



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 1213.

This bill would prohibit commercial trapping of bobcats in areas adjacent to national and state parks, national monuments, or wildlife refuges in which trapping is currently prohibited. It would also require the Fish and Game Commission to consider whether to prohibit the trapping of bobcats in land adjacent to preserves, state conservancies, and any other public or private conservation area identified by the public for protection.

In order to ensure appropriate implementation of this Act, I am asking the Legislature to work with my Department to secure funding to survey our bobcat population. Based on this work, the Department and the Commission should consider setting population thresholds and bobcat trapping tag limitations in its upcoming rulemaking.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.