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*Alaska Big Game Tag Prices have increased for 2017 Tags are not included in the hunt prices or trophy fees. All tags must be purchased before the hunt. Brown/Grizzly \$1000; Sheep \$850; Moose \$800; Caribou \$650; Black Bear \$450.

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness Dalls Sheep Hunt\$18,500 (1x1)2018 (2 of 8 hunts open), 2017 is full2019 \$19,500

10 Days August

Caribou Fee: No charge to add caribou to this hunt but a \$3000 trophy due upon harvest. Grizzly Bear Fee: \$1500 to add a grizzly to this hunt as tags are limited, \$4000 trophy fee due upon harvest.

Float hunt: add \$1500

Air Taxi Fee: \$1500 (Actual air taxi cost are approximately \$4000 per person but the hunter is only responsible for \$1500 of this cost, the outfitter pays the balance) Not Included: Flight to Fort Yukon from Fairbanks.

<u>2016 Update</u> Hunters where 100% on sheep, with one double broomed old brawler and the rest all being over 37" with nearly a 10 year old average. 3 of 5 hunters with grizzly tags took grizzlies and one, a caribou. Caribou where available on most hunts but are often passed while hunting sheep. Grizzlies where abundant on the first hunt with all 4 parties seeing at least 16 bears, unfortunately only one hunter had a tag, they disappeared for the most part later in the season. Four sheep hunters with bear tags on the second hunt took two nice bears.

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. We charge \$1500 for the opportunity to add Grizzly to your sheep hunt because our grizzly hunters are limited. 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 fly-in day will be 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 for flexibility to hunt along 40 miles of pristine river. Float hunts are NOT necessarily less physically demanding than other hunts. Meals will be dinners of Mountain House Meals; lunch of cheese, crackers, bars, jerky etc; and breakfast will be oatmeal, coffee, granola, etc. Camps will be simple; lightweight backpacking tents are provided (one tent per person, you don't need to sleep next to your stinky guide). 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.

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Arctic Grizzly/Caribou Combo Float Hunt

\$13,500 (2x1)

2017 (2 of 6 units open) 2018 (4 of 6 hunts open) 1x1 \$16,000

10 Days Late July/ Early August

Air Taxi Fee: \$1500 (Actual air taxi cost are approximately \$3000 per person but the hunter is only responsible for \$1500 of this cost, the outfitter pays the balance)

Not Included: Flight to Bettles from Fairbanks.

Hunters are responsible for extra air taxi flights to leave the field on a date other than the anticipated departure date due to scheduled change out days.

<u>2016 Update:</u> All 8 of our hunters had shots at caribou and grizzlies. Grizzly hunting was fantastic! All pairs of hunters saw between 16 and 25 grizzlies on their hunts! The first hunt hunters where 6-6 on caribou and 5-6 on Grizlies with the sixth hunter missing an archery shot a a griz. All grizzlies taken where boars with one exceptional one over 25" B&C! The second pair of hunters where very mobility challenged and each had shots at caribou, took one grizzly and wounded another.

Arctic Barren Ground Grizzly and Caribou hunting at it's finest. Our 2014 float hunters were 5-6 on grizzlies and 100% on caribou, 2015 hunters where 100% on both species. This area has the highest densities of grizzlies anywhere in the Arctic. This is also Alaska's largest caribou herd. Caribou are abundant but most are not yet migrating as this is their summer range. Bulls congregating in small bachelor groups may be high on the mountains in warm weather. This hunt will be conducted under permit from BLM in the vast National Petroleum Reserve, although we will be over 100 miles from the nearest oil well. Our permitted area covers approximately 3.5 Million acres. This area is area is so remote our hunters seldom see another person that is not associated with our outfit. We will float past what is known as the most remote place in America. This is a true wilderness hunt in an area where you will go many days without hearing the sound of an airplane. You will float a river surrounded by mountains up to 4500ft at the beginning and opening up into rolling hills half way through the 60 mile float. Terrain is relatively good for foot travel with occasional areas of tussocks and swamp. 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 from 10 to 10,000 caribou daily; most days sightings are 20-200 this time of year. Wolves are relatively common but also a tough target to hit. The hunt will begin with an almost two hour flight across the Brooks Range and Gates of the Arctic National Park. The fly-in day will be spent scouting, setting up camp, inflating rafts, and sighting in rifles. We will hunt nine full days. Take out will be the morning of the tenth day. Glassing animals up to ten miles distant is common due to the lack of vegetation and clear air. Camps will be simple tents with cots on the shore of the river. Meals will be simple but hearty bush cooking. Due to the shear distance involved (over 100 miles from the nearest civilization), and expense of Air Taxis, this hunt is conducted in a simple, light, and efficient manner. Hunters are asked to limit their gear to 50# including their rifle. Gun Cases and street clothes can be left in Bettles and do not count for weight limits.

