

# Implementing the Bobcat Protection Act



**Fish and Game Commission**

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# Presentation overview

- Review the provisions of the law
- Discuss some of the challenges for implementation
- Outline our proposed approach
- Provide examples of proposed trapping zones, and closure areas
- Present Department's recommendation

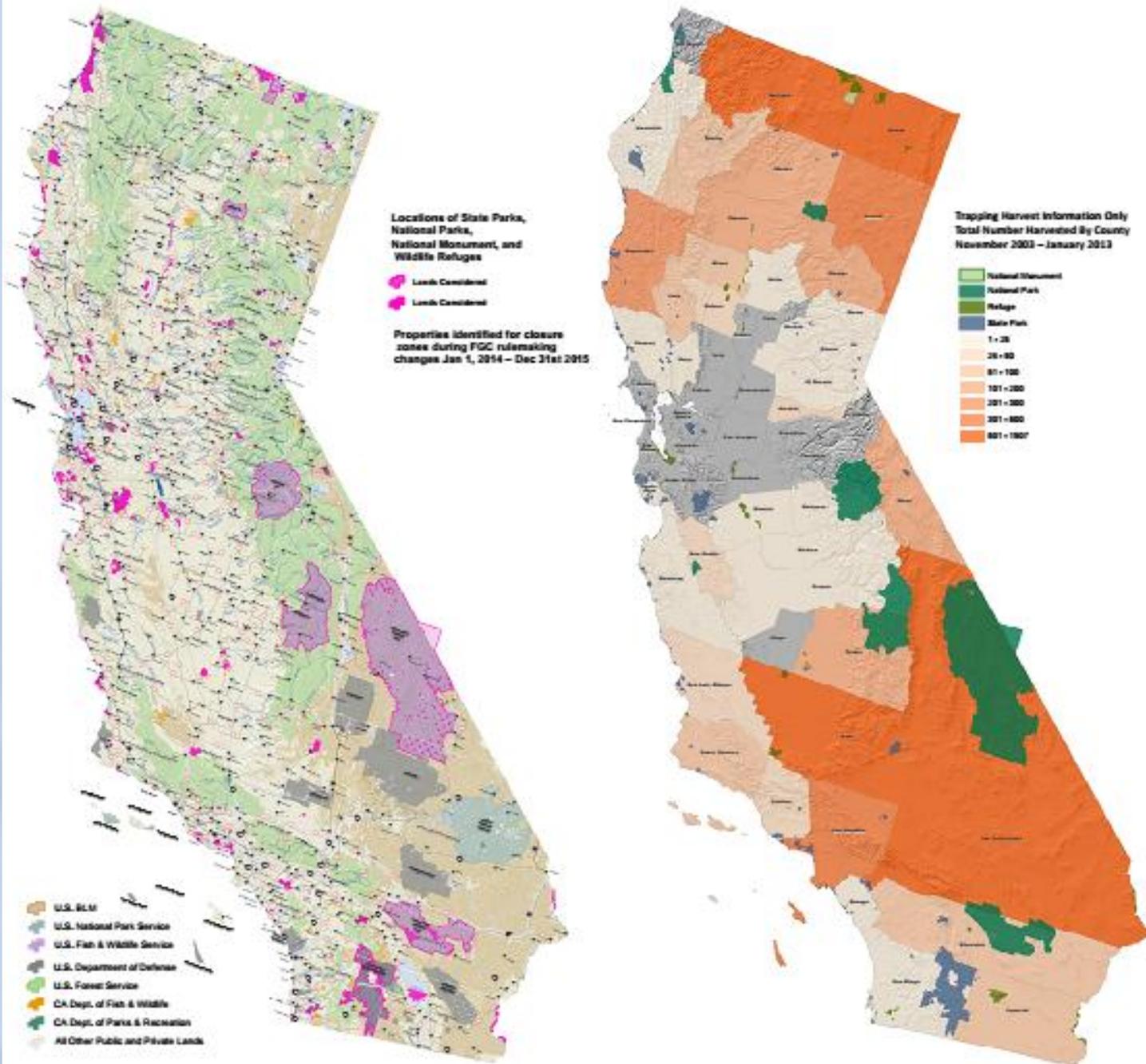


# Provisions of AB 1213 (FGC Sec. 4155)

- Prohibits bobcat trapping adjacent to Joshua Tree National Park
- Requires Commission to adopt regulations prohibiting bobcat trapping adjacent to protected areas
- Specifies use of highways, major roads, or other “readily identifiable features” for closure boundaries
- In 2016, consider additional closures adjacent to other conservation lands if requested by the public
- Set trapping and tag fees to fully recover administrative and implementation costs associated with bobcat trapping



# CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE PROPOSED BOBCCAT CLOSURE REVIEW



# Alternatives considered

## 1. Use GPS technology to designate specified closure zones around all protected properties

### Pros:

- Relatively easy to accomplish
- Makes use of modern technology
- Provides better buffers
- Minimizes regulatory text

### Cons:

- GPS signals not always dependable in rugged terrain
- May be more difficult to enforce
- Does not meet statutory requirements



# Alternatives considered

## 2. Designate bobcat trapping zones and use readily identifiable features to define closure zones around protected properties

### Pros:

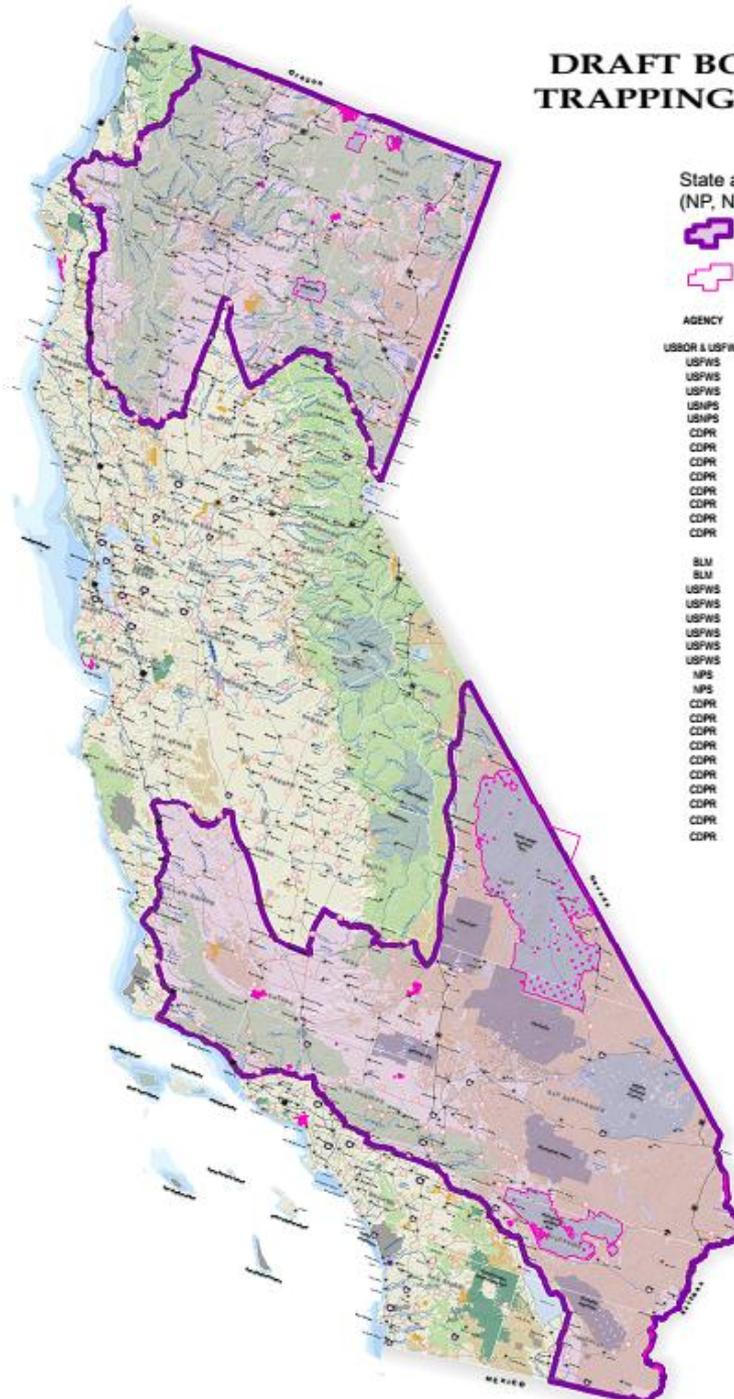
- Consistent with statute
- Reduces the number of closure zones
- Clearly defined zones easier to enforce

### Cons:

- Closes a large portion of the state to bobcat trapping
- Still requires substantial regulatory text



# DRAFT BOBCCAT TRAPPING ZONES



State and Federal Lands inside Zone  
(NP, NM, NWR, SP, SHP)

