

PROPOSAL 142

5 AAC 84.270 (5). Furbearer trapping.

5 AAC 85.060. Seasons and bag limits for fur animals.

Lengthen the trapping and hunting seasons for lynx in Units 15 and 7 as follows:

What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say?

5 AAC 84.270 (5) Lynx. Trapping and Hunting seasons for Lynx

Lengthen season for trapping and hunting lynx in Unit 15 and 7 as follows:

December 15 [JANUARY 1] through February 15.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

Currently lynx trapping seasons in Units 7 and 15 are January 1-February 15 opened by emergency order. The season is managed to coincide with the snowshoe hare cycle only opened in times of abundance. The current season is very restrictive compared to the rest of the state. With the season closed in times of low abundance over-harvest of the resource is not a concern. In times of abundance the management strategy is to harvest from the larger population, with this strategy a slightly lengthen season would optimize sustained yield practices. With time getting gear in the field and sometimes harsh weather conditions some sets only operate for 2-3 weeks. I propose a December 15- February 15 trapping season for lynx in times of abundance. It would allow a greater utilization of the resource in times of significant spikes in lynx numbers.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee?

Spoke with other trappers and wildlife biologists about the proposed changes.

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