

**PROPOSAL 55**

**5 AAC 92.085(5). Unlawful methods of taking big game; exceptions.**

Allow the use of dogs for hunting for lynx in Units 12 and 20 as follows:

Implement a hound hunting season for lynx starting October 15 – December 31 in Units 12 and 20. Harvest to reflect the same as in trapping license. Open to resident and nonresident hunters alike.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Lack of hound hunting opportunity within the State of Alaska. I propose the implementation of a hound hunting season for the pursuit and harvest of lynx in the State of Alaska. Alaska is open to all walks of life willing to work hard and put in their time. I feel like legal law-abiding hunters should have that opportunity if they so choose to partake. I realize that with no road systems it will be difficult. But nothing up here is easy. With the implementation of this season there will be virtually no impact to the lynx population as there are virtually no hound hunters up here. And with no harvest limit with a trapping license hound harvests will be a drop in the bucket of the total population taken. I propose this season takes place starting October 15 and runs until the end of December. The snow will be deep by then and it will stop hounds from being able to successfully pursue their quarry. With this late fall and winter season there won't be any worry or dogs getting mixed up in brown or grizzly bears either.

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