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28 each of the following:

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12 after the previous exam. At least once every other year the board
13 shall give the examination at a location other than Anchorage.

14 * Sec. **11**. AS 08.54.190 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

15 (d) A master guide, registered guide, special guide, class-A
16 assistant guide, or assistant guide license expires ~~during the second~~ ^{every two years}
17 ~~year after the year in which it was issued~~, ^{biannually} on a date set by the
18 Department of Commerce and Economic Development.

19 * Sec. **12** AS 08.54 is amended by adding a new section to read:

20 Sec. 08.54.195. GUIDE AREAS. (a) Under AS 08.54.040(a)(8), the
21 board may establish and assign guide areas for master guides or regis-
22 tered guides. The board shall adopt regulations under the Administra-
23 tive Procedure Act (AS 44.62) that establish uniform and consistent
24 criteria, including a point system, to be used by the board when it
25 creates and assigns a restrictive guide area.

26 (b) The board shall consider the following factors before it
27 assigns a restrictive guide area:

28 (1) the extent to which the guide who has applied for the
29 area has used the game management unit in which the area is located;

1 (2) the extent to which the guide occupied and invested in
2 the area;

3 (3) the effect on other guides that would result from
4 cre 'on of the area;

5 (4) big game populations in the area; and

6 (5) the land ownership status of the area.

7 ~~(c) The board may consider~~ ^{Other} relevant facts or circumstances,
8 ~~before assigning a restrictive guide area.~~

9 (c)(f) The board may adopt regulations establishing a schedule of
10 fees to be charged to persons to whom the board transfers restrictive
11 guide areas.

12 (d)(f) The board shall transfer a restrictive guide area to a
13 person qualified for assignment who has been recommended by the guide
14 to whom the area was assigned, or by a person on behalf of the guide,
15 if the recommendation is made

16 (1) after five years have elapsed from the date of the
17 assignment of the guide area; or

18 (2) during the first five years after the date of assign-
19 ment and the guide has died or suffered a major disability, as defined
20 by the board.

21 * Sec. ~~13~~ AS 08.54.200(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

22 (a) The board shall hold a hearing to determine whether disci-
23 plinary action is necessary if (1) complaints concerning a licensee's
24 guiding activities are filed with the board by three or more of the
25 licensee's clients from separate parties; (2) a complaint concerning a
26 guide's conduct during a life-threatening situation is filed with the
27 board; or (3) a licensee has been convicted of a violation of a state
28 hunting or guiding statute or regulation. The board may hold a hear-
29 ing to determine whether disciplinary action is necessary if a

1 complaint concerning a licensee's guiding activities is filed with the
2 board by a client of the licensee.

3 * Sec. **14** AS 08.54.200(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) After a hearing, the board may revoke, suspend, or deny
5 renewal of a license if the board finds that the licensee

6 (1) engaged in unethical activity, unsafe activity, or
7 activity that [WHICH] adversely affects the natural resources of the
8 state when the [SUCH] activity is related [UNRELATED] to the [LEGAL
9 AND LEGITIMATE] purposes of the contract hunt; or

10 (2) violated a provision of a {FEDERAL OR} state ~~hunting or~~
11 ~~guiding~~ {SPORT FISH, GAME OR GUIDE} statute or regulation.

12 * Sec. **15** AS 08.54.200(c) is amended to read:

13 (c) After a hearing, the board shall revoke a license if the
14 board finds that the licensee

15 (1) does not meet the qualifications specified by statute
16 or regulation for the class of license held;

17 (2) is incompetent as a master guide, registered guide,
18 special guide, class-A assistant guide, {OR} assistant guide. [~~or~~
19 ~~outfitter~~];

20 (3) during the five years immediately preceding the hearing
21 has been convicted of two violations of a {FEDERAL OR} state statute
22 or regulation prohibiting

23 (A) waste of a wild food animal;

24 (B) hunting on the same day airborne;

25 (C) hunting in an area closed to hunting by the Board
26 of Game;

27 (D) hunting during a closed hunting season; or

28 (E) during the five years immediately preceding the
29 hearing, has been convicted of two violations of a state statute

1 or regulation prohibiting hunting in a restricted area not
2 assigned to the licensee and without proper written permission
3 [SPORT FISH, GAME OR GUIDE STATUTES OR REGULATIONS].

4 * Sec. **16** AS 08.54.200(d) is repealed and reenacted to read:

5 (d) A person who is disciplined under this section may not
6 engage in a guiding activity during the period of license revocatic.
7 or disciplinary action. A person licensed under this chapter may not
8 knowingly hire as a guide a person whose guide license is suspended or
9 revoked under this section. A guide whose license is suspended or
10 revoked may not guide in the employ of a person licensed under this
11 chapter.

12 * Sec. **17** AS 08.54.200 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

13 (f) If certified copies of two judgments of conviction of a
14 guide for offenses described under (c)(3) of this section are filed
15 with the board, the board shall immediately suspend the guide's
16 license. The suspension may be ordered even if the conviction result-
17 ed from a plea of nolo contendere or if the conviction is under
18 appeal. The order remains in effect until after the final disposition
19 of the disciplinary proceeding under this section.

20 (g) A certified copy of a judgment of conviction of a guide for
21 an offense is conclusive evidence of the commission of that offense in
22 a disciplinary proceeding instituted against the guide or outfitter
23 under this section based on that conviction.

24 (h) In this section "two violations of a state statute or regu-
25 lation" means two violations of a single statute or a single regu-
26 lation, or violations of two statutes or two regulations, or one
27 violation of a statute and one violation of a regulation.

28 * Sec. **18** AS 08.54.210 is amended to read:

29 Sec. 08.54.210. UNLAWFUL ACTS. (a) It is unlawful for

1 (1) a master guide, registered guide, special guide,
2 class-A assistant guide, or assistant guide [OR TRANSPORTER] to fail
3 to timely report to the Department of Public Safety, division of fish
4 and wildlife protection, and in no event later than 30 days, a viola-
5 tion [VIOLATIONS BY A CLIENT] of a state ~~hunting~~ [FISH, GAME] or
6 ~~guiding~~ statute or regulation that the guide ^{Reasonably believes} ~~knows~~ was committed by a
7 client or an employee of the guide;

8 (2) a master guide, registered guide, special guide,
9 class-A assistant guide, or assistant guide [OR TRANSPORTER] to aid
10 the commission of a violation of this chapter or of AS 16.05 or a
11 regulation adopted [PROMULGATED] under either chapter, or permit the
12 commission of a violation in the guide's [OR TRANSPORTER'S] sight
13 without attempting to prevent it, short of using force, and without
14 reporting it;

15 (3) a person to guide [OR TRANSPORT] as defined in this
16 chapter without being licensed under this chapter and without having
17 the license in actual possession; [HOWEVER, FOR PURPOSES OF TRANSPORT-
18 ING BY AIR, IN THE CASE OF A CORPORATION, COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP OR
19 OTHER BUSINESS ENTITY, THE LICENSE MAY REMAIN AT THE PRINCIPAL PLACE
20 OF BUSINESS OF THE BUSINESS ENTITY;]

21 (4) a person to imply by advertisement, representatic or
22 conduct, or to provide services as [ADVERTISE AS OR REPRESENT TO BE]
23 licensed master guide, registered guide, special guide, class-A assis-
24 tant guide, or assistant guide [OR TRANSPORTER] without being current-
25 ly licensed [, OR TO FALSELY ADVERTISE SERVICES];

26 (5) a person to act as a registered or master guide as
27 defined in this chapter without having a current valid resident hunt-
28 ing [AND FISHING] license [IN THE PERSON'S POSSESSION.

29 (6) A MASTER OR REGISTERED GUIDE TO EMPLOY OR SUPERVISE

1 MORE THAN THREE ASSISTANT GUIDES AT THE SAME TIME.

2 (7) A PERSON TO GUIDE AS DEFINED IN THIS CHAPTER WITHOUT
3 PAYING A FEE AS PRESCRIBED IN AS 16.05.340(e)].

4 (b) A person who violates (a)(1) - (4) [(6)] of this section is
5 guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable by a fine of
6 not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or
7 by both, and the person's license may be revoked for a period up to
8 five years. However, a person who engages in guiding [OR TRANSPORT-
9 ING] activity during the period for which the person's license is
10 suspended or revoked under this chapter, or who violates (a)(5) of
11 this section, is guilty of a felony punishable, upon conviction, by a
12 fine of not more than \$5,000 and by imprisonment for not less than one
13 year nor more than three years. In addition to punishment for a
14 felony, all guns, fishing tackle, boats, aircraft, automobiles or
15 other vehicles, camping gear and other equipment and paraphernalia
16 used in, or in aid of, guiding [OR TRANSPORTING] activity engaged in
17 during the period of suspension or revocation shall be seized [CON-
18 FISCATED] by persons authorized to enforce this chapter. [A PERSON
19 WHO VIOLATES (a)(7) OF THIS SECTION, UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO
20 THE SAME LICENSE REVOCATION PROVISION AS FOR A VIOLATION OF (a)(1) -
21 (6) OF THIS SECTION AND, IN ADDITION, IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT
22 MORE THAN \$5,000, OR BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE YEAR, OR BY
23 BOTH.]

