

Proposal 84

5 AAC 85.XXX. Seasons and bag limits for cougars/mountain lion

Establish an open hunting and trapping season for cougars in the Northern Region, Units 12, 19-21, 24, 25, 26B and 26C as follows:

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

Establish an open season for cougars in the Northern Region, Units 12, 19-21, 24, 25, 26B and 26C. Hunting season: No closed season

Trapping season: November 1 to April 30

You may not trap cougars with a steel trap or snare smaller than 3/32 inch in diameter during April Limit: No limit

Salvage Requirements: Skull and hide.

Sealing Requirements: Skull and hide will be presented for sealing within 10 days of kill.

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

Alaska's struggling ungulate population do not need new and potentially growing source of predation. Establishing seasons so that cougars can be legally taken would allow people to harvest cougars and provide valuable data to the ADF&G on the presence and distribution of cougars in the interior region.

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

Yes, the Fairbanks AC developed this proposal.

PROPOSED BY: Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee

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