

Department of Natural Resources

Chapters:

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:

6234

CANADA LYNX MANAGEMENT ZONE

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Please see the attachment for language of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to Canada Lynx Management Zone.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Canada Lynx Management**
1.3 **Zone**

1.4 **6234.0900 SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS.**

1.5 *[For text of subparts 1 to 6, see Minnesota Rules]*

1.6 Subp. 7. **Static load test.** "Static load test" means a test for rating breakaway devices
1.7 on snares that uses a nonmoving weight or nonjolting force applied to the snare.

1.8 **6234.1000 DESCRIPTION OF FURBEARER ZONES.**

1.9 *[For text of subparts 1 to 4, see Minnesota Rules]*

1.10 Subp. 5. **Lynx Management Zone.** That portion of the state lying north and east of
1.11 a line beginning at U.S. Highway 53 at the east boundary of the state, thence along U.S.
1.12 Highway 53 to the north boundary of the state, is known as the Lynx Management Zone.

1.13 **6234.2200 USE OF TRAPS.**

1.14 *[For text of subparts 1 to 5, see Minnesota Rules]*

1.15 Subp. 5a. **Body-gripping traps; Lynx Management Zone.** In the Lynx Management
1.16 Zone, a person may not set, place, or operate, except as a water set, any body-gripping trap
1.17 that has a maximum jaw opening, when set, of greater than five inches and less than or
1.18 equal to 7-1/2 inches measured from the inside edges of the body-gripping portions of the
1.19 jaws, unless the trap is set:

1.20 A. at least three feet above the ground or snow level in a tree;

1.21 B. at least three feet above the ground or snow level on a leaning pole six inches
1.22 or less in diameter; or

1.23 C. in a cubby box recessed at least seven inches from the box opening, which
1.24 must be less than 50 square inches in opening size. A cubby box may be constructed of any

2.1 material, but must be constructed and set in a manner that allows an animal to enter only
2.2 through the cubby box opening.

2.3 *[For text of subparts 6 to 12, see Minnesota Rules]*

2.4 Subp. 13. **Trap staking and tethering; Lynx Management Zone.** In the Lynx
2.5 Management Zone, except for water sets and weasel boxes as described in subpart 2, item
2.6 B, all leghold traps must be staked or otherwise secured by tethering chains or cables not
2.7 more than 18 inches long, in a manner that prevents captured animals from removing the
2.8 trap from the trap site.

2.9 Subp. 14. **Trap tether swivels; Lynx Management Zone.** In the Lynx Management
2.10 Zone, except for water sets, all leghold traps must have two or more swivels in the tethering
2.11 chain or cable.

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

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

2.19 Subp. 17. **Foothold traps; Lynx Management Zone.** In the Lynx Management Zone,
2.20 a person may not set, place, or operate any foothold trap that has a maximum jaw opening,
2.21 when set, of greater than 6-½ inches measured from the inside edges of the jaw, except
2.22 when

2.23 A. placed as a water set; or

2.24 B. used by licensed wolf trappers during a wolf season.

3.1 **6234.2400 SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF SNARES.**

3.2 *[For text of subparts 1 to 7, see Minnesota Rules]*

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

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

3.9 *[For text of subparts 10 and 11, see Minnesota Rules]*

3.10 Subp. 12. **Snare breakaway devices.** Snares capable of taking a wild animal must
3.11 include a breakaway device that causes the snare loop to disassemble at 350 pounds pull or
3.12 less as measured by a static load test, except for:

3.13 A. wolf snares as defined in part 6234.0900, subpart 6;

3.14 B. snares set by licensed wolf trappers in possession of a valid wolf tag during a
3.15 legal wolf trapping season; and

3.16 C. snares set under ice.

3.17 Subp. 13. **Snares in Lynx Management Zone.** In the Lynx Management Zone, the
3.18 following restrictions apply to snares that are not set as water sets:

3.19 A. A snare must be equipped with:

3.20 (1) a minimum loop stop that prevents the snare loop from closing to a
3.21 diameter less than 3-¼ inches; and

3.22 (2) a one-piece snare lock that contains no moving parts, has no integrated
3.23 or attached compression springs, and has a side that contacts the animal that is a minimum
3.24 of ½ inch in width.

4.1 B. A snare may not be attached or anchored to a fence or tree and may not be set
4.2 in a location where, when fully extended, it can reach any part of a fence or any rooted
4.3 vegetation greater than ½ inch in diameter.

4.4 C. Except when used by a licensed wolf trapper as a wolf snare as defined in part
4.5 6234.0900, subpart 6, a snare may not exceed seven feet in length from the anchor point to
4.6 the end of the snare when fully extended.

4.7 D. A snare must be equipped with at least one swivel.

4.8 **REPEALER.** The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6234.0900;
4.9 6234.1000; 6234.2200; and 6234.2400, published in the State Register, volume 47, page
4.10 139, August 29, 2022, are repealed.