24 * Sec. ~~19~~ AS 08.54.240 is amended to read:

25 ~~Sec. 08.54.240~~ Sec. 08.54.240. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

26 (1) "board" means the Guide [LICENSING AND CONTROL] Board;

27 (2) "guide" [, "GUIDES"] or "guiding" means (A) being
28 physically present in the field to provide a service related to a hunt
29 for compensation or with the intent or an agreement to receive

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being present at a lodge or camp

or being present in the field only when by
some animals has been killed for
the purpose of providing meat packing services

1 compensation for the service; or (B) assisting another person,
2 directly or through an assistant, to locate or take, or attempt to
3 locate or take, big game for compensation or with the intent or an
4 agreement to receive compensation for the assistance; "guide" or
5 "guiding" does not include the services of licensed commercial
6 carriers who limit their services solely to transportation and who do
7 not remain in the field [ASSISTING ANOTHER PERSON TO TAKE GAME WITH
8 THE INTENT OF RECEIVING MONETARY OR MATERIAL REMUNERATION FOR THE
9 SERVICES, BY ACCOMPANYING AND DIRECTING THAT PERSON PERSONALLY OR
10 THROUGH A LICENSED ASSISTANT GUIDE FOR THE DURATION OF A HUNT,
11 AND NOT SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION SERVI-
12 CES];

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13 (3) "resident" means ~~a person who~~

14 (A) maintains a place of residence within the state;

15 (B) [Repealed]

16 (C) ~~shows by all attending circumstances the inten-~~
17 ~~tion to permanently reside in this state;~~

18 (4) ["TRANSPORTING" OR THE "ACTIVITY OF TRANSPORTING" MEANS
19 CONVEYING A PERSON BY ANY LAWFUL MEANS TO AN AREA FOR REMUNERATION OR
20 MATERIAL BENEFIT IN EXCESS OF NORMAL OPERATING COSTS, WHEN THE PRIMARY
21 PURPOSE OF THE PERSON BEING CONVEYED IS THE TAKING OF BIG GAME AND THE
22 ASSOCIATED REMOVING OF BIG GAME MEAT AND PARTS OF BIG GAME AFTER BIG
23 GAME HAS BEEN TAKEN; BIG GAME AS USED IN THIS PARAGRAPH MEANS GAME
24 WHICH, IF TAKEN BY A NONRESIDENT, WOULD REQUIRE A BIG GAME TAG;

25 (5) "unethical activity" means

26 (A) deception or misrepresentation [IN ANY DEGREE]
27 involving prospective or actual clients either before, during, or
28 following a contract hunt including, misrepresentation through
29 private or public advertising of the type, duration, cost or

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1 conditions of the contract hunt [HUNTS];

2 (B) [MISREPRESENTATION EITHER THROUGH PRIVATE COMMU-
3 NICATION OR PUBLIC ADVERTISING OF THE NATURE, TYPE, DURATION,
4 COST, OR OTHER CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT HUNTS;

5 (C)] making a guaranty that a species or certain
6 number of species of game will be taken on a contract hunt;

7 (C) engaging in unsafe or unsportsmanlike activities
8 that are detrimental to the game resources of the state, as
9 defined by regulations of the board, including violations of
10 state or federal hunting or guiding laws or regulations; or

11 (D) accepting a deposit for guiding services before
12 signing a contract to provide the services;

13 (5) "big game" means brown bear, grizzly bear, polar bear,
14 caribou, moose, black bear, bison, Sitka blacktail deer, elk, mountain
15 goat, musk-ox, wolf, wolverine, mountain or Dall sheep, and walrus.

16 * Sec. **20** AS 16.05.407(a) is amended to read:

17 (a) It is unlawful for a nonresident to hunt, pursue or take
18 brown bear, grizzly bear, polar bear, or sheep in this state, unless
19 personally accompanied by

20 (1) a person who is licensed as a master guide, registered
21 guide, class-A assistant guide or assistant guide by the Guide [LI-
22 CENSING AND CONTROL] Board; or

23 (2) a resident over 19 years of age who is

24 (A) the spouse of the nonresident; or

25 (B) is related to the nonresident, within and includ-
26 ing the second degree of kindred, by marriage or blood.

27 * Sec. **21** AS 16.05.407(b) is amended to read:

28 (b) An applicant for a nonresident big game tag for the taking
29 of an animal specified in (a) of this section or in regulations adopt-

1 ed under this section shall first furnish to the state, on a form
2 provided by the state, an affidavit showing that the applicant will be
3 personally accompanied while hunting by a person who is qualified
4 under the terms of (a) of this section. A person who falsifies the
5 required affidavit is guilty of perjury under AS 11.56.200.

6 * Sec. **22** AS 16.05.407(d) is amended to read:

7 (d) A nonresident who violates (a) [OR (c)] of this section, or
8 who fails to furnish an affidavit under (b) of this section, is guilty
9 of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable by imprisonment for
10 not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by
11 both.

12 * Sec. **23** AS 39.50.200(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to
13 read:

14 (48) the Guide Board.

15 * Sec. **24** AS 08.54.040(b), 08.54.142 - 08.54.146, 08.54.185; AS 16.-
16 05.340(e) and 16.05.407(c) are repealed.

17 * Sec. **25** This Act takes effect July 1, 1966.
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Original sponsor: Resources Committee

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Head Jay Law - illegal to sell rather than just in regulation. Guides - real estate business - trying to limit

IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Recognizing exclusion of aids

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Unit 1-4

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to guiding; and providing for an effective date."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 08.01.010(14) is amended to read:

(14) Guide [LICENSING AND CONTROL] Board (AS 08.54.010);

* Sec. 2. AS 08.03.010(c)(20) is amended to read:

(20) Guide [LICENSING AND CONTROL] Board (AS 08.54.010 - June 30, 1990 [1986]).

* Sec. 3. AS 08.54.010 is amended to read:

ARTICLE 1. GUIDE [LICENSING AND CONTROL] BOARD.

Sec. 08.54.010. CREATION AND MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD. For the purposes of licensing and regulating the activities of guides in the interest of managing the state's wildlife resources there [THERE] is created the Guide [LICENSING AND CONTROL] Board consisting of seven members. No more than three members of the board shall have a guide license. The other members shall have a general knowledge of the game resources of the state. A minimum of 10 years residence in the state is required for all members of the board. For administrative purposes, the board is in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development.

* Sec. 4. AS 08.54.020 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.54.020. APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF OFFICE. The members of the board shall be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the legislature for staggered terms of three years or until their

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1 successors are appointed. [INITIAL TERMS ARE AS FOLLOWS: THREE
2 MEMBERS FOR ONE YEAR, TWO MEMBERS FOR TWO YEARS, AND TWO MEMBERS FOR
3 THREE YEARS.] A member may be removed by [AT THE PLEASURE OF] the
4 governor for cause, including nonattendance at board meetings.

5 * Sec. 5. AS 08.54 is amended by adding a new section to read:
6 Sec. 08.54.035. QUORUM; VOTING REQUIREMENT. Four members of the
7 board constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, for the
8 performance of a duty, and for the exercise of any power under this
9 chapter. The board may not adopt a regulation, revoke, suspend or
10 deny renewal of a license, or assign, modify or revoke a restricted
11 guide area unless the action is approved by a vote of a majority of
12 the full membership of the board.

13 * Sec. 6. AS 08.54.040(a) is amended to read:
14 (a) Except as provided in AS 08.54.045, the board shall
15 (1) prepare, grade and administer examinations, which may
16 include oral examinations of applicants who demonstrate limited abil-
17 ity to read or write the English language;
18 (2) determine [AND PASS ON] qualifications of applicants
19 for licenses and authorize the issuance of licenses to those who
20 qualify;
21 (3) establish guide performance standards and regulate
22 activity;
23 (4) compile, maintain and publish an annual [A GUIDE]
24 register of master and registered guides who have not been convicted
25 of a violation of a federal or state [SPORT FISH,] game [,] or guiding
26 statute or regulation; a guide listed in the register whose license is
27 revoked or suspended shall be removed from the register while the
28 guide's license is revoked or suspended;
29 (5) collect and maintain records of hunts conducted by

1 guides [COMPILE, MAINTAIN AND PUBLISH A RECORD OF REGISTERED OR MASTER
 2 GUIDES WHO HAVE COMPLETED A CONTRACT HUNT IN ANY OF THREE YEARS INTE-
 3 DIATELY PRECEDING THE PUBLISHING OF THE RECORD];

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 5 unethical, unsafe, against principles of conservation, degrading to
 6 the guiding profession, or which adversely affect the natural re-
 7 sources;

8 (7) after a hearing, revoke, suspend or deny renewal of a
 9 license in accordance with AS 08.54.200;

10 (8) establish a quota of licensed operating guides who may
 11 operate within designated geographical game units or subunits of the
 12 state and provide for an equitable, [AND] reasonable, and consistent
 13 procedure for limiting the number of guides to that quota; preference
 14 shall be given to qualified available and willing licensed guides who
 15 reside within the designated game unit or subunit;

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 17 once in another municipality.

