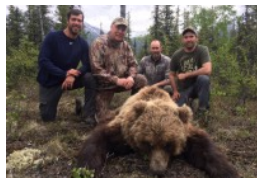




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2018 SEASON RECAP

2018 was a year of high expectations after a great year in 2017. Our areas of operation were the same as 2017. We operate the premier Dall Sheep Concession in the Brooks Range, within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness; and Alaska's most diverse moose and brown bear Concessions, a 140 mile long area in the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge. Our Federal Concession areas total approximately 11,500 square miles, or 7.5 million acres. We operated on an additional 4200 square miles, or 2.7 million acres, of State and Native Lands in the Copper River Valley for our spring bear camp.

We are now taking about 15 black bear, 15 brown bear, 5 grizzly, 5 caribou, 8 sheep, and 4 moose hunters per year (many pursue more than one species) with an overall kill rate of 80% (23/29) this year. If misses and wounding are included we were 27/29 (93%), with 8 of our hunters taking 2 or more animals. Of the two hunters that didn't get a shot, one came as a packer on his brother's successful sheep hunt and the other left after three days when they found out they were not in physical condition for the hunt.

*All trophy Photos are 2018 season, All live animal in photos are still alive.





Arctic Refuge Wilderness Hunting

2018 was a great year for sheep in our Arctic Refuge Concession! We took a couple of really old rams and a couple younger ones with great genetics. Our hunters could have easily been 100% on sheep again, if lady luck was on our side, but one got away due to an errant shot and an early exit by a hunter that wasn't up to the fitness level required by backpack sheep hunting. We ended our season 7-8 on Dall Sheep with a couple great caribou and grizzlies for added bonus. Weather hindered our access to the field for a couple days on the first hunt but it didn't matter. Our best guide crew ever improvised and came away 4-4. Caribou were available on most hunts but are often passed while hunting sheep. Our second hunt had reasonable weather and everyone was successful aside from the hunter mentioned above. Grizzlies were less abundant this year due to a failed blueberry crop but we filled 3-5 tags and passed up others while looking for sheep. We are allowed to take 10 Dall Sheep, 5 grizzlies, and 10 caribou in this Concession. We harvest conservatively and book only 8 sheep hunters per year with just a couple hunters focusing on other species. We would like to extend a huge thank you to our 2018 sheep hunters for showing up with great attitudes. Condition and mind-set make a huge difference in a physically demanding hunt such as this.

This hunt is conducted in our exclusive use area in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness on the North side of the Brooks Range. Exclusive Use Permit means that we are the only Outfitter allowed in this nearly 2 million acre Concession. There are no other guides to compete with like there are in many areas of the Brooks Range, Alaska Range and Chugach. This area is known for some of the largest Dall sheep genetics in the Brooks Range with multiple rams of 38-42" being taken almost every year. This is true backpack sheep hunting in every way. Expect to hike up to ten miles daily and camp in different locations nearly every night. Grizzly Bears and caribou can be abundant in this area and may be taken on a trophy fee basis. Weather is usually good in August but can range from 20-80 degrees with days in the 60s and nights around 40 most common. Hunters can expect to see sheep daily. The hunt will begin with a flight across the Brooks Range. The first couple days are generally spent scouting, and spiking in to a location to set up camp. Fantastic Arctic char and grayling fishing is available on both our

float hunts and most other hunts in this area. Our float hunts add an additional level of adventure and allow for flexibility to hunt along 40 miles of pristine river. Float hunts are NOT necessarily less physically demanding than other hunts. Meals on sheep hunts will be dinners of Mountain House Meals and game meat after your harvest; lunch of cheese, crackers, bars, jerky etc; and breakfast will be oatmeal, coffee, granola, etc. Camps are simple; lightweight backpacking tents are provided (one tent per person, you don't need to sleep next to your stinky guide). Bear/caribou hunts are slightly more "luxurious" with larger tents and heavier food. Hunters are asked to limit their gear to 50# including their rifle and pack. Everything the hunter brings to the field will be packed with him almost every day. Gun cases and street clothes can be left with the air taxi in Ft. Yukon and do not count for weight limits.

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness Dall Sheep Hunt

2019 Dates are fully booked, 2020 price is \$21,000

10 Days August

Caribou Trophy Fee: \$3500

Grizzly Bear Fee: \$2500 to add a grizzly to this hunt (tags are limited), \$4000 trophy fee due upon harvest.

