

Trapping regulations now available

Trappers are being reminded by the Department of Fish and Game to pick up their new trapping regulation booklets. "There have been several significant changes in season opening dates, particularly concerning lynx trapping" Anchorage game biologist Ray Kramer said. "Lynx trapping is totally closed this year in Subunit 15(a) on the Kenai Peninsula, and seasons on the remainder of the peninsula, as well as in Units 11 through 14; 16, 20, and 25 have been shortened to portions of the months of December and January only. The Board of Game shortened the open season for lynx in an effort to reduce the harvest during a

cyclic decline in lynx numbers."

The biologist also noted that while beaver seasons were lengthened in the Glennallen and Wrangell Mountains areas, wolverine seasons were shortened in the same areas. He also reminded Anchorage trappers that trapping for wolf and wolverine is not allowed in Chugach State Park.

"The trapping regulations are really easy to read" Kramer concluded, "so it's really worth a person's time to take 15 minutes and review the entire booklet. Part of being an expert trapper is understanding the legal methods and means available."