



PUBLIC NOTICE



Colville Tribes Fish and Wildlife Department

The Return of *Wápupx̄n*

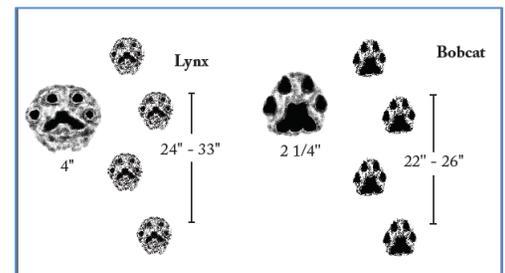
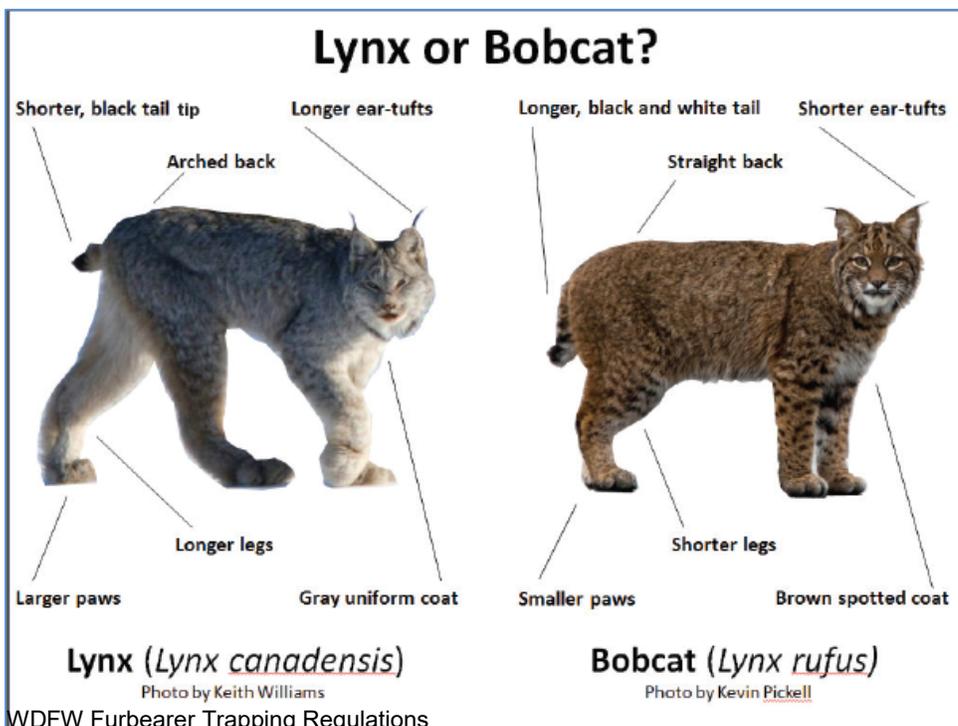
The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation are re-establishing a Canada lynx population within the bounds of the Reservation. With the return of this species comes the responsibility of all resource users to ensure their protection. Canada lynx are listed as Federally Threatened and are therefore protected under the Endangered Special Act (ESA).

The ESA protects endangered and threatened species and their habitats by 1) prohibiting the “take” of listed animals and the interstate or international trade in listed plants and animals, including their parts and products, except under Federal permit; and 2) prohibiting federal actions that are likely to jeopardize the continued existence of listed species or adversely modify designated critical habitats.

The ESA makes it unlawful for a person to take a listed animal without a permit. Take is defined as “to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect or attempt to engage in any such conduct.”

The Fish and Wildlife Department is requesting that all individuals report lynx sightings immediately to our front desk or to their perspective District Biologist. It is the responsibility of all resource users to ensure the correct identification of a lynx and to make sure that they can tell the difference between a lynx and a bobcat. If there is a question of what species it is please always error on the side of caution and leave the cat undisturbed. Our District Biologists are happy to meet with anyone who is interested in further information or would like additional help identifying pictures or tracks of our forest carnivores.

Trappers and hound hunters please make sure you have taken the necessary precautions before pursuing any cats.



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