

PROPOSAL 143

5 AAC 84.270(5). Furbearer trapping.

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

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

Lynx Trapping Units 7 and 15

Open Season: December 1st - February 15th

Limit: No Limit

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

Lynx trapping season is currently out of alignment with wolf and coyote trapping seasons in Units 7 and 15. Lynx caught incidentally in wolf and coyote sets prior to season opening need to be turned over to the state. I'm hesitant to set traps for wolf and coyote prior to lynx season opening to avoid incidental take of lynx. I feel this is a handicap. I also feel it should be up to the trapper to determine when they would like to start targeting lynx based on pelt primness. Southeast Units currently open December 1st and I do not believe lynx in that area become prime prior to those on the Kenai Peninsula. I believe lynx are being caught prior to the season and not being reported. The agency would get more information on harvested cats if the season was open earlier.

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

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