Air Taxi Fee: \$1500

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness Grizzly/Caribou Combo

2019 Dates are fully booked

2020 price \$16,500

10 Days Late July-Early August

Caribou and Grizzly Trophy Fee Included

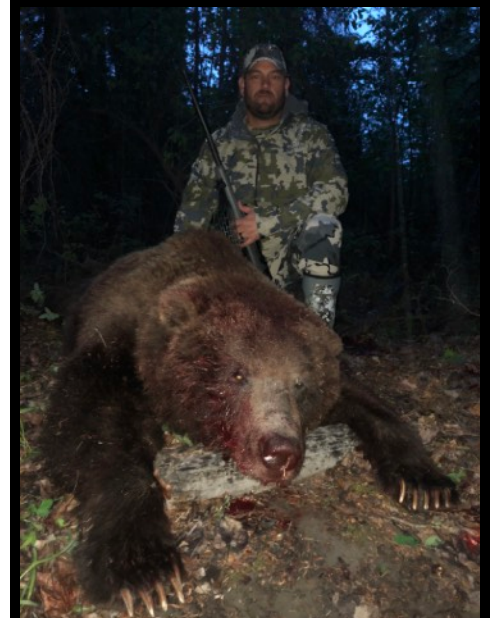
Air Taxi Fee: \$1500

Copper Valley Spring Bear Hunting



This hunt has become one of our most reliable experiences over the last 5 years. This spring was especially interesting with a variety of weaponry we have never imagined. We had hunters shoot bears with rifles, a shotgun, crossbow, compound bow, re-curve, hand made self-bow with flint arrows, a spear, and a blow gun! (please don't try this) Our brown bear and black bear hunters all had shots at bears, as is usually the case. All brown bear hunters had opportunities at bears but a couple traditional archery hunters missed their mark. All hunters that wanted black bears got them with a few beautiful color-phase black bears. We had around 80 brown bears and 200 black bears on our cameras overlooking our 30 baits or so. For the second year in a row we had low water early but then we had big rains in the Chugach and the water got so high it washed some of the baits away! We are always at the mercy of the whitewater on these hunts.

Baited Brown Bear Hunting is a unique opportunity made possible by a regulation change in 2013. We have had success rates over 80% five of the six years it has been open. After 6 seasons, we are still learning the habits of brown bears over bait. They are completely different





animals than black bears in that they act much more like a large whitetail buck around a bait. This is a bow-hunter's dream but also a challenge!

We expect nearly 100% of our hunters to see brown bears on bait while hunting, the rest depends on the hunter and the size of the bear desired. We have hunted black bears in this area for over fifteen years and were previously frustrated by brown bears that took over our black bear baits making black bear hunting difficult. These are considered costal brown bears by B&C but do not grow quite to the size of those closer to the ocean. They are considered Grizzlies by SCI and present a fantastic opportunity to take a very large SCI Grizzly trophy. These bears top out at about 9 feet and 26" skulls with 7-8 foot bears very common. The brown bears in our area are normally spectacularly furred in the spring and range in color from chocolate to almost white. Black bears are also abundant on this hunt and all color phases are present.

Approximately 50% of our black bears are jet black, the rest are various shades of brown. Our black bear success rates have been over 100% for the last five years (you may take up to three bears). Hunting areas are accessed by ATV and jet boat. We hunt ten full days on brown bear hunts and depart the morning of the 11th day. Our daily schedule will consist of sleeping in late, a light breakfast, fishing, lunch, baiting stands. Hunting starts at about 5:00PM daily, expect late nights, well after midnight. The Copper River is known for its salmon runs and you are welcome to catch sockeyes just a few steps from your cabin but they are not always present. Meals will be hearty, sometimes gourmet, depending on our cooking performance. Accommodations will be simple, small cabins located just feet from the Klutina River on our property in Copper Center.

Combo Baited Brown/Black Bear Hunting \$14,500

2019 (2 of 8 hunts open)

10 Hunting Days, May 27-June 5 and June 10-19

1x1 guided (while Brown Bear hunting)

One Brown Bear and Black bear included

Additional Black Bear Trophy Fee: \$1000 (per bear up to three total)

Baited Black Bear Hunting \$4,500

2019 (Full, except accompanying brown bear hunters) 2020 (flexible openings available)

5 Days, Late May - Early June

Two Black bear Included

Black Bear Trophy Fee: \$1000 (third black bear)

Cast and Blast \$5,500

6 Days June 28 - July 3 only

Guided Hunting/ Guided King Salmon/ Sockeye Salmon Fishing

Two Black bear Included

Black Bear Trophy Fee: \$1000 (third black bear)



Togiak Refuge Moose and Brown Bear Hunts

2018 hunting in the Togiak turned out to be relatively good despite weather in the 70's and blue skies the entire time. Two of three moose camps took nice moose with the third seeing dozens of bulls while waiting for a B&C animal, which they eventually located but could not get. Returning clients Jim and Chandler each took good, old bears with Jim's near 9 1/2' and Chandler's ancient bear closer to 8 1/2'. We expect success rates to be in line with the long running average of 87.5% over the last 10 years.

