

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Alaska Department
of Fish and Game**

Emergency Order No. 04-03-13

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Expiration Date: June 30, 2014
unless superseded by subsequent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 2013-14 Hunting Regulations and in the 2013-14 Trapping Regulations and conform to the lynx season dates offered in the affected Units during regulatory years 2006 through 2012.

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in 5AAC 84.270(5) and 5AAC 85.60(4), **Furbearer Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Lynx**, are superseded by this emergency order and the following provisions are in effect for the 2013-14 regulatory year: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:



Tim Peltier
Assistant Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Lynx are considered scarce in many portions of Units 14A, 14B, and 16, and the population size has not changed substantially during the last 20 years. During regulatory years 2006-2012 the Department shortened the lynx trapping season due to concerns that the lynx population could be adversely affected by overharvest if trapping and hunting seasons were not reduced. Currently lynx populations are entering a low cycle in South-central Alaska. As a result a lengthening the trapping or hunting season cannot be justified at this time.

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