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Arctic Caribou Hunt

\$7500(2x1)

2017 (Flexible openings available) 7 Days August (Dates vary year to year) 1x1 \$11,000 (cost prohibitive due to extremely expensive bush flights), Groups of up to 12 may be accommodated One Caribou Included Grizzly Bear Trophy Fee: \$5000 Air Taxi Fee \$1500 (Actual air taxi cost are approximately \$3000 per person but the hunter is only responsible for \$1500 of this cost, the outfitter pays the balance) Not Included: Flight to Bettles from Fairbanks. These hunts may be conducted in conjunction with Registered Guide Richard Stewart as the timing conflicts with our Arctic Refuge Sheep Hunts. Hunters are responsible for extra air taxi flights to leave the field on a date other than the

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<u>2016 Update</u> All of our hunts in this area where conducted as the Grizzly/Caribou combo above slightly earlier than the normal caribou "prime time". All 8 of our hunters had shots at caribou. The first hunt hunters where 6-6 on caribou and 5-6 on Grizlies with the sixth hunter missing an archery shot a a griz. The second pair of hunters where very mobility challenged and each had shots at caribou.

Arctic Barren Ground Caribou hunting at it's finest. Hunt Alaska's largest caribou herd on their Migration route from summer to winter habitats in the passes of Gates of The Arctic National Park in the Brooks Range. This area is also known for it's abundant grizzlies and hunters can expect a reasonable opportunity to take a griz on a trophy fee basis. This hunt will be conducted under permit from BLM in the vast National Petroleum Reserve, although we will be over 100 miles from the nearest oil well. Our permitted area covers approximately 3.5 Million acres. Camps will be simple tents with cots on the shore of one of a dozen or more lakes spread out over the foothills of the brooks range. Our camps are within 10-50 miles of what is known as the most remote place in America, surrounding it in all directions. This is a true wilderness hunt in an area that sees little hunting pressure. Terrain in our southern camps is river valley surrounded by mountains up to 4500ft; Northern camps are mostly rolling hills with occasional ridges up to 1000ft. Terrain is relatively good for foot travel with occasional areas of tussocks and swamp. Weather is usually good in August but can range from 20-80 degrees with days in the 50s and nights around 40 most common. Hunters can expect to see from 10 to 10,000 caribou daily; most days sightings are 20-500. Wolves are relatively common but also a tough target to hit. The hunt will begin with an almost two hour flight across the Brooks Range and Gates of the Arctic National Park. The fly-in day will be spent scouting, setting up camp, and sighting in rifles. We will hunt six full days. Take out will be the morning of the seventh day. Glassing animals up to ten miles distant is common due to the lack of vegetation and clear air. Meals will be simple but hearty bush cooking. Due to the sheer distance involved and expense of Air Taxis this hunt is conducted in a simple, light, and efficient manner. Camps are of stout tents with cots and cooking is done over backpack-style butane stoves. Tents are not heated so make sure you have a 0-degree sleeping bag as temperatures can occasionally dip to around 20 degrees at night. Hunters are asked to limit their gear to

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50# including their rifle. Gun Cases and street clothes can be left in Bettles and do not count for weight limits.