September 3rd Brought literally the worst call a man could experience in his life. I was waiting for a moose hunter to show up the next day when the call came that my Daughter, Adeline, and her Mom, Cary, had been lost in an accident on the Parks Highway. I cancelled the hunter to arrive the next day but the rest of our hunters finished. The remainder of my fall was spent with family. I am going to transfer my Togiak Refuge Concession to allow me to be with family on Addie and Cary's Birthdays and the anniversary of their passing (All the first two weeks of September). Rick Grant of Tickchik Air Ventures will be taking over the concession. He has the adjacent concession and 40 years of experience in the area. I would be glad to answer questions and forward information to Rick. I will be looking to add to our outfit a moose area with lodging that will allow family to participate in our operations.



Addie and Cary Bloomquist



2018 Crew

We want to thank our crew for all of the great hunts in 2018! We are proud to have built one of the best crews in the business. We have a fine mix of youth and enthusiasm and years of experience that allow us to tailor our crew to our hunter's needs.

Aaron Bloomquist - Owner/Outfitter



Casey Johnson - Guide

Casey is our "Right Hand Man" and soon to take over our spring operations. Casey lives in Cody, Wyoming the half of the year he is not guiding in Alaska. He is an accomplished predator hunter with several tournament wins. Casey has guided fishermen for several years near our home in Copper Center. He has transitioned in to our hunting outfit over the last several years as a perfect fit.

Lyle Becker - Guide/Outfitter

Lyle has worked with us since 2009. As you can tell by the adjacent photo, Lyle is the Poet - Laureate in any guide camp he graces. Lyle is a monster in the mountains and a philosopher in camp. Lyle also has his own Outfit, taking Brown Bears on the Alaska Peninsula and caribou, moose and grizzly in the Arctic Refuge in the Concession adjacent to our Sheep area.

Clay Roberts - Guide/Outfitter

Clay is one of the rising stars in the Alaska Outfitting Industry. He recently took over the Outfits of his mentors on Kodiak and has over a decade of full time guiding experience in Alaska. Clay is a bit of an adventure seeker with two summits of Denali to his name. Clay lives with a smile on his face even with an entire mountain goat in his pack!

Becky Schwanke - Guide

"Becky spent most of the last decade as the ADF&G Area Biologist in Glennallen, AK. She literally "wrote the book" on judging sheep for ADF&G. She has since built two outdoor gear businesses, including Talarik, home of the SlingHook. Becky is a huge proponent of getting kids outdoors, and just happens to be one of the most competent hunters we know with dozens of animals including several 40" rams to her credit.

Mike "Uncle Mikey" Poplin - Guide

Uncle Mikey had to take the year off this year but he will be back this spring. Mike was originally a client while still serving as an ARMY Military Policeman. After his retirement he has concentrated on things he enjoys like guiding bear hunters and hanging around hunting camp. Mike is one of the best people we have ever met and was even a great "pinch" sitter for 5 year old Addie Bug.





Blake "Trout" Vandenberg - Guide

Blake Trout is one of our young guns that is an absolute work horse. He went lame with a winter knee injury that kept him out of most of the 2018 season but he is back strong as ever now. I would love to keep him as my personal packer, as a 6'4" ex-college baseball pitcher, he fits the bill. He is a bit of a goof ball and a joy to share camp with. Blake earned his guide license at the end of the 2017 season and has been guiding bear hunters while gaining more moose and sheep experience. He will be a full time guide in 2019.



Phil Lincoln - Guide

We have known Phil for many years. Phil has decades of Alaska hunting experience and has guided for some of the most successful hunting outfits in Alaska. Phil runs a successful Cerakote gun finishing business so he only has time for a hunt or two each year. Our clients are lucky any time we can get them with Phil, he is a truly World Class Guide.



Steve Untiet - Guide

Steve has been guiding and hunting in Alaska for decades. Steve is the owner of Alaska Custom Firearms, a successful Anchorage gun shop. Steve has been guiding with us since 2008 and does a couple hunts per year. Steve is also a newly minted pilot!



Skylar "Young Boy" Schied - Guide

Skylar was a new addition to our ranks this year but has guided for Clay Roberts and Gus Lameroux. He is a rare mix of youth, enthusiasm, good judgment, and an uncanny ability to bring home animals. Skylar is also a successful Halibut Charter boat Captain in the summers.



