

# 2009 Trapping Regulations & Recommendations to avoid LYNX CAPTURE

## Regulations

- **Foothold traps** in WMDs 1-6 and 8-11 set on dry ground can NOT have an inside jaw spread greater than **5 3/8 inches** and must have at least one “inline” swivel.
- **Cage-type live traps** in WMDs 1-6 and 8-11 with dimensions of 13 X 13 inches or greater are prohibited.
- **\*NEW RULES\* Killer-type (conibear) traps** that can be set on land (conibears with an inside jaw spread up to 8 inches) in WMDs 1-11 must be set\*:
  - 4 feet above ground or snow level and 4 feet away from any bank;
  - in an area that is free of objects greater than 4 inches in diameter within 4 feet of the trap and is free of trees or slanted poles between the height of the trap and the ground;
  - with poles made from a natural section of a tree, that have no sawed or planed sections, and that are 4 inches or less in diameter 4 feet above the ground or snow; and
  - on an object that is at an angle of at least 45° from the ground the entire distance to the trap.

\*Except, traps with an inside jaw spread of 5 inches or less may be used in blind sets with no bait, lure, or visible attractors.

**Captured Lynx HOTLINE (207) 592-4734** 24 hr/ 7days a week  
(Phones are available at checkpoints, sporting camps, and logging operations, see gazetteer or Northwoods map)

- **Captured lynx must be reported** to a game warden or biologist of the Department as soon as possible and prior to removing the animal from the trap, unless a Department official cannot be reached in time to prevent injury to the lynx. Any lynx released under this provision must be reported to the Department within 24 hours from the time it was discovered.

## Foothold Trapping Recommendations

- Traps should have offset, padded, or laminated jaws.
- Traps should be staked solidly with chains less than 9 1/2 inches long
- Set traps where the potential for entanglement is low.
- All chains should be attached at the center of the trap frame.

For more information call MDIFW Bangor office: (207) 941-4466

Measure inside spread of jaw at the dog of the trap