Togiak National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness Brown Bear Hunt\$15,000 (1x1)2017 (4-8 hunts open)

10 Days, September (dates are flexible) 2x1 \$14,000 Moose Trophy Fee \$12,000 (Drawing Tag Only, tag is not included) Second Brown Bear Trophy Fee \$10,000 (Two Bear Limit, tag is not included) One Brown Bear Included in full price hunt Air Taxi Fee \$1500 (Actual air taxi cost are approximately \$3000 per person but the hunter is only responsible for \$1500 of this cost, the outfitter pays the balance) Not Included: Transportation from Anchorage to Dillingham, AK

<u>2016 Update:</u> This hunt is being offered at a significant discount as compared to hunts in the area in the past to re-build the great traditional reputation as a fantastic brown bear hunt. Success Rates for the ten years 2002-2012 where 87.5% according to the USFWS, among the highest in the State. Hunts booked the last 4 years before we took over this Concession had been pushed later in the season and where not as successful. We will be pushing our hunts back to the earlier timeframe. We hunted Early to mid-September for moose in the area this year and bears where very abundant. Our bear hunters took one boar, missed another legitimate 10' boar, and where thwarted by high water in October with hunters that where booked with the previous outfitter.

Our hunting area is an Exclusive Use Concession of about 2 million acres located in Southwest Alaska (Bristol Bay) in the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness (TNWR). The area is 140 miles long Stretching from the heart of the Killbuck Mountains to the extreme Southwest corner of Greater Alaska. This is possibly the most diverse Concession in all of Alaska. The northern portion of the area is dominated by jagged mountains an Crystal Blue lakes teeming with Bristol Bay Salmon and many species of native fish. The mountains are separated by narrow valleys with ribbons of salmon streams flanked by ancient Cottonwood trees and short alder brush. This northern sections is almost a carbon copy of the more mountainous areas of Kodiak Island's West end. The central portion of the Concession is a vast, 20 mile wide valley flanked by mountains on both sides with hundreds of small lakes and salmon choked streams. The southwestern portion of the Concession is a smaller version of the Alaska Peninsula changing from brush covered mountains to barren tundra in the east to an Aleutian climate farther west almost without vegetation. The far southwest tip of the Concession is one of the most remote, least visited places in America. This area where Bristol Bay and the Bering Sea meet is dominated by interesting marine life. Walrus are a frequent visitor, seals are ever present, and many unique species of waterfowl are extremely abundant. The Bears of the area are classic Coastal Brown Bears with large boars ranging from 8.5' to over 9.5'; skull sizes of large boars range from 25-28". Our kill rate over the last ten year Concession, was 87.6% according to TNWR statistics. This includes ALL hunters, even the ones that missed or wounded a bear, or left early (most outfitters remove these from their statistics). Our camps in this Concession are bombshelter -style tents with cots and cook stoves. Small Inflatables with motors are used to facilitate travel around the shorelines of the bigger lakes and some streams. A true float hunt is a very exciting and successful method

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of hunting, and commonly includes some world-class fishing. A typical day's hunt is boating and/or hiking to a small hill or vantage point and glassing until the desired game is spotted or waiting for a bear along a brush chocked stream watching thousands of spawning salmon. In some areas it is possible to set up a lakeshore camp near spawning red salmon and hunt the bears that come out in the mornings and evenings to feed. This is especially helpful for the hunter who is unable to do much hiking. The TNWR offers some of the best fishing in Bristol Bay, the premier place on the planet to catch salmon, rainbows, and many other species of fish.

Togiak National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness Moose Hunt\$19,500 (1x1)2017 (slots open for 2017 drawings)

10 Days, September 5-15 Only

2x1 \$18,000

Moose Hunting in most of this area is by Drawing Tag Only (Drawing application due Dec. 15) \$500 refundable deposit until you draw (high odds).

