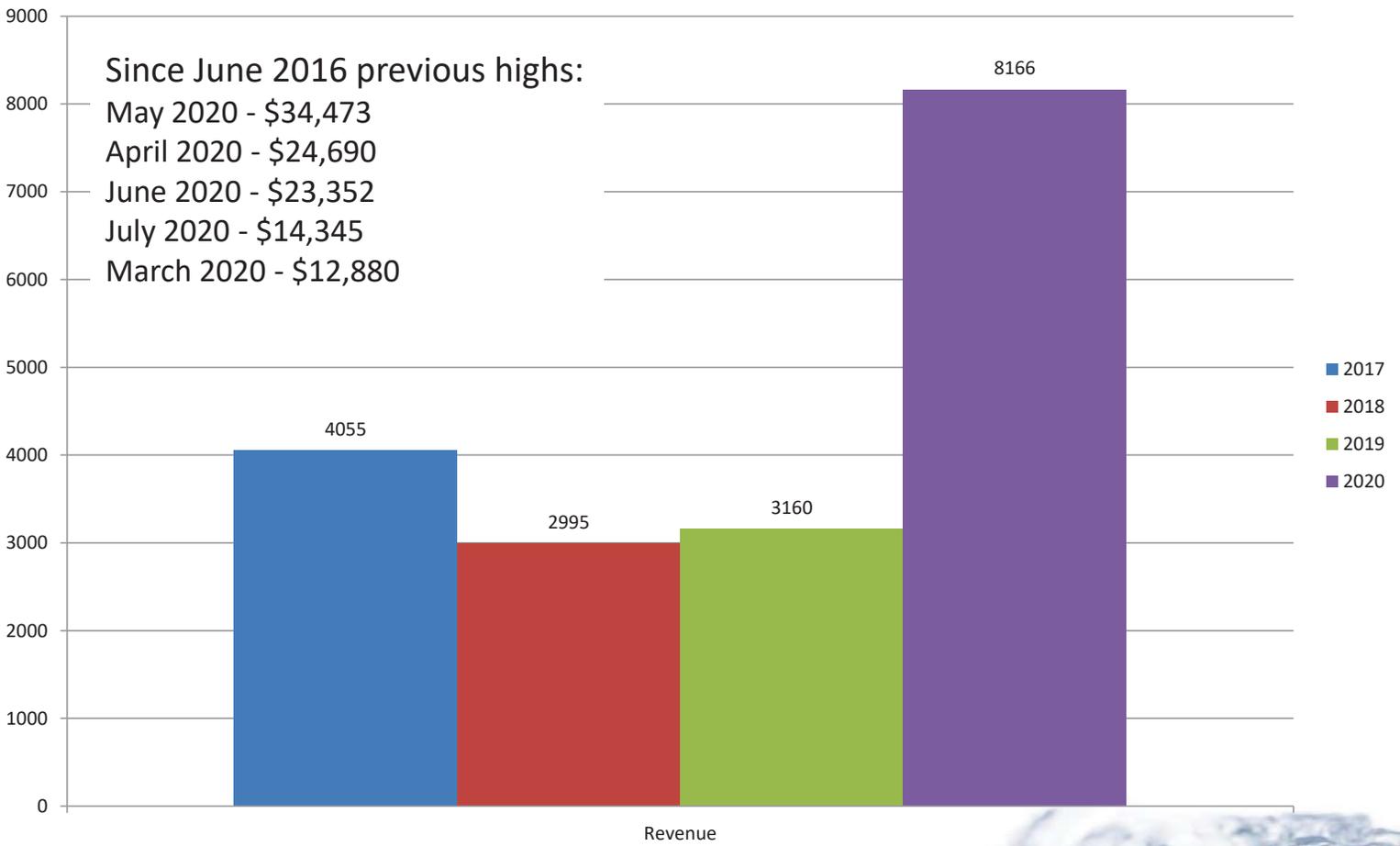
Gross revenue in March of the last four years.



Total permit holders at the end November for the last four years.



Purchases and renewals in November for the last four years.



Gross revenue in November of the last four years.

## Events since March:

Special events cancelled – March through July

Boats were delayed until July. Continued through October.

Special events restarted in August:

August – Botany walk, Dudley Pond – 9 people

September – Butterfly walk, Lake Gaillard – 11 people

October – Invasive species walk, Lake Chamberlain – 5 people

November – bird walk, Lake Hammonasset – 25 people

December – Christmas tree cutting, Lake Gaillard – 91 trees sold

Autumn – Scavenger Hunt – 7 entrants



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