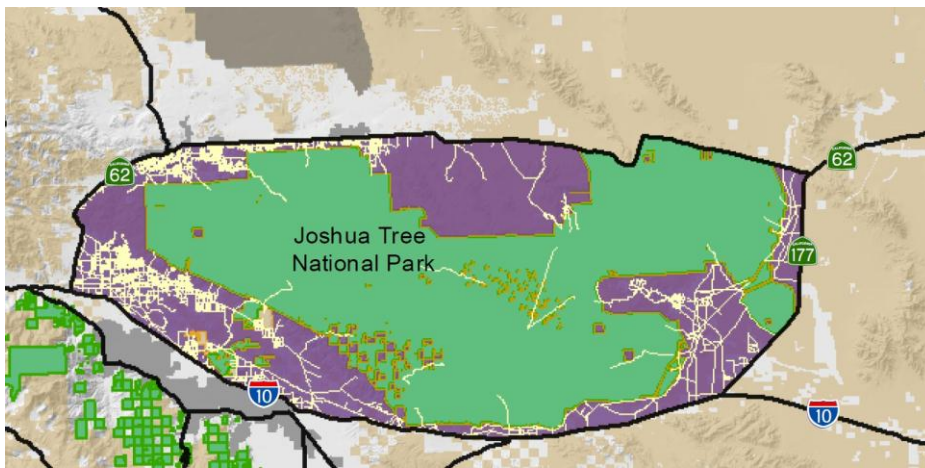


Notice to licensed trappers in California regarding “The Bobcat Protection Act of 2013”

Licensed trappers should be aware that the passage of Assembly Bill 1213, “The Bobcat Protection Act of 2013,” in October of 2013 added Section 4155 to the Fish and Game Code and mandated the implementation of a closure zone for bobcat trapping surrounding Joshua Tree National Park effective January 1, 2014.

Fish and Game Code 4155(a) has been amended as follows:

“Beginning Jan. 1, 2014, it shall be unlawful to trap any bobcat, or to attempt to do so, or to sell or export any bobcat or part of any bobcat taken in the area surrounding Joshua Tree National Park, defined as follows: East and South of State Highway 62 from the intersection of Interstate 10 to the intersection of State Highway 177; West of State Highway 177 from the intersection of State Highway 62 to the intersection with Interstate 10; North of Interstate 10 from State Highway 177 to State Highway 62.”



Please be advised that further bobcat trapping closure zones also required under Section 4155(b) of the new statute will be developed and implemented through the Fish and Game Commission’s normal rulemaking processes in 2014 and 2015.

The full text of Assembly Bill No. 1213, Bloom. Bobcat Protection Act of 2013 can be accessed at:

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/asm/ab_1201-1250/ab_1213_bill_20131011_chaptered.htm