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19 Sec. 08.54.045. SPECIAL GUIDE LICENSE. The board may issue a
 20 special guide license to a person who applies to conduct a guided hunt
 21 for a specific species of marine mammal in a specifically designated
 22 area if the applicant

23 (1) is 21 years of age or older;

24 (2) has, for at least 10 years, resided and hunted in the
 25 area of the state in which the applicant is to guide;

26 (3) is physically able to perform the duties of a special
 27 guide;

28 (4) has demonstrated knowledge of the following areas to an
 29 extent and degree satisfactory to the board:

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 14 mendations have been solicited by the board from a list provided by
 15 the applicant;

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21 Department of Commerce and Economic Development.

22 * Sec. 13. AS 08.54 is amended by adding a new section to read:

23 Sec. 08.54.195. GUIDE AREAS. (a) Under AS 08.54.040(a)(8), the
24 board may establish and assign guide areas for master guides or regis-
25 tered guides. The board shall adopt regulations under the Administra-
26 tive Procedure Act (AS 44.62) that establish uniform and consistent
27 criteria to be used by the board when it creates a restrictive guide
28 area.

29 (b) The board shall recognize all restrictive guide areas

1 assigned before the effective date of this section. If requested by a
2 guide, the board shall hold a hearing to determine if an assignment of
3 a restrictive area made before the effective date of this section
4 creates a substantial injustice as determined by criteria set out in
5 (c) of this section. If the board determines that a substantial
6 injustice was created, the board shall modify, terminate or reassign
7 the area, or take other reasonable steps to correct the injustice.

8 (c) The board may find that a substantial injustice was caused
9 by the assignment of a restrictive area if

10 (1) a person was unfairly discriminated against by the
11 assignment;

12 (2) a person who applied for the guide area was denied a
13 hearing; or

14 (3) a qualified person was not given a preference at the
15 time the area was assigned in accordance with AS 08.54.040(a)(8).

16 (d) The board shall consider the following factors before it
17 assigns a restrictive guide area:

18 (1) the extent to which the guide who has applied for the
19 area has used the game management unit in which the area is located;

20 (2) the extent to which the guide occupied and invested in
21 the area;

22 (3) the effect on other guides that would result from
23 creation of the area;

24 (4) big game populations in the area; and

25 (5) the land ownership status of the area.

26 (e) The board may consider relevant facts or circumstances
27 before assigning a restrictive guide area.

28 (f) The board may adopt regulations establishing a schedule of
29 fees to be charged to persons to whom the board reassigns restrictive

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1 guide areas. The fee for the reassignment of a restrictive guide area
2 shall be based on the number of acres in the area.

3 * Sec. 14. AS 08.54.200(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

4 (a) The board shall hold a hearing to determine whether disci-
5 plinary action is necessary if (1) complaints concerning a licensee's
6 guiding activities are filed with the board by three or more of the
7 licensee's clients from separate parties; (2) a complaint concerning a
8 guide's conduct during a life-threatening situation is filed with the
9 board; or (3) a licensee has been convicted of a violation of a state
10 hunting or guiding statute or regulation. The board may hold a hear-
11 ing to determine whether disciplinary action is necessary if a com-
12 plaint concerning a licensee's guiding activities is filed with the
13 board by a client of the licensee.

14 * Sec. 15. AS 08.54.200(b) is amended to read:

15 (b) After a hearing, the board may revoke, suspend, or deny
16 renewal of a license if the board finds that the licensee

17 (1) engaged in unethical activity, unsafe activity, or
18 activity that [WHICH] adversely affects the natural resources of the
19 state when the [SUCH] activity is related [UNRELATED] to the [LEGAL
20 AND LEGITIMATE] purposes of the contract hunt; [OR]

21 (2) violated a provision of a [FEDERAL OR] state hunting or
22 guiding [SPORT FISH, GAME OR GUIDE] statute or regulation; or

23 (3) during the five years immediately preceding the hear-
24 ing, has been convicted of two violations of a state statute or regu-
25 lation prohibiting hunting in a restricted area not assigned to the
26 licensee and without proper written permission.

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27 * Sec. 16. AS 08.54.200(c) is amended to read:

28 (c) After a hearing, the board shall revoke a license if the
29 board finds that the licensee

1 (1) does not meet the qualifications specified by statute
2 or regulation for the class of license held;

3 (2) is incompetent as a master guide, registered guide,
4 special guide, class-A assistant guide, [OR] assistant guide, or
5 outfitter;

6 (3) during the five years immediately preceding the hearing
7 has been convicted of two violations of a [FEDERAL OR] state statute
8 or regulation prohibiting

9 (A) waste of a wild food animal;

10 (B) hunting on the same day airborne;

11 (C) hunting in an area closed to hunting by the Board
12 of Game; or

13 (D) hunting during a closed hunting season [SPORT
14 FISH, GAME OR GUIDE STATUTES OR REGULATIONS].

15 * Sec. 17. AS 08.54.200(d) is repealed and reenacted to read:

16 (d) A person who is disciplined under this section may not
17 engage in a guiding activity during the period of license revocation
18 or disciplinary action. A person licensed under this chapter may not
19 knowingly hire as a guide a person whose guide license is suspended or
20 revoked under this section. A guide whose license is suspended or
21 revoked may not guide in the employ of a person licensed under this
22 chapter.

23 * Sec. 18. AS 08.54.200 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

24 (f) If certified copies of two judgments of conviction of a
25 guide for offenses described under (c)(3) of this section are filed
26 with the board, the board shall immediately suspend the guide's
27 license. The suspension may be ordered even if the conviction
28 resulted from a plea of nolo contendere or if the conviction is under
29 appeal. The order remains in effect until after the final disposition

1 of the disciplinary proceeding under this section.

2 (g) A certified copy of a judgment of conviction of a guide for
3 an offense is conclusive evidence of the commission of that offense in
4 a disciplinary proceeding instituted against the guide or outfitter
5 under this section based on that conviction.

6 (h) In this section "two violations of a state statute or regu-
7 lation" means two violations of a single statute or a single regu-
8 lation, or violations of two statutes or two regulations, or one
9 violation of a statute and one violation of a regulation.

10 * Sec. 19. AS 08.54.210 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 08.54.210. UNLAWFUL ACTS. (a) It is unlawful for

12 (1) a master guide, registered guide, special guide,
13 class-A assistant guide, or assistant guide [OR TRANSPORTER] to fail
14 to timely report to the Department of Public Safety, division of fish
15 and wildlife protection, and in no event later than 30 days, a viola-
16 tion [VIOLATIONS BY A CLIENT] of a state hunting [FISH, GAME] or
17 guiding statute or regulation that the guide knows was committed by a
18 client or an employee of the guide;

19 (2) a master guide, registered guide, special guide,
20 class-A assistant guide, or assistant guide [OR TRANSPORTER] to aid
21 the commission of a violation of this chapter or of AS 16.05 or a
22 regulation adopted [PROMULGATED] under either chapter, or permit the
23 commission of a violation in the guide's [OR TRANSPORTER'S] sight
24 without attempting to prevent it, short of using force, and without
25 reporting it;

26 (3) a person to guide [OR TRANSPORT] as defined in this
27 chapter without being licensed under this chapter and without having
28 the license in actual possession; [HOWEVER, FOR PURPOSES OF TRANSPORT-
29 ING BY AIR, IN THE CASE OF A CORPORATION, COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP OR

1 OTHER BUSINESS ENTITY, THE LICENSE MAY REMAIN AT THE PRINCIPAL PLACE
2 OF BUSINESS OF THE BUSINESS ENTITY;]

3 (4) a person to imply by advertisement, representation, or
4 conduct, or to provide services as [ADVERTISE AS OR REPRESENT TO BE] a
5 licensed master guide, registered guide, special guide, class-A assis-
6 tant guide, or assistant guide [OR TRANSPORTER] without being current-
7 ly licensed [, OR TO FALSELY ADVERTISE SERVICES];

8 (5) a person to act as a registered or master guide as
9 defined in this chapter without having a current valid resident hunt-
10 ing [AND FISHING] license [IN THE PERSON'S POSSESSION.

11 (6) A MASTER OR REGISTERED GUIDE TO EMPLOY OR SUPERVISE
12 MORE THAN THREE ASSISTANT GUIDES AT THE SAME TIME.

13 (7) A PERSON TO GUIDE AS DEFINED IN THIS CHAPTER WITHOUT
14 PAYING A FEE AS PRESCRIBED IN AS 16.05.340(e)].