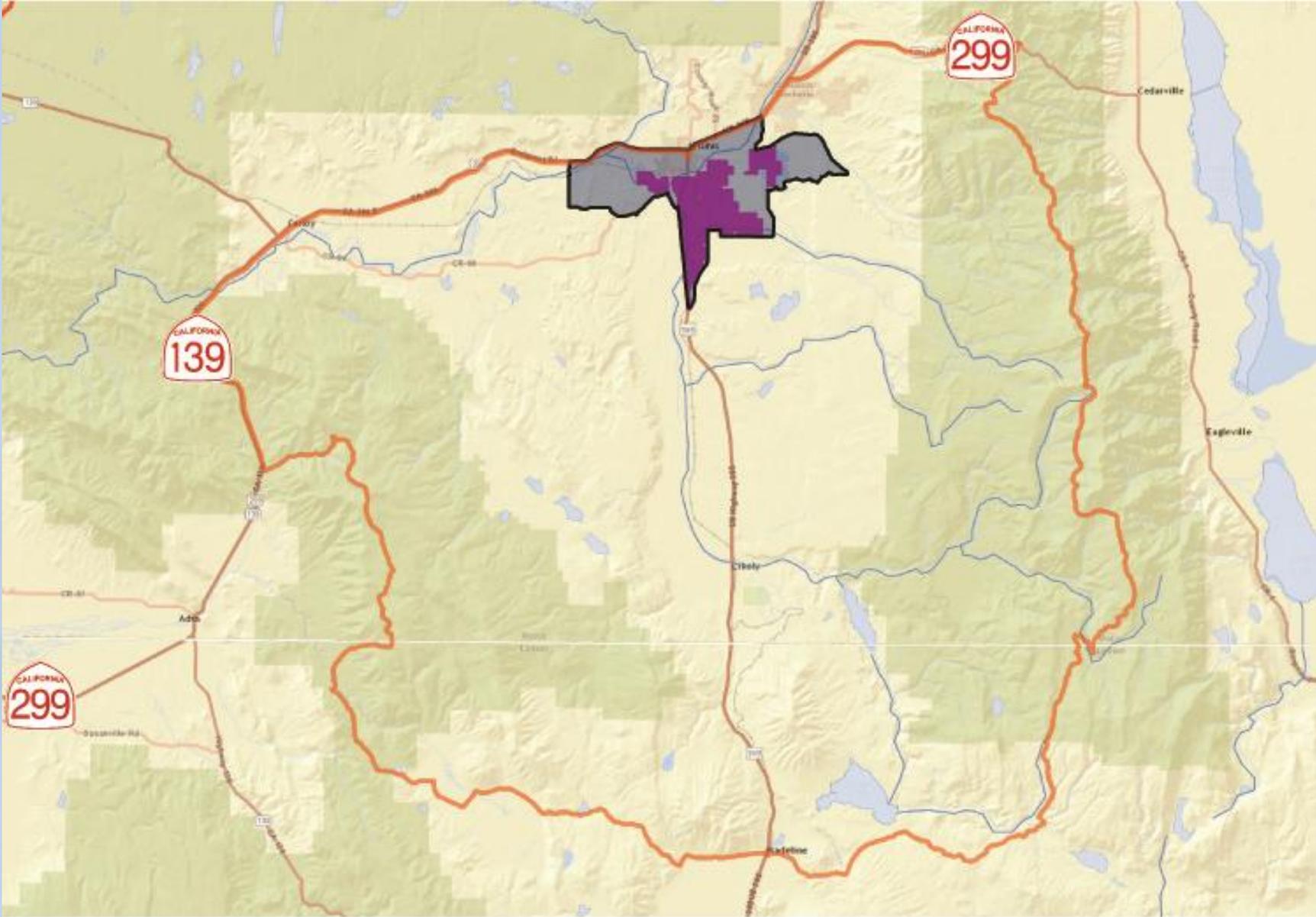
-  Proposed Trapping Zones
-  Lands Considered