Brown Bear: \$2000 to add a Brown Bear to this hunt as tags are limited, \$6000 trophy fee due upon harvest.

Air Taxi Fee \$1500 (Actual air taxi cost are approximately \$3000 per person but the hunter is only responsible for \$1500 of this cost, the Outfitter pays the balance.)

Not Included: Transportation from Anchorage to Dillingham, AK

<u>2016 Update:</u> 2016 was the first year guided moose hunting was ever conducted in this Concession. It lived up to it's expectations! We took a group of four hunters from Wyoming, two of whom had drawn the limited entry tag, two had not so where stuck hunting the small corner of the area where it was not required. The two hunters in the draw area each took nice moose by day 4! One also had a bear tag and got a nice bear Day 1. The two guys in the non-draw area had a little tougher hunting, as expected, but got a 64" bull on day 7, and saw several other bulls in the 50" range. We spent the rest of the month hunting bears in the area and saw at least 8 B&C class moose including a couple over 70"! This area is known for extremely wide moose.

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hunters as the exclusive outfitter. The moose of the area are true Giants. Great habitat and the expanding range phenomena have created moose of exceptional size and reproductive vitality. The twinning rates and 10-month old calf weights are higher than ever recorded in moose anywhere on Earth. Large bulls of more than 70" have been killed annually by local hunters, many with unique antler features. Coastal Brown Bears may be taken on a trophy fee basis with large boars ranging from 8.5' to over 9.5'; skull sizes of large boars range from 25-28". Our camps in this Concession are bombshelter-style tents with cots and cook stoves. Small Inflatables with motors are used to facilitate travel around the shorelines of the bigger lakes and some streams. A typical day's hunt is boating and/or hiking to a vantage point and glassing until the desired game is spotted followed by a stalk or attempt to call the moose close enough for a shot. These hunts are likely to be moderately strenuous. The ground is uneven and very brushy in places and getting a good vantage point may require climbing steep slopes. When a moose is taken, your guide and packer will likely spend at least one day packing 1000# meat and trophy to the take out location. Your help is greatly appreciated but not required. The TNWR also offers some of the best fishing in Bristol Bay, the premier place on the planet to catch salmon, rainbows, and many other species of fish.

Combo Baited Brown/Black Bear Hunting

<u>\$14,500</u>

2017 (2 of 8 hunts open) 2018 (4 of 8 hunts open) 10 Hunting Days, May 27-June 5 and June 10-19 (dates are flexible) 1x1 guided (while Brown Bear hunting) One Brown Bear and Black bear Included Black Bear Trophy Fee for additional bears: \$1000 (per bears up to three total) Not Included: Transportation from Anchorage to Copper Center, AK (rental car, 180 miles)

<u>2016 Update:</u> This hunt has become one of our most reliable experiences. Our Brown Bear hunters where 7-9 with one unsuccessful bowhunter wounding a nice bear and the other left after a coulee days due to health issues. Our two largest bears where old boars of 8' 9" and 9' with skulls around 25". All hunters that wanted black bears got them.

This is a unique new opportunity made possible by a regulation change in 2013. This was the first time in history that non-residents are allowed to hunt brown bears over bait. Our 2014 hunters were 6-7, including 3 archery bears, (the unsuccessful hunter had opportunities). In 2015 Our 10 day hunters were were 4-7 on brown bears and all took black bears that wanted them (All Archery hunters). One hunter missed twice inside 12 yards (bear fever!!); another hunter saw multiple bears and could not draw; and the third was just plain unlucky but will be backing 2017 (sorry Kara). We expect high success rates to be the norm going forward; 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 whitetail deer around a bait. This is a bow-hunter's dream! We expect nearly 100% of our hunters to see brown bears on bait while hunting, the rest depends on the hunter. We have hunted this area for over ten years and have always been frustrated by brown bears that take over our black bear baits making black bear hunting difficult. They have been a menace and there is and abundance of them. 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. Our brown bears in this 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).

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Hunting areas will be accessed by highway vehicle, ATV and Jet Boat. We will hunt ten full days and leave 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. 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 AK.

