

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. R2-4-24

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by subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

In spring 1992, the Alaska Board of Game adopted a lynx harvest 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, but not bag limits, would be included as part of the lynx tracking harvest strategy. In March 2009, the board eliminated the tracking strategy in Unit 6 and established a permanent hunting and trapping season of November 10 through the last day of February.

This emergency order meets the lynx management needs for 2024–2025 by adjusting lynx hunting and trapping seasons for the Region 2 units managed under the lynx tracking harvest strategy.

Based on information collected during the past season, the lynx trapping season will open January 1 through February 15 in Units 7 and 15 with no bag limit. The lynx hunting season will be open from January 1 through February 15 in Units 7 and 15 with a bag limit of two lynx.

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 84.270(5), Furbearer trapping**, and **5 AAC 85.060(4), Hunting seasons and bag limits for fur animals** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for lynx hunting and trapping:

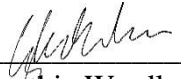
Unit	Open Season	Bag limit
5AAC 84.270(5), Furbearer trapping		
(5) Lynx		
Units 7 and 15	Jan. 1 – Feb. 15	No limit.

5 AAC 85.060(4), Hunting seasons and bag limits for fur animals

(4) Lynx		
Units 7 and 15	Jan. 1 – Feb. 15	2 lynx

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

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: 
Cynthia Wardlow
Regional Supervisor

JUSTIFICATION:

Units 7 and 15: Kenai Peninsula

Observations and sealing records indicate lynx populations have increased on the Kenai Peninsula to a level that justifies continued opening of lynx trapping and hunting season this year in Units 7 and 15. Kitten production and survival is expected to continue to increase during RY24 as the hare population increases.

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