| AGENCY       | PROPERTY  |
|--------------|---|
|              | <b>NORTHERN</b>                                     |
| USBR & USFWS | Clear Lake National Wildlife Refuge                 |
| USFWS        | Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge              |
| USFWS        | Modoc National Wildlife Refuge                      |
| USFWS        | Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge                  |
| USNPS        | Lava Beds National Monument                         |
| USNPS        | Lassen Volcanic National Park                       |
| CDPR         | Ahjumawi Lava Springs State Park                    |
| CDPR         | Castle Crags State Park                             |
| CDPR         | Fort Humboldt State Historic Park                   |
| CDPR         | Gilkey Creek Redwoods State Park                    |
| CDPR         | McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park           |
| CDPR         | Shasta State Historic Park                          |
| CDPR         | Weaverville Joss House State Historic Park          |
| CDPR         | William S. Ide Adobe State Historic Park            |
|              | <b>SOUTHERN</b>                                     |
| BLM          | Carrizo Plain National Monument                     |
| BLM          | Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains Natl. Monument |
| USFWS        | Elmer Creek National Wildlife Refuge                |
| USFWS        | Clocks National Wildlife Refuge                     |
| USFWS        | Cosumnes Valley National Wildlife Refuge            |
| USFWS        | Havasu National Wildlife Refuge                     |
| USFWS        | Hopper Mountain National Wildlife Refuge            |
| USFWS        | Imperial National Wildlife Refuge                   |
| NPS          | Death Valley National Park                          |
| NPS          | Joshua Tree National Park                           |
| CDPR         | Antelope Valley Indian Museum (SHP)                 |
| CDPR         | Arthur S. Ripley Desert Woodland State Park         |
| CDPR         | Chumash Painted Cave State Historic Park            |
| CDPR         | El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park    |
| CDPR         | Fort Tejon State Historic Park                      |
| CDPR         | Gaviota State Park                                  |
| CDPR         | Piacenta Canyon State Park                          |
| CDPR         | Red Rock Canyon State Park                          |
| CDPR         | Saddleback Butte State Park                         |
| CDPR         | Toro-Kalini State Historic Park                     |

-  U.S. Forest Service
-  U.S. BLM
-  U.S. National Park Service
-  U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
-  CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
-  CA Dept. of Parks & Recreation
-  All Other Public and Private Lands
-  U.S. Department of Defense



# Modoc Natl. Wildlife Refuge closure zone



# Modoc Natl. Wildlife Refuge sample text

The trapping of bobcats is prohibited within Modoc National Wildlife Refuge in Modoc County and in the area adjacent to and surrounding the refuge described with the following boundaries: Beginning clockwise from intersection of U. S. Highway 395 and Fitch's Road, south on Fitch's Road to Parker Creek Road, southeast on Parker Creek Road to County Road 57A, west on County Road 57A to County Road 57, south on County Road 57 to County Road 59B (Pine Creek Boulevard), west on County Road 59B (Pine Creek Boulevard) to County Road 59, south and west to County Road 115, southwest on County Road 115 to U. S. Highway 395, north on U. S. Highway 395 to the South Fork Pit River, northwest on the South Fork Pit River to County Road 54 (N. West Street), southwest on County Road 54 (N. West Street) to County Road 76, west on County Road 76 to County Road 75, north on County Road 75 to State Route 299, east on State Route 299 to U. S. 395, northeast on U. S. 395 to point of beginning (Fitch's Road).





# Castle Crags sample text

The trapping of bobcats is prohibited within Castle Crags State Park in Shasta County and in the area adjacent to and surrounding the park described with the following boundaries: Beginning north of the park, clockwise from intersection of Stewart Springs Rd and Interstate 5, South on Interstate 5 to the Junction of Interstate 5 and State Route 89, East and South on State Route 89 to County Road 11 (Squaw Valley Rd) to the crossing with Connor Creek, south following Connor Creek to Squaw Valley Creek, South following Squaw Valley Creek to the McCloud River Arm of Shasta Lake, South to the Crossing of Interstate 5 and Shasta Lake, North on Interstate 5 to County Rd 21 (Dog Creek / Fenders Ferry Rd), West on County Rd 21 (Dog Creek Rd) to the Junction with County Road 106 (East Side Rd), North to the Junction with State Route 3, North on State Route 3 to IP Road, Northeast on IP Road (National Forest 17), North on National Forest 17 (Forest Rte. 42N17) to Stewart Springs Rd, Northeast to Old Highway 99, East to Interstate 5, South to point of beginning (Junction of Stewart Springs Rd and Interstate 5).



# Department's recommendation

1. Define northern and southern bobcat trapping zones to include areas with substantial bobcat trapping records over the past decade
2. As directed by statute, define closure zones using major roads and other readily identifiable features around the 34 state and national parks, national monuments, and wildlife refuges within the two trapping zones



# Comments or questions?

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