

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unless superseded by subsequent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:

In spring 1992, the Alaska Board of Game adopted a lynx tracking strategy in Southcentral game management units with framework trapping seasons of November 10 through the last day of February. The board delegated authority to the department to adjust season dates within this framework to track population cycles. In March 2005, the board determined lynx hunting seasons, not bag limits, would be included as part of the lynx tracking harvest strategy.

This emergency order meets the lynx management needs for 2021–2022 by increasing the length of the lynx hunting season in Game Management Units 14A, 14B and 16 under the lynx tracking harvest strategy. The adjusted season dates are not published in the 2021–22 Hunting Regulations but are published in the 2021–22 Trapping Regulations.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.060(4)** and **5AAC 84.270(5)**, **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Lynx and Furbearer Trapping**, are confirmed by this emergency order and the following provisions are in effect for the 2021–22 regulatory year:

Unit	Open Season	Bag Limit
5AAC 85.060(4), Hunting seasons and Bag limits for fur animals		
(4) Lynx		
Units 14(A), 14(B), and 16	Nov. 10 – Feb. 28	2 Lynx

5AAC 84.270(5), Furbearer trapping

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

Nov. 10 – Feb. 28

No Limit

All other lynx hunting and trapping regulations remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

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Commissioner

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By delegation to: Tim Peltier
Palmer Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Lynx are considered abundant in many portions of Units 14A, 14B, and 16, and the mean population size has not changed substantially during the last 20 years. Although the population is stable over the long term it does follow an approximately decadal cycle mimicking that of snowshoe hare populations. Currently lynx populations are in a high cycle in Southcentral Alaska. As a result, the trapping and hunting seasons are warranted to maximize harvest prior to the expected decline of the population following the current severe decline in the hare population.

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