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State of California Licensed Trappers,

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife reminds trappers that beginning Friday, Nov. 20, 2015, recreational and commercial bobcat trapping are no longer allowed in California.

At a meeting in Fortuna, California on August 5, 2015, the California Fish and Game Commission adopted regulations to ban bobcat trapping statewide. On November 13, 2015, the Office of Administrative Law approved those regulations to be effective November 20.

As a result of the new regulations, related to hunting and trapping of bobcat (Section 478 of Title 14, California Code of Regulations): It is unlawful to trap any bobcat, or attempt to do so, or to sell or export any bobcat or part of any bobcat taken in the State of California and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife will no longer mark bobcat pelts for personal use or issue shipping tags for commercial sale of bobcat pelts taken in California.

Any holder of a trapping license who traps a bobcat shall immediately release the bobcat to the wild unharmed.

Sincerely,

Craig Stowers  
Wildlife Program Manager

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Craig Stowers".