Baited Black Bear Hunting\$3,9002017 (Full, except accompanying brown bear hunters) 2018 (flexible openings
available)available)5 Days, Late May - Early June
GuidedGuidedTwo Black bear Included
Black Bear Trophy Fee: \$1000 (extra black bears up to three total)Not Included: Transportation from Anchorage to Copper Center, AK (rental car, 180 miles)

<u>2016 Update:</u> We have cut back to some extent on our dedicated black bear hunts due to the success of our Baited Brown Bear hunting. Most of our black bear hunters come accompanying a Brown Bear hunter. All hunters that wanted black bears got them. We had well over 150 different black bears on our trail cameras in 2016!

We have hunted this area for over ten years. 2015 was an exceptional year with our hunters taking 24 bears including 11 bears taken by disable Military Heroes. Our hunters took multiple Pope and Young bears including the #3 bear ever taken in the area. Black bears are 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). Black bears in this area range from 5-7 feet with mature boar skulls ranging from 17-19". Hunting areas will be accessed by highway vehicle, ATV and Jet Boat. We will hunt five full days and leave the morning of the 6th 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. These hunts are conducted in typical baited black bear hunting style where your guide will drop you off nightly at one of our 25+ bait locations and pick you up at the end of the night. All tracking, recovery and skinning is included. Guides are available to accompany young or inexperienced hunters. The Copper River is known for its salmon runs and you are welcome to catch sockeyes just a few steps from your cabin. Meals will be hearty, sometimes gourmet depending on my cooking performance. Accommodations will be simple, small cabins located just feet from the Klutina River on our property in Copper Center AK. Hunters booking with as a companion to a brown bear hunter may stay the entire 10 days of the brown bear hunt at no additional charge but may only hunt five of those days.

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Cast and Blast

\$4,900

6 Days June 28 - July 3 only Guided Hunting/ Guided Fishing Two Black bear Included Black Bear Trophy Fee: \$1000 (extra black bears up to three total) Not Included: Transportation from Anchorage to Copper Center, AK (rental car, 180 miles) This hunt is generally booked at a steep discount by a charitable organization, often a Disabled Veteran's Organization. We often raise 100% of the money to cover the cost so these hunts are free to the participant. Our group of 7 hunters in 2015 took 11 black bears and all caught king salmon! Our 2016 group of 5 took 5 bears and caught a boat load of halibut and other ocean fish due to a king salmon closure. Please contact us if your group would like to book this hunt or to talk about other hunting and fishing alternatives.

We have hunted and fished this area for over ten years. Bear Season ends June 30 and King Salmon season opens July 1. This trip provides the best of both worlds 3 days of each! Black bears are 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). Black bears in this area range from 5-7 feet. These are long legged bears with relatively small heads, B&C bears do not exist in this area. Our skulls top out at about 19". Hunting areas will be accessed by highway vehicle, ATV and Jet Boat. We will hunt 3 full days and Fish 3 Full days, you will leave the morning of the 7th day. Our hunting daily schedule will consist of sleeping in late, a light breakfast, fishing, lunch, baiting stands. Hunting starts at about 5:00 PM. The Copper River is also known for its sockeye salmon runs and you are welcome to catch sockeyes just a few steps from your cabin. Meals will be hearty, sometimes gourmet depending on my cooking performance. Accommodations will be simple, small cabins located just feet from the Klutina River on out property in Copper Center AK.

Professional Cameraman and Video Production \$2,500 - \$5,000 Plus travel Guided Hunting/ Guided Fishing

Media services are provided by a third party Professional in the industry, NOT just a hunter with a camera and editing software. Our chosen providers are hunters but work full time in the Advertising and Media Business. Cost depends on the length of hunt and media desired. Products generally include a photo album, film fest-length video and/or documentary of your hunt.

Hunters are also welcome to bring their own cameramen. Hunters are responsible for ALL extra costs associated with cameramen or other non-hunting companions.