Steve Hallenbeck - Guide

Steve was the "Newbie" on the crew this year, having guided just one or two other hunts in his life for another outfitter. When I get a rookie, I want them to be just like Steve. These adjectives really don't fit a guy that has participated in the taking of nearly 40 Dall sheep! Steve also runs a successful custom gun business and is retired from a career in the Military.



Kirk Sweetsir - Yukon Air

Kirk is one of the most competent and pleasant bush pilots in Alaska with tens of thousands of hours and experience on several continents. Kirk carries adventurers of all kinds through his business Yukon Air in Ft. Yukon Alaska. We charter much of our flying in the Arctic Refuge through Yukon Air.



Robert Wing - Wing Air

Rob is a young pilot with experience beyond his years with several thousand hours in bush planes. He is a second generation pilot that was recommended to us by another outfitter when we needed a super cub pilot. His performance the last two years has been impeccable and critical to our sheep hunting operation. We will continue to use Wing Air in the future.



Rick & Denise Grant - Tikchik Airventures

Rick and Dense are multi-decade Air Charter operators in Dillingham Alaska. Their planes and equipment are the cleanest and most well maintained of any operator we have seen in Alaska. Rick's competency as a pilot speaks for itself. He spends the winter flying stunt planes in Denise's native New Zealand.

2017 Guide Awards

Guide of the Year - Sheep Camp Rookies Becky Schwanke and Steve Hallenbeck

It is impossible to pick a winner between these two! Both of these people would be the “Head-Guide” in most outfits. We are beyond lucky to have them as replacements when one of our guides got his own sheep area and another was injured. Becky decided to make a 30 mile traverse the first hunt and brought home a 39” ram, and rounded out the season with a ram on the last day of the second hunt after a miss by the hunter early in the hunt on a big ram. Steve worked his tail off to get rams, a grizzly and a caribou for his two hunters.. These two shared a camp and were accompanied by one of our long-time Hunt Booking Consultants who has hunted all over the world. His comment: “this may be the best guide crew I have been around”!



Hunt of the Year - Becky Schwanke with Austin Weaver

It is a bit tough to pick a hunt of the year because I am not present for the full duration of each hunt. We had some weather issues at the beginning of sheep season this year forcing some of the guides to improvise a bit. Steve’s bou/griz/sheep trifecta could easily be in this place. Becky improvised in a big way on her first ever solo-guided hunt! They were stuck at one of the main airstrips waiting for a super cub that had been delayed a couple of days due to weather. She didn’t know if it would make it there on the 9th to get the hunters to spike camp in time for the opener. No biggie for a tough woman raised in the sheep mountains. It was about 20 miles to the spike strip up the river bed or 30 miles over the crown of the range. She decided to go hunting, dragging her 20-something clients Austin and Alyssa with her. Not only did they make it to spike camp but they killed an almost 40 inch, 11 year old ram on the way there!!!! The hunt of the year this year wasn’t really close even though several of our hunts took a ton of hard work.



Animal of the Year - Dave Parten Brooks Range Ram/ Porcupine Caribou

I had about 6 contenders for this slot this year so I had to throw in a tie breaker. Dave’s caribou was by far the best we have taken in many years. Its bottoms alone contained 34 scorable points between the double shovels and great bez. The tie breaker would be a front runner for this award almost any year on it’s own. A 12 year old Dall Sheep broomed to a little over 37” is a fantastic ram! Dave took both of these animals within a couple hours of each other on the sheep season opener. Honorable mention would need to go to Austin Weaver’s 39”+ ram, and Jim Frauendiest’s 9 1/2’ Brown Bear.

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The Alaska Outfitters Unlimited Family is committed to leaving a legacy of conservation through sustainable hunting, responsible use of our lands and water, and dedicated service to our guests, hunting traditions, and conservation organizations. We value all wildlife and admire the hunter, who is the World's primary contributor to conservation. It is important to remember the principles of the North American Conservation Model which have promoted the recovery of American wildlife from the troubled times of the early 1900's. The ideas of Theodore Roosevelt, Aldo Leopold, Sigurd Olson, Charles Sheldon, and other Pioneers of American Conservation have established the inherent value of wildlife and wild places, not only in North America, but Worldwide. Alaska Outfitters Unlimited founder, staff, and affiliated outfitters have contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars and thousands of volunteer days to Conservation Organizations, habitat enhancement projects, education programs, and outdoor advocacy. Please help support our National Conservation Organizations and your Local Chapters.