15 (b) A person who violates (a)(1) - (4) [(6)] of this section is
16 guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable by a fine of
17 not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or
18 by both, and the person's license may be revoked for a period up to
19 five years. However, a person who engages in guiding [OR TRANSPORT-
20 ING] activity during the period for which the person's license is
21 suspended or revoked under this chapter, or who violates (a)(5) of
22 this section, is guilty of a felony punishable, upon conviction, by a
23 fine of not more than \$5,000 and by imprisonment for not less than one
24 year nor more than three years. In addition to punishment for a
25 felony, all guns, fishing tackle, boats, aircraft, automobiles or
26 other vehicles, camping gear and other equipment and paraphernalia
27 used in, or in aid of, guiding [OR TRANSPORTING] activity engaged in
28 during the period of suspension or revocation shall be seized [CON-
29 FISCATED] by persons authorized to enforce this chapter. [A PERSON

1 WHO VIOLATES (a)(7) OF THIS SECTION, UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO
 2 THE SAME LICENSE REVOCATION PROVISION AS FOR A VIOLATION OF (a)(1) -
 3 (6) OF THIS SECTION AND, IN ADDITION, IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT
 4 MORE THAN \$5,000, OR BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE YEAR, OR BY
 5 BOTH.]

6 * Sec. 20. AS 08.54.240 is amended to read:

7 Sec. 08.54.240. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

8 (1) "board" means the Guide [LICENSING AND CONTROL] Board;

9 (2) "guide" [, "GUIDES"] or "guiding" means assisting

10 another person to take or attempt to take big game with the intent of
 11 receiving monetary or material remuneration for the service [SER-
 12 VICES], by accompanying and directing that person personally or
 13 through an [A LICENSED] assistant guide for the duration of a hunt,
 14 and not solely for the purpose of providing transportation, property,
 15 or equipment such as aircraft, boats, or other vehicles, or camping or
 16 hunting equipment, in connection with locating or taking game [SERVI-
 17 CES];

18 (3) "resident" means a person who

19 (A) maintains a place of residence within the state;

20 (B) [Repealed

21 (C)] shows by all attending circumstances the inten-
 22 tion to permanently reside in this state;

23 (4) ["TRANSPORTING" OR THE "ACTIVITY OF TRANSPORTING" MEANS
 24 CONVEYING A PERSON BY ANY LAWFUL MEANS TO AN AREA FOR REMUNERATION OR
 25 MATERIAL BENEFIT IN EXCESS OF NORMAL OPERATING COSTS, WHEN THE PRIMARY
 26 PURPOSE OF THE PERSON BEING CONVEYED IS THE TAKING OF BIG GAME AND THE
 27 ASSOCIATED REMOVING OF BIG GAME MEAT AND PARTS OF BIG GAME AFTER BIG
 28 GAME HAS BEEN TAKEN; BIG GAME AS USED IN THIS PARAGRAPH MEANS GAME
 29 WHICH, IF TAKEN BY A NONRESIDENT, WOULD REQUIRE A BIG GAME TAG;

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1 (5)] "unethical activity" means

2 (A) deception or misrepresentation [IN ANY DEGREE]
3 involving prospective or actual clients either before, during, or
4 following a contract hunt including, misrepresentation through
5 private or public advertising of the type, duration, cost or
6 conditions of the contract hunt [HUNTS];

7 (B) [MISREPRESENTATION EITHER THROUGH PRIVATE COMMU-
8 NICATION OR PUBLIC ADVERTISING OF THE NATURE, TYPE, DURATION,
9 COST, OR OTHER CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT HUNTS;

10 (C)] making a guaranty that a species or certain
11 number of species of game will be taken on a contract hunt; or

12 (C) unsafe or unsportsmanlike activities that are
13 detrimental to the game resources of the state, as defined by
14 regulations of the board, including violations of state or feder-
15 al hunting or guiding laws or regulations;

16 (5) "big game" means brown bear, grizzly bear, polar bear,
17 caribou, moose, black bear, bison, Sitka blacktail deer, elk, mountain
18 goat, musk-ox, wolf, wolverine, mountain or Dall sheep, and walrus.

19 * Sec. 21. AS 16.05.407(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) It is unlawful for a nonresident to hunt, pursue or take
21 brown bear, grizzly bear, polar bear, mountain goat, or sheep in this
22 state, unless personally accompanied by

23 (1) a person who is licensed as a master guide, registered
24 guide, class-A assistant guide or assistant guide by the Guide [LI-
25 CENSING AND CONTROL] Board; or

26 (2) a resident over 19 years of age who is

27 (A) the spouse of the nonresident; or

28 (B) is related to the nonresident, within and includ-
29 ing the second degree of kindred, by marriage or blood.

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1 * Sec. 22. AS 16.05.407(b) is amended to read:

2 (b) An applicant for a nonresident big game tag for the taking
3 of an animal specified in (a) of this section or in regulations adopt-
4 ed under this section shall first furnish to the state, on a form
5 provided by the state, an affidavit showing that the applicant will be
6 personally accompanied while hunting by a person who is qualified
7 under the terms of (a) of this section. A person who falsifies the
8 required affidavit is guilty of perjury under AS 11.56.200.

9 * Sec. 23. AS 16.05.407(d) is amended to read:

10 (d) A nonresident who violates (a) [OR (c)] of this section, or
11 who fails to furnish an affidavit under (b) of this section, is guilty
12 of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable by imprisonment for
13 not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by
14 both.

15 * Sec. 24. AS 39.50.200(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to
16 read:

17 (48) the Guide Board.

18 * Sec. 25. AS 08.54.040(b), 08.54.142 - 08.54.146, and AS 16.05.407(c)
19 are repealed.

20 * Sec. 26. This Act takes effect July 1, 1986.

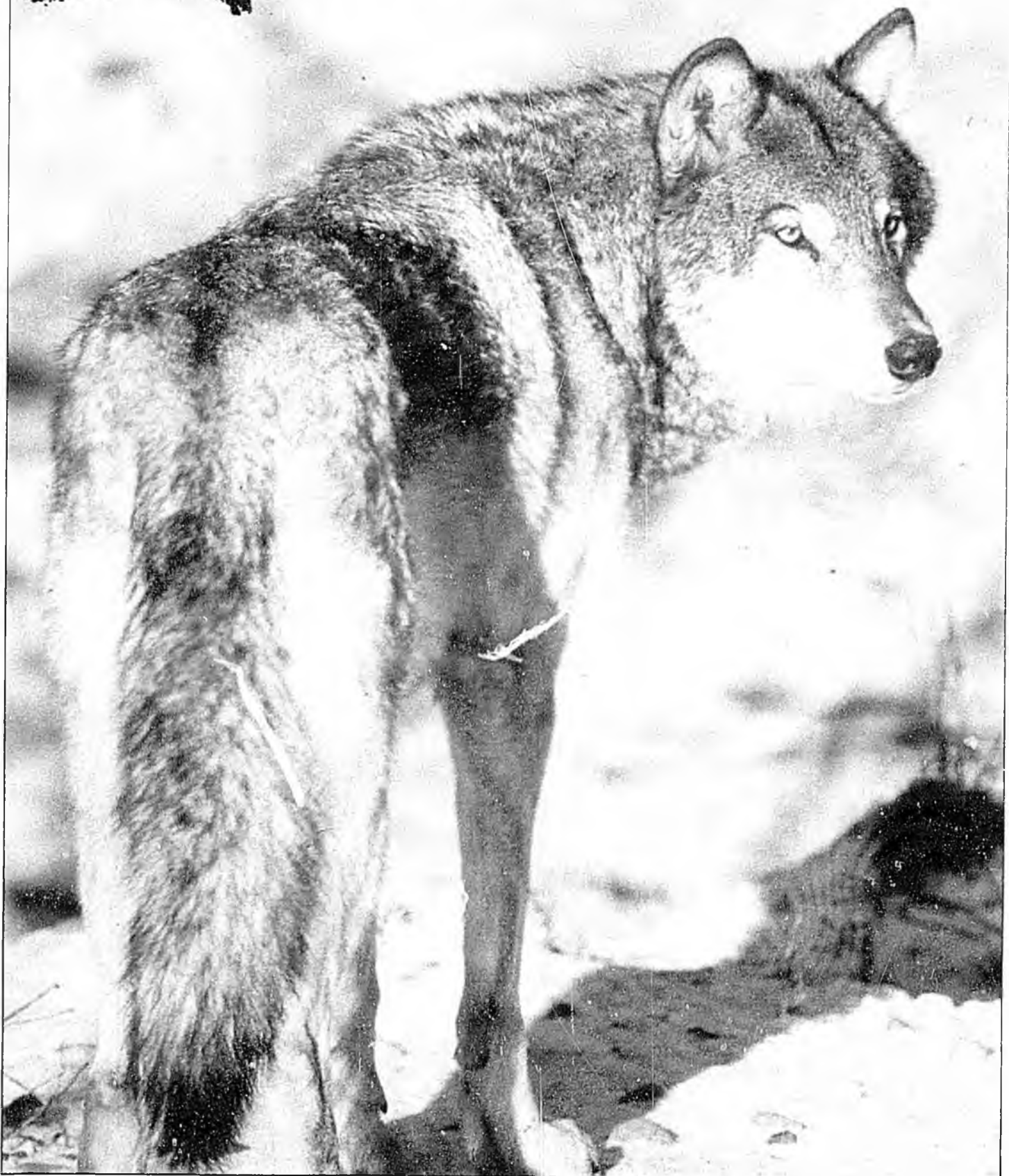
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Letter From the President

This issue of the *PROFESSIONAL HUNTER* marks the end of yet another year of hunting in Alaska. I am sure that most of us are relieved to have wrapped up the hunting season with our operations remaining more or less intact, especially after operating in the dismal weather conditions that have plagued most of Alaska these last few months. Now that the hunting is over, hopefully we can slow down enough to enjoy the Christmas season.

