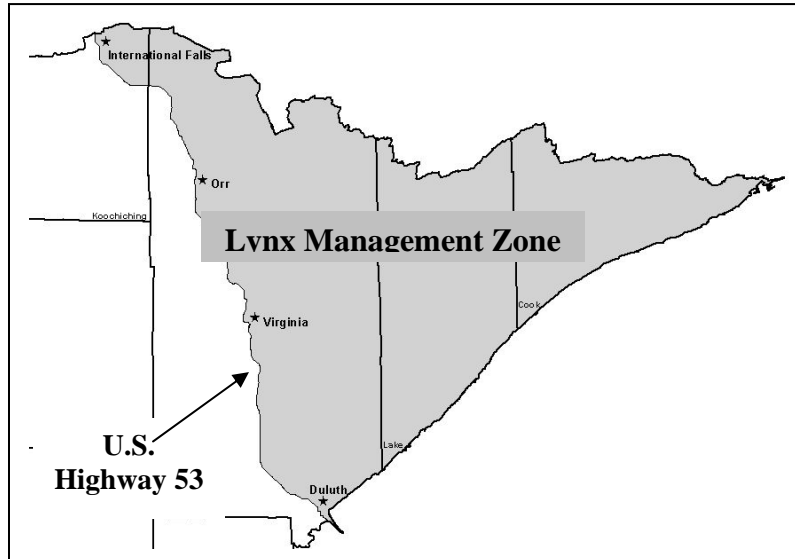


Trapping regulation changes in northeast Minnesota



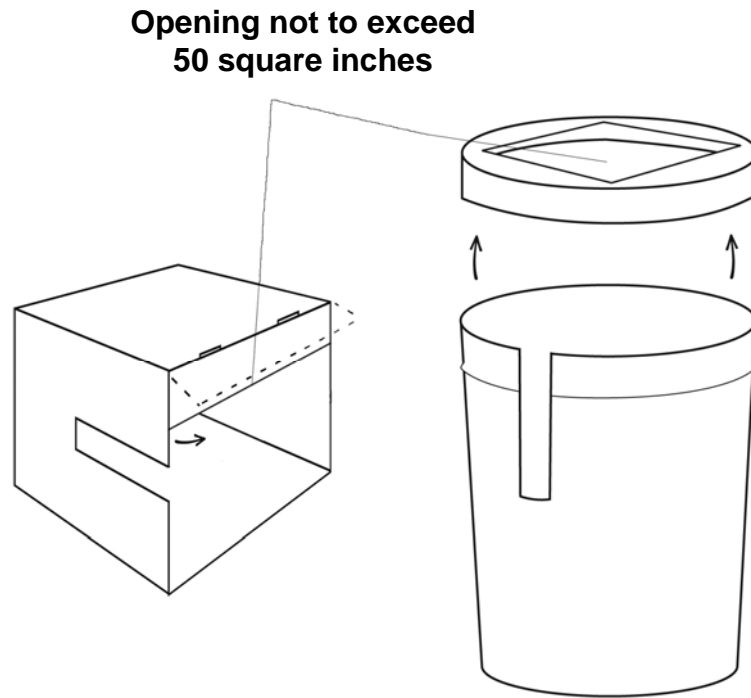
As a result of a federal court order, trapping regulations in northeast Minnesota are being modified to restrict, modify or eliminate the incidental take of Canada Lynx. The following regulations apply only to that part of Minnesota lying east and north of U.S. Highway 53, as shown on the map:

1. All snare cable or wire must be at least 5/64 inch in diameter when set on land.
2. Snare loops must be at least 8 inches in diameter and may not exceed 10 inches in diameter when set on land.



3. All foothold traps, except those set as water sets, must be staked or otherwise secured by tethering chains or cables not more than 18 inches long with at least two swivel points. Traps must be secured in a manner that prevents captured animals from removing the trap from the trap site (no drags allowed).
4. Fresh meat, hare or rabbit or parts of hare or rabbit may not be used as bait. Other meat may be used as bait if it has been unfrozen and exposed to air for at least 24 hours.
5. No suspended flagging or other sight attractant may be used within 20 feet of the trap or snare.
6. Any incidentally caught lynx should be immediately released, if possible. A person must report the incidental taking of a Canada lynx to the local conservation officer or by calling (800) 652-9093 as soon as possible and within 24 hours.
7. Body-gripping traps that have a maximum jaw opening, when set, of greater than 5 inches and less than 7 1/2 inches measured from the inside edges of the jaws (generally 160 and 220 conibears), except those set as water sets, must be set in one of two ways:

- A In a tree, or on a leaning pole no larger than 6 inches in diameter at least three feet off the ground or surface of the snow.
- B. If used on the ground, they must be set in a cubby with the trap inserted a minimum of 7 inches from the front, with the cubby opening no more than 50 square inches in area as illustrated.



Note: This diagram is for illustration purposes only. Openings may be restricted with wire mesh, wood strips or other material.

For general questions about trapping in the lynx management zone, call the DNR information line at (888) 646-6367 (MNDNR).