

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

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unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the length of the lynx hunting and trapping season in Game Management Unit 14A, 14B and 16. The adjusted season dates are published in the 2012-13 Hunting Regulations and in the 2012-13 Trapping Regulations and conform to the lynx season dates offered in the affected Units during regulatory years 2006 through 2011.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in 5AAC 84.270(5) and 5AAC 85.60(4), **Furbearer Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Lynx**, are superseded by this emergency order and the following provisions are in effect for the 2012-13 regulatory year:

| Units 14(A), 14(B), and 16 | Open Season | Bag Limit |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Trapping | Dec. 15 - Jan.31 | No Limit |
| Hunting | Dec. 1 – Jan. 31 | Two lynx |

Cora Campbell
Commissioner



By delegation to:

Olin Albertson
Palmer 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 2006-2011 the Department shortened the lynx trapping season due to concerns that the lynx population might be adversely affected by overharvest if trapping and hunting pressure was not reduced. The Department does not currently have any new information to suggest that the population size has increased. As a result a longer trapping or hunting season cannot be justified at this time.

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