

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Chapters:**

**Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:**

**6234**

**TAKING LYNX**

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**Please see enclosures for text of the expedited emergency game and fish rule package, and for the associated U.S. District Court Order.**

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Taking Lynx**

1.3 **6234.1000 DESCRIPTION OF FURBEARER ZONES.**

1.4 [For text of subps 1 to 4, see M.R.]

1.5 Subp. 5. **Lynx Management Zone.** The Lynx Management Zone consists of that  
1.6 portion of the state lying north and east of a line beginning on U.S. Highway 53 at the east  
1.7 boundary of the state; thence along U.S. Highway 53 to the north boundary of the state.

1.8 **6234.2200 USE OF TRAPS.**

1.9 [For text of subps 1 to 5, see M.R.]

1.10 Subp. 5a. **Body-gripping traps in the Lynx Management Zone.** In the Lynx  
1.11 Management Zone, a person may not set, place, or operate, except as a waterset, any  
1.12 body-gripping or "conibear" type trap that has a maximum jaw opening, when set, of  
1.13 greater than five inches and less than 7-1/2 inches measured from the inside edges of the  
1.14 body-gripping portions of the jaws, unless the trap is set:

1.15 A. at least three feet above the ground or snow level in a tree, or on a leaning  
1.16 pole six inches or less in diameter; or

1.17 B. in a cubby box recessed at least seven inches from the box opening, which  
1.18 must be less than 50 square inches in opening size. A cubby box may be constructed of  
1.19 any material, but must be constructed and set in a manner that only allows an animal  
1.20 to enter through the cubby box opening.

1.21 [For text of subps 6 to 12, see M.R.]

1.22 Subp. 13. **Trap staking and tethering in the Lynx Management Zone.** In the Lynx  
1.23 Management Zone, except for watersets, all traps must be staked or otherwise secured

2.1 by tethering chains or cables not more than 18 inches long, in a manner that prevents  
2.2 captured animals from removing the trap from the trap site.

2.3 Subp. 14. **Trap tether swivels.** In the Lynx Management Zone, except for watersets,  
2.4 all leghold traps must have two or more swivels in the tethering chain or cable.

2.5 Subp. 15. **Bait restrictions.** In the Lynx Management Zone, the use of fresh meat,  
2.6 rabbits or hares, or parts of rabbits or hares as bait is prohibited. Other meat may be  
2.7 used as bait if it has been unfrozen and exposed to air for at least 24 hours before being  
2.8 placed in a trap.

2.9 Subp. 16. **Sight attractant restrictions.** In the Lynx Management Zone, the use of  
2.10 suspended flags or other sight attractants within 20 feet of a trap is prohibited.

2.11 **6234.2400 SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF SNARES.**

2.12 [For text of subps 1 to 7, see M.R.]

2.13 Subp. 8. **Snare loop diameter.** The diameter of a snare loop may not exceed ten  
2.14 inches. In the Lynx Management Zone, the diameter of a snare loop must be at least eight  
2.15 inches when set on land.

2.16 Subp. 9. **Snare cable diameter.** Snare cable or wire may not exceed one-eighth  
2.17 inch in diameter. In the Lynx Management Zone, snare cable or wire must be at least  
2.18 5/64 inch in diameter when set on land.

2.19 [For text of subp 10, see M.R.]

2.20 **6234.2700 SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING AND POSSESSION OF**  
2.21 **FURBEARERS.**

2.22 The restrictions in items A ~~and B~~ to C apply to the possession and transportation of  
2.23 accidental captures.

2.24 A. A person may not possess or transport a fisher, otter, pine marten, fox,  
2.25 bobcat, lynx, or gray wolf that was accidentally killed or was lawfully killed while causing

3.1 or threatening injury or damage until the person notifies the local conservation officer,  
3.2 other authorized department employee, or regional enforcement office, of the killing and  
3.3 receives authorization to possess, transport, or skin the animal.

3.4 B. A person may possess or transport mink, muskrat, beaver, badger, opossum,  
3.5 or raccoon accidentally killed or lawfully killed while causing or threatening injury  
3.6 or damage, only if the local conservation officer or other authorized employee of the  
3.7 department is notified within 24 hours of such killing and before any skinning has begun.

3.8 C. A person must report any incidental taking of a Canada lynx to the local  
3.9 conservation officer within 24 hours.