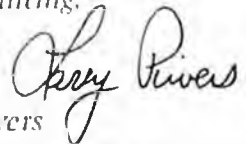
This year has been a busy one for APHA. We have not always been as visible as I would have liked, but we have been fairly successful. My efforts in 1985 were primarily aimed at education. The lower 48 states are home to quite a number of hunting and sporting organizations, large and small. A few of these organizations have tried to keep informed on the current flow of political problems and legislation that seem to always threaten our hunting, but others, large and small alike simply have had no idea. In addition almost all organizations have assessed the situation as being an "Alaskan" problem, something of interest but of no major importance to their membership. This attitude has been a real stumbling block, it has made it difficult to raise the funds necessary to deal with the problems successfully. At other times it has been equally difficult to find individuals who were qualified or had the time to commit to dealing with the important issues as they came to surface in Washington, D.C. Our emphasis this year has been to contact as many of these organizations and individuals as possible and point out that it's not just an "Alaskan" problem, but that the problem is theirs too. The reasoning is simple, if we are not successful in dealing with

these issues currently at hand, they and their memberships will no longer have the opportunity to hunt in Alaska! We have pointed to this prospect for several years, but people found it difficult to believe that it would ever really come to pass. Now, it's at the doorstep and nothing has brought this more in focus than recent court interpretation of the federal subsistence law.

Under current federal law, Alaska is forced to give a preference to subsistence use of fish and game. The courts have interpreted this to mean that all rural Alaskans are subsistence hunters. Furthermore, subsistence hunters may hunt without restrictions as long as a "sport" hunt ("non-resident hunt") is provided for. Even if the subsistence hunt and harvest get out of control the Department of Fish and Game cannot restrict subsistence hunters in any manner as long as non-resident/non-subsistence hunting is allowed. The result is that many areas of Alaska have already been placed off limits to non-resident hunters, and some open areas have been closed by emergency order. For example, a portion of our brown bear habitat in unit 17 was closed by emergency order when it was discovered that eighteen brown bears had been shot for "subsistence" use. It was reported that the skulls were left in the field and not brought in to be sealed as required by law, a law that could not be enforced and a harvest that could not be controlled until the non-resident season was eliminated. Thus, in order to control the subsistence hunt and protect the resource, the area had to be closed to "sport" hunting and the other legitimate users were denied the opportunity to participate in the harvest. Such a closure could have cost you your bear hunt this year, and may force the cancellation of your sheep and grizzly (or any other big game) hunt next year. It's a very important issue that has its foundation set in an ill-conceived Federal law. This is a law that needs to be changed, and that's not just an Alaskan problem, it's a national problem that will re-

quire the efforts of hunting organizations and individuals in every state. I believe there is hope for the future, providing that each individual and each organization comes to understand that this is a problem that is of great concern and consequence to them personally. The initial support sent to Alaska to help finance this work is encouraging. FNAWS contributed some \$45,000 to various areas of need. Detroit SC, gave us \$5,000, and at least \$2,500 was donated by Dallas Houston Safari Club and the Wildlife Legislative Fund of America has taken on the responsibility of defending our right of hunting on the National Wildlife Refuge system. In addition to this, the Governmental Affairs Committee of Safari Club International has made the Alaska subsistence bill a top priority in 1986 and has appointed Washington wildlife conservation attorney, Richard Parsons, as their representative and have pledged to support his work on this project. The participation of these various organizations is most encouraging, and if we continue to work together we can put up a formidable offensive. We are headed in the right direction, and together we do have a chance. 

Good Hunting,



Larry Rivers

P.S. Have you ordered your 1985/86 APHA Stamp Print yet? This is the first of what we hope will be annual program, the first of a very collectible series. The Million Edition is about sold out, and promotion in the major hunting newsletters and art galleries is just getting underway. This print is a fitting decor for any trophy room wall. Clearwater Publishing has earmarked a percentage of the proceeds to be returned to APHA and the Alaska Outdoor Council!

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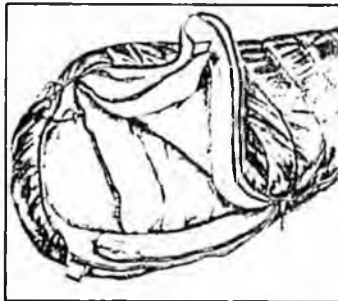
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APHA Hunting School

The Alaska Professional Hunters Association will once again be conducting a hunting school open to the public, in conjunction with the annual meeting and banquet. This school will offer a two-day course that will include seminars on all areas of big game hunting in Alaska. Individual classes will cover such topics as caping, photography, equipment, firearms and emergency first aid. Classes related to the

individual game species, their characteristics and hunting techniques will be conducted by professional hunters that are noted in the specific field. All instructors are exceptionally qualified and recognized for their expertise in the area of their instruction.

The cost of the school is \$175.00 per person, of which a deposit of \$50.00 is required as a non-refundable fee. The school fee will include all seminars, classes, a lunch (both days), and a year's Sustaining membership in APHA. The location for this year's school will be the Captain Cook Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska. Each day the school/seminar will include a luncheon catered by the Captain Cook. Tentative class structure to begin on Friday, November 29 at 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with an hour break for lunch. On Saturday classes will run from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with a break for lunch. For further details please contact the APHA office, POB 451, Talkeetna, AK 99676, (907) 733-2688.



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A sustaining membership is only \$25 a year and you receive a patch, certificate and a year's subscription to the Professional Hunter bimonthly newsletter. There are several additional classes of membership: associate, \$50/year; foreign sustaining, \$50/year; professional, \$100/year; business, \$100/year; and life sustaining, \$250/year. Those memberships that sell for \$50 or more also include a Sid Bell pewter belt buckle displaying the APHA logo.

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If you are not familiar with the program, give us a call at (907) 733-2688. We will have the information off to you in the next day's mail.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 15-25

Fish & Game Region 3 public hearings in Anchorage at the Capt. Cook Hotel, for more info call 907-267-2193.

November 29-30

Hunting School/Seminar APHA sponsored

November 29-30 & December 1

APIHA Official print, "ALASKAN GRIZZLY" by wildlife artist Michael Coleman on display at the Captain Cook.

November 30-December 7

Tentative dates for the Guide Licensing Board meetings to be held in Anchorage at the National Guard Armory and Spenard Recreation Center, for further information call 907-262-4678

December 1

APIHA Annual Meeting and Professional Membership Forum

December 1

Deadline for ads and articles for February APHA convention newsletter, nothing may get in for this convention issue if it is received after this date, as it is imperative that we get this issue out to the public prior to the conventions.

December 2

Tentative date set for registered guide written examination, to be held in Anchorage

December 13

Permit Application Deadline: Kodiak Brown Bear/Spring Season Musk Ox/Spring Season (residents only) Brown/Grizzly Bear

December 15-January 5

APIHA office will be technically closed as LesLee will be on vacation.

December 20

Deadline for written comments for Fish & Game's Jan. 7-17th all other regions public hearings

January 7-17, 1986

Alaska Fish & Game. All other regions public hearings on regulations, etc. affecting those areas.

January 22-25

SCI Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Hilton

February 26 through March 1, 1986

FNAWS Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii at the Hilton Hawaiian Village

March 20-22

Dallas Safari Club convention at the Amfac East Hotel, Dallas, TX

March 22

Detroit SCI Convention

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ATTENTION PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS

A number of assistant guides have requested professional memberships and several registered guides have contacted the APHA office in regards to joining the association as sustaining members due to their not being active, or not having areas. This has resulted in some discussion of the topic of creating a special non-voting professional membership class. Some individuals have also suggested that there has not been any change in Professional dues for many years and that perhaps it is time to raise them to some extent. Please plan on being at the annual meeting, as these will be two points that will need to be considered by the Professional Membership. The annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 30, 1985, at the Captain Cook Hotel in Anchorage, Alaska.

WFLA REPORT

Excerpt from the September newsletter of the Wildlife Legislative Fund of America

Sportsmen Paying Their Own Way With Record-Breaking Revenues

The sportsman continues to put his money where his mouth is, generating \$666 million last year for wildlife management programs.

Through the sale of hunting and fishing license and permit fees and special excise taxes placed on sporting goods by the federal government, sportsmen are "paying their own way" according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS).

"Sports such as hunting and fishing, by and large, are funded by the people who participate—the hunters and fishermen. Through their dollars, we cover the costs of game, non-game and endangered species management," said an FWS spokesman. "They pay their own way."

For that matter, he added, they pay

everybody else's way too. "That's something most anti-hunters and the tax-paying public don't seem to realize."

This year, approximately \$114 million in federal excise taxes on outdoor equipment borne by hunters, fishermen and trappers has been apportioned to the states. These taxes finance a variety of programs, from salmon and steelhead recreational fisheries research in Idaho and the development of ringneck pheasant cover in Illinois to the management of bear, moose and deer populations in Maine.

Combined with the \$552 million sportsmen spent on license fees in 1984, a record-breaking amount of revenue is replenishing state wildlife management coffers throughout the country.

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ation, Inc. So after their hard work and efforts they sent us their list of not twenty but twenty-one new members for APHA and their request for a .270 Ruger Ultra Light rifle. Thanks so much for your support Wisconsin SCI and congratulation to Don Brown, Tucson, AZ, who won the drawing and then donated the rifle back to the Wisconsin SCI Chapter for their future convention and raffle. This was a great idea!

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- 'IT PAYS TO WAIT' -

by Roger Morris

As Brent Jones and I stood in the air terminal at Cold Bay waiting for the Reeve bird to touch down, I thought back to the last three months of planning, shipping the equipment, and setting up the camps for our first brown bear season as partners of AAA Alaskan Outfitters.

We had really worked hard trying to cover all aspects but I wondered if we had forgotten or overlooked anything. It was

too late now, the plane had landed and our very first clients, George Caswell of Enid, Oklahoma and Tim Orten of Walker, Minnesota were standing in front of us. The excitement of taking a big brown bear was evident. After quick introductions and grabbing the luggage, we were on our way.

Before George and Tim had arrived, their names had been given to the refuge manager as our two hunters who would hunt in the Izembek Wildlife Refuge. Each guide that operates in the refuge is limited to two bear hunters per season.

Because inflatable boats are portable and handle well in rough water, we chose them as our mode of transportation. The trip across the bay was typical, eating a little salt water from the overspray as the boat crashed into the one to two foot swells. After reaching the shore, we pulled the boats above the tideline to avoid damage from the surf.

Base camp was two four-man Eureka drawtight tents, dug into a fifty-foot bank, two hundred yards from shore. It was well protected from the wind, which is of prime importance in the Cold Bay area. Several weeks before our arrival, the winds were clocked at over a hundred miles per hour and had blown down a weather tower and the Flying Tiger refrigeration building. We didn't need any problems like that.

As supper was being cooked, we all talked of previous experiences and the



Guides Brent Jones and Roger Morris with 10' 10" and 10' 2" brown bears, taken by George Caswell and Tim Orten in May 1984.

plans for this hunt. George was looking around at the numerous boxes of food and asked if we thought we had enough. We all laughed. I told him to eat hardy because we wouldn't have much at spike camp, which was three miles inland. However, Brent and I had made numerous trips to the spike camp and the food supply there was about the same. We wouldn't get hungry, that was for sure! Supper consisted of spaghetti, fresh garden salad, rolls and cheesecake. It was delicious.

After supper we finalized our plans. George would hunt with Brent and Tim with myself. Brent and I had already decided we would first hunt the shoreline for a day or so, because during our many trips inland we hadn't spotted a bear, and the local reports indicated that most of the bears were still hibernating.

The first morning we were up and at 'em early, but the long hard day produced nothing. On day two, we moved inland and another day went by without spotting a single bear. The third day we hiked about two miles to a good spotting hill where Brent spotted a wolf coming across the flats. We watched him until he came within a couple of hundred yards from us. What a great shot it would have been, had wolves been in season!

Everyone was seriously glassing that afternoon, when finally Brent spotted one. Excitement at last! Both spotting scopes were set on sixty power to study

him carefully. He appeared to be a good three miles away at the end of the valley in the snow. We estimated his size to be about an 8-footer. We watched him until he disappeared into a draw on the side of the mountain. Things were looking good, we had finally spotted one. We knew now that it would do nothing but improve here on out.

Brent and I both spotted from the same hill. It was the highest hill in the

open valley floor. We could glass seventy-five percent of our total inland area from this hill. Brent had been successful in the previous fall using this hill, in that they were able to spot a 9-footer the first day and a 10-foot-plus a couple of days later; both climaxing in successful takes. But, it was spring now and things were different.

On day four, we went into the mouth of the valley where we had spotted the bear. This time, we climbed a little higher to see the whole valley and sighted nothing but old tracks, lots of them. We spent the morning glassing together, as afternoon approached Brent and George decided to check out a couple other valleys. Tim and I chose to stay put. Around 4:00 p.m., I spotted a 7- to 8-footer. We watched as he moved about in the snow looking for food. There were wind-blown areas around him, but they were frozen solid. This seemed to only aggravate the hungry bear in his desperate search for his early spring dinner.

We continued to glass. It was about 6:00 p.m. when all of a sudden high up in the snow-covered mountain, was the sight we'd been waiting for, it was the "BIG" one, working his way down and across the mountain. I examined him from nose to tail for rubs and judging his size, "he'd go 9-foot-plus," I told Tim. Tim was ready to go. He had taken an 8-foot grizzly a few years before and was hoping to get a 10-foot this year. The wind had been blowing out of the

valley and in our faces all day, so, it was in our favor. It was fairly open across the valley floor, the terrain uneven with a few creeks flowing down and out. The bear was about a mile away still angling down. I told Tim we'd angle across to an intersect point and meet him there. We crossed the valley to that point when all of a sudden the wind switched and was hitting us from behind. It was about the absolute worst thing that could happen. The bear was still coming down the mountain and moving faster. Suddenly he stopped, sniffed, looked around, and jolted back up the mountain. He was moving so fast we couldn't gain on him. The higher he went, the slower we got. The snow was getting deeper and deeper. Here was our big bear, and he was getting away! As we watched him go over the ridge with sickened heart I wondered if we'd ever see him again.

Day five rolled around, to find us at it early again. We didn't spot any bears that morning. However, we did spot two different bears high in the snow that afternoon; one was too small and the other disappeared across the mountain.

It was blowing and raining a bit on the sixth day, but it wasn't too bad, the weather had been great until now. That afternoon Brent and George went back to base camp to hunt the shoreline, and Tim and I decided to move a spike camp

to the hill we used for spotting, which would save us about two hours of hunting time.

We packed a light camp and were on our way early. It stopped raining and looked like we were in for another nice day. We crossed the second creek out in the middle of the open flats when I turned to check the area behind us. "There's a wolf!" I said. Tim turned, expecting to see the wolf a long way off, but there in the bear trail, that we'd been walking in less than thirty yards away, was a full grown wolf. When we stopped, he stopped. I eased a shell into the chamber of my .357 H&H not knowing what to expect. He started to circle, getting closer at the same time. Every five steps or so, he would stop, turn his head as if to say, "what is this?" I asked Tim to take my camera out of my pack. I continued to keep him covered, still not knowing what to expect. Did he have rabies, was he brave, or was he just dumbfounded having never seen humans before? He had eased his way now to within fifteen to twenty yards. I took a few pictures and then got Tim's camera out so he could take a few as the wolf moved back and forth about the same distance. This was a great experience. We had never been this close to a wolf in the wild. It was getting late, so I told Tim we needed to get a move on it.



Our pet wolf on the Alaskan Peninsula

I figured the wolf would run as soon as we started walking, but I was wrong. He followed right behind us just like a dog. I suggested to Tim that he not limp because the wolf was checking us out to decide which one he was going to dine with! Tim got a big chuckle out of that. We had about three quarters of a mile to go before we would reach the hill where we could glass. The wolf stayed right with us. When we reached the hill, we sat down and so did the wolf. This was ridiculous, a pet wolf!

While we were resting, we glassed the hillside. I spotted a bear moving along the base of a hill, but he disappeared into the alder. I really didn't get a very good look at him. If he was a good one, he just managed to get away. I didn't relish the fact of leaving the gear for the spike camp with the wolf still hanging around, but we had to get a closer look. We made our way to a small knoll which was about four hundred yards from where the bear was last seen, but no bear. We sat and glassed for five hours and still no bear. I figured he had laid down. Then out of the corner of my eye I caught some movement. "There he is!" I exclaimed. He had crossed a draw and had laid down about four hundred yards from where we last spotted him. He was nice, just a little over 8 feet. He was an extremely pretty bear with lots of blond highlights. Tim debated but then decided to pass him up.

Time was getting short, we only had three more days. On our way back to camp, we discussed our choices and decided to stay one more day, then head for the shoreline.

We had a late supper and finally laid down around midnight. "What's that noise?" Tim asked? We listened intently as paper rustled and cans clanged disrupting the immediate silent night. Since we had eaten supper so late, I had left our dinner trash right outside the small two-man tent. I got my gun ready and started to unzip the tent door. As I peeked out, I turned the flashlight only to have two eyes meet mine. Not more

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than three feet away was a fox. He had his nose in one of the cans. I shouted at him, hoping to run him off. He just stared and continued to eat. Then he carried a peach can about five feet away and laid down with it. I clapped my hands and continued shouting, and finally he moved out of sight. As I crawled back into the tent mumbling something like, "there, now we can sleep," the night's silence was broken by familiar sounds. This time Mr. Fox brought with him a friend. As I unzipped the tent's door I found them so close I could touch them. I shouted, screamed, and hollered, but it didn't even phase them. Each one of them had an empty can, and since I'd left only two cans and some candy wrappers I decided that they couldn't do too much damage, so we left them alone and snuggled back down into our sleeping bags and finally got some zzz's.

The next morning was a beautiful one. As soon as we started cooking, with the aroma of breakfast sausage filling the air low and behold but what appears! You guessed it, the previous night's guests. They showed up dressed in their early fall dinner jackets ready to eat. We took a couple of pictures of them, then made sure all the garbage was cleaned up and put away, and off we went in pursuit of the elusive bear we had been so diligently struggling to hunt.

After a half day of glassing and no bear, we decided to use the afternoon to move to the coast. Even though we had seen several bears I figured Brent had to be doing better than we were. There just weren't that many bears out. We stopped by the other camp to pick up Tim's gear and then we were on our way.

When we arrived at base camp it was bursting with excitement and rightfully

so. George had taken a beautiful 10' 10" bear the night before, a few miles down the coast. The skull was later, officially measured 29 $\frac{5}{16}$ inches to place him #58 in the Boone and Crockett record book. Out of the two hundred twenty-four bears taken on the Alaskan Peninsula, George's was the largest.

Even though it was late, we still had a couple of hours of hunting left, so Tim and I loaded some gear into the boat and were off. Less than half a mile from base camp, I spotted a nice bear about five hundred yards from shore and on the hillside. We docked the boat and made our way up the mountain above the bear to study him for size. Another 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ footer. Tim was tempted again, but decided he'd hold out. It was getting dark so we headed back to base camp, to work on some strategy details and to of course hear George's and Brent's successful bear story. After all, nothin's better than a good bear story late at night in bear country.

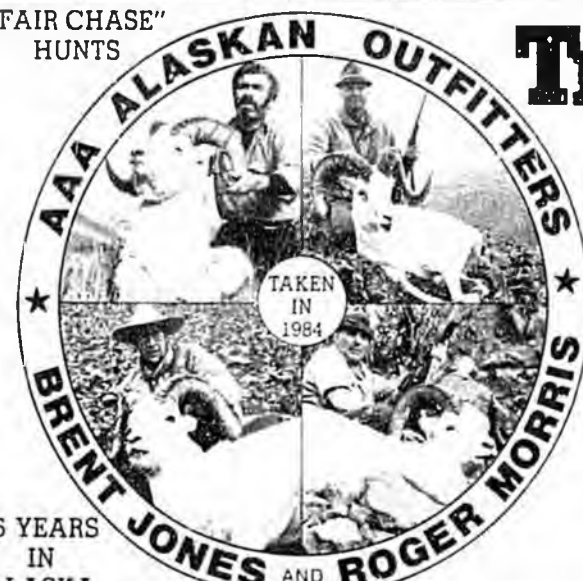
That night at camp we got the detailed story about George's big bear. Brent told me he hadn't spotted a bear until he'd spotted George's. They were just making plans on moving inland where we were when they spotted this "ol grand daddy."

It was the morning of the ninth day when Tim and I left early for the valley where George had taken his bear. They had spotted two others when they were stalking George's bear, one being at least nine feet. But that too offered no luck. The thought of one more day and it would be all over for Tim kept nagging at me for the rest of the day. Tim talked about the ones he had passed up and the reasons for doing so. The pressure was really on us now. We had to connect... we just had to.

It was the last day now, we examined

our plan and options and decided we'd spend it in the same valley. We spotted a sow with cubs but no lone bears. Somewhat dismayed, tired, and a bit quiet but not totally giving up we left the valley around 8:00 p.m. Glassing the shoreline on the trip back would produce success... or would it? "There's one, Tim!" I shouted. A real dark one, and did he look big! I checked the wind before we went to shore. We motored past him. He was only two hundred yards up the mountain and in the open surrounded by alder eating the early spring grasses. This was indeed, Tim's last chance. I knew Tim would shoot him if he was over 8 feet, and he was at least nine. We moved slowly up the bluff and through the alder staying in a small creek to cover up our sound. As we came into the open, we couldn't see him. Somewhat excited we both nodded to each other about the hill having different levels so we continued to climb higher. Finally there he was, moving slowly... very slowly away. All we could see was his back side. He started down into a creek, stopped, stood up and rubbed his back on a tree. "What a sight!" Still not a good shot. We were within seventy-five yards when he disappeared into the creek ravine. I put Tim in front and instructed him that when the bear came up on the other side to take him. I knew now he was a good 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ foot, maybe bigger. Waiting seemed like a lifetime, but I'm sure only a minute or so passed before he ambled up the other side and turned broadside for the perfect shot. Tim readied in his position and squeezed off a well-placed round and the bear was down. Tim's .338 did the job. It was 11:05 p.m. on the last day. After congratulations and the immediate rush of excitement we hustled over to check him out. What a bear!

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Tim Orton with his 10' 2" brown bear which scored officially at 28 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Be $\frac{3}{4}$ C. Tim's was the 4th largest taken on the Alaskan Peninsula in the spring of '84.

He was close to 10 feet, a dark chocolate, and with no rubs. Tim was ecstatic. We hurried and took pictures, as the darkness of the night was coming upon us. We marked the area, left some of our gear and went back to camp for a lantern. Brent had lit a lantern and set it out so we could find the camp. He had supper waiting, but we didn't stop, we went back to skin the bear. Tim had to catch his plane early the next afternoon and we had a lot of work to do in the meantime. That was the first bear I had skinned by lantern, and I might add, "it probably won't be the last one either." We got back to camp at 3:00 a.m. and celebrated with a prime rib dinner. What a treat! Tim and I were exhausted, but very happy.

We were up at 6:00 a.m. packing, fleshing and measuring. He measured 10' 2", the fourth largest taken on the Alaskan Peninsula and with a 28 $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch skull officially measured for Boone and Crockett. It really did pay to wait.

We had a great season. Two Boone and Crockett 10-footers. Our next hunter, Mike Dobransky, got a 9-footer and our last hunter missed a nine footer and passed up two smaller bears. All in all, a great start and quite a reputation to live up to.

The Alaska Fish and Wildlife Conservation Fund Board of Directors voted to provide financial support for litigation testing the Constitutionality of portions of the State's subsistence law and implementing regulations.

Kupe Andrews, President of the Conservation Fund and the Alaska Outdoor Council, stated, "The Board of Directors carefully reviewed the various pending cases and concluded that the lawsuits filed by the Constitutional Legal Defense Fund were the best vehicles for the Constitutionality test." "The Directors are convinced that the growing social unrest associated with the subsistence law will not be reduced until certain aspects such as discriminatory allocations of fish and game resources based on residency of the user are clarified through a Supreme Court ruling," he added.

The Alaska Conservation Fund and the Alaska Outdoor Council are affiliated conservation organizations with a statewide Alaskan membership of approximately 9,000 members representing 44 sportsmen and outdoor user clubs and organizations.

Both the Conservation Fund and the Council have been active participants in the continuing "subsistence" struggle in Alaska. The Alaska Outdoor Council has directed a considerable portion of its resources toward legislative relief on the subsistence and other outdoor issues by maintaining a lobbyist in Juneau during the sessions. Mr. Andrews pointed out, "clearly the intent of both the Conservation Fund and the Council is to pursue corrections to the State subsistence

law through administrative, legislative and legal avenues."

The Alaska Conservation Fund and the Alaska Outdoor Council have consistently adopted a position in support of the continuation of subsistence uses in Alaska but opposes allocating common property resources based on residency. Both organizations have favored completely restructuring the State subsistence law.

Mr. Andrews concluded by saying, "We favor a complete revision of the State subsistence law to clean up major problems. Eliminating allocations based on residency; providing authority for the Boards of Fisheries and Game to blend uses rather than eliminating sport and commercial uses; providing authority to the Boards to identify alternative resources and target subsistence species and providing clear criteria for subsistence qualification based on personal or family need are some of the critical items that must be addressed."

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WOLF ATTACK

An Eyewitness Account

May 18, 1983. 9:15 a.m. A light rain was falling on the Yanert River valley, obscuring the high ridges on either side. The place was about twelve miles upriver from the small gravel airstrip that serves Denali Park in Central Alaska, and perhaps a hard day's ride from the impressive Yanert Glacier. Scarcely eighty miles away loomed the mightiest mountain in North America, 20,320-foot Mt. McKinley.

There was little movement on the river below as a Chicago ad agency president and professional guide John Harkey crouched behind the dripping bushes, forcing themselves down into lichen covered depressions in an attempt to gain comfortable positions.

"What do you see?," I whispered.

For a second there was no response as John continued to stare through his spotting scope, across the brushy gravel bars that dotted the Yanert's broad bed, and into the thick spruce emerging from snowy hummocks on the far side.

"I thought I saw a flash of yellow," replied John. "I saw it twice, and I'm trying to track its direction."

"Which way?" I asked. With arms raised and finger pointing he directed my eyes and ears. "Locate a huge, dead tree laying partly down the far bank. Go straight up the hill about a hundred yards to a little clearing, and look to the left of that about fifty yards."

With the excitement building I exclaimed with one single breath, "I see him, what do you think, I think what we've got is a grizzly, but I can't make out his size!"

"Well, keep watching," encouraged John. "Because when he goes downhill, and if he gets out of that heavy stuff,

we're going after him."

I settled back, hat pulled low to keep his glasses dry, eyes glued to the rear of his 10x Leitz, and studied the approach of the big bear.

This was the third day of a spring grizzly hunt I had booked a year earlier with outfitter and old friend from Safari magazine days, Lynn Castle. Lynn was off on Kodiak Island, hunting the highly productive, but infamous Dead Man's Bay for the giant brown bear. However, he had left horses, gear and provisions at the airstrip near Denali, along with young John Harkey; "Hawkeye," to those who'd experienced his ability with a spotting scope.

Hawkeye and I had been riding and glassing the Yanert for several days now, trailing three pack horses, pitching their tent each afternoon among the tall trees and lofty peaks that make up the Central Alaska range. Up until this morning, we had enjoyed blue, sunny skies and incredible visibility which enabled us to spot the little, white specks of Dall sheep moving on high slopes. Down in the timber, the occasional moose would appear frolicking up and down the dry river bed where the regal, but more often foolish looking, barren



by Keith Bates
(Chicago, IL)

ground caribou reside. A pair of bald eagles accompanied them for a while, often posing at distances of less than a hundred yards, satisfying the voracious appetite of my 200mm lens.

The day before had been a day to remember. And I savored the memory now, as Hawkeye and I followed the movement of their quarry. That day had started much like this one, with an early rise from warm sleeping bags, hastily saddling the horses to gain the high ridges before sun up, and the settling down with glasses to watch for the morning feeding bears.

But, unlike today, the action had started earlier. . . .

John had casually remarked "I see a bear." Unemotionally, like it was no big deal.

To me, more used to the asphalt jungles of the "lower 48," it was a moment fraught with anticipation. The old adrenalin began to flow as it had countless times before. Like that time the big bull elephant charged me in Zambia, the bloody buffalo from the thorn bushes of Kenya and the big yellow cat from deep in the Kalahari.

The stalk began.

He was a beautiful Toklat; the long

silvery blond fur of his body supported by four chocolate posts for legs swirled and eddied in the wind. He was diggin' for roots in the river bottom's loose gravel oblivious to the world.

John watched for a second more, then jumped up. "Let's go take a closer look," he said. "He looks beautiful to me." I responded, as I untied my horse and swung onto the saddle.

Quickly narrowing the several hundred yards that separated bear and hunter, the horses were again tied. We began to close the distance on foot, while the bear continued to forage. At one point, he looked up, but with his

notoriously poor eyesight, and thanks to the fickle wind, failed to notice us as we approached.

After dodging around small bushes and squirming through high grass, we were finally separated from the bear by only a small island, populated sparsely by young birch. The bear started to feed faster now. We lunged to our right in an effort to head him off—and miscalculated. The bear moved like a streak and had now emerged less than fifty yards ahead of us. As the bear slowly approached us, cutting the distance to some thirty yards, he would bark at us with a low "woof" sound; a real

memorable experience! At this range, and with no real cover for a hundred and fifty yards in either direction, the bear was ours!

"His coat is beautiful, but he's not much of a bear," I whispered to Hawkeye. "If you want him you'd better shoot," replied John. "He's not going to hold that pose long." "I don't think he's more than 6 to 6½ feet," I said. "You're probably right, but how often does anyone get within handgun range of an Alaskan grizzly?" asked John.

After a long pause of hunter and the hunted studying one another, I decided and said, "I'm letting him go." "Watch out!" exclaimed John. "He may not go where you want. You'd better stay ready to shoot."

After a few more tense moments I slowly straightened from my two-armed handgunners crouch, and let the .44 Ruger slowly go down to my side. The bear sensing the release of tension, hesitated only slightly, gave out a small pride-salvaging grunt, and loped off through the shallow water for the protective brush on the far side of the river.

... but that was yesterday. Today offered promise of a substantially bigger bear, maybe the 8- or 9-footer some lucky hunters occasionally encounter.

John and I continued to follow the movements of the big, blond grizzly through the spotting scope and binoculars. I squirmed to dislodge an uncomfortably positioned rock from my left hip, and in doing so, I lost the position of the bear, as I was attempting to re-align them, a movement near the center of the semi-dry river bed caught my eye. I focused my binoculars on what appeared to be a strange sight. Three caribou splashing frantically in the icy water of a still flowing stream. At first I wasn't too surprised, because caribou often engage in such antics. Why it was only the day before, while we were relaxing in the river bed that a small herd had trotted right up to us, looked us over and walked away. In that particular herd there was a large bull, his antlers were still in velvet, favoring one leg. Although, no wound was visible he was definitely lame. Now, as I watched the splashing trio, I suddenly realized it wasn't three caribou, but one caribou. Could it be the big bull from the previous day, I asked myself. And after a closer more intense look—it sure was the crippled caribou. The other two animals were Great Gray Timber Wolves intent on making a kill. Apparently, the wolves had cut this cripple from the rest of the small herd while they continued to graze nonchalantly downriver, about a half mile from the grizzly scene.

"John," I called. "There's a wolf attack

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going on right in front of us. Point your scope down there." John, trying hard to follow the bear, was torn by a desire to witness an occurrence rarely seen by man. He didn't resist long, and swung the big spotting scope onto the battle below.

The scene that took place over the next half hour was the most incredible struggle for survival either of us had ever seen. Both wolves and the frantically lunging caribou charged wildly back and forth through the icy water and snowy banks, then onto an icy overhang and back into the water. The water's depth varied from a few inches to several feet. Repeatedly, the wolves bit at his sides, neck and hind legs, and frequently, he would go down with both wolves on top of him. Several times he seemed to disappear under the water, but with all the splashing, it was hard to see what was actually happening. On at least five occasions the caribou seemed down, lying still with the wolves biting at his back, then suddenly he would jump to his feet, and the whole wild chase would start again. Once, following a particularly long period when the caribou lay stretched in the water we were convinced he was dead, he leaped up once more throwing off the wolves.

At this point, one wolf lost interest and walked off and laid on the river bank, as if to rest or become a spectator. The other wolf continued to push the attack, back and forth they went in the water, water splashing everywhere. The caribou was able to finally get to some deeper water which slowed the wolf

considerably. Positioning himself in the three foot deep water, he faced the wolf, legs apart and antlers down. For a time this action successfully kept the wolf at bay. What a tremendous will it is... that ol' will to live; the drive, the battle, the desire, and the conqueror.

However, the stalemate lasted only a few minutes. The caribou, thinking he had discouraged the wolves from any further attack, trotted out of the water heading upstream to join his buddies. But as soon as he hit the shallow water, the big wolf that he had held at bay made a flying leap from the icy overhang, back into the water for a firm hold on one hind leg. The caribou stumbled and half fell, and now the second wolf rejoined the fray. With a tremendous leap, that wolf hit the caribou in the side, and the turmoil in the water began again. Except, that by this time it was obvious the caribou was very weak and exhausted from the struggle, but he was still not showing any sign of blood or in real trouble. Knocked down by the force of the second wolf, the big bull was unable to regain its feet. He laid still, although in an upright position in about twelve inches of water, its legs all folded beneath him, helplessly swinging his massive head, and looking from one side to the other as the wolves began to eat.

Without any further attempts to kill the caribou, the wolves began pulling large chunks of flesh from the caribou's back and hind quarters. They would tear off huge pieces, carry them to the river bank, and lay there chewing them.

This went on for perhaps ten or fifteen minutes, while the caribou looked plaintively around continuing to turