Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 04-03-14

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Expiration Date: June 30, 2015 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order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 2014-15 Hunting Regulations and in the 2014-15 Trapping Regulations and conform to the lynx season dates offered in the affected Units during regulatory years 2006 through 2013.

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regulations in 5AAC 84.270(5) and 5AAC 85.60(4), Furbearer Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Lynx, are superseded by this emergency order and the following provisions are in effect for the 2014-15 regulatory year:

Units 14(A), 14(B), and 16

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Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to: Todd A. Rinaldi
Palmer 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 2006-2013 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 in 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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