

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

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unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the State of Alaska trapping season dates for lynx in Game Management Unit 14A, 14B and 16 by opening the season 35 days late, on December 15th and closing it 28 days early on January 31. The adjusted season dates match the lynx trapping season dates printed in the 2011-12 trapping regulation booklets and conform with the season dates offered in the affected Units during regulatory years 2006 through 2010.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in 5AAC 84.270(5), **Furbearer Trapping Seasons and Bag Limits for Lynx**, are superseded by this emergency order and the following provisions are effective:

Units and Bag Limits	Open Season	Bag Limit
Unit 14(A), 14(B), and 16	Dec. 15 – Jan. 31	No Limit

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Tim C. Peltier
Assistant Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Lynx are considered scarce in Units 14A, 14B, and 16, and the population size has not increased during the last 20 years. During regulatory years 2006-2010 the Department shortened the lynx trapping season due to concerns that the lynx population might be adversely affected by overharvest if trapping pressure was not reduced. The Department has no new information to suggest that the population size has increased. As a result a longer trapping season cannot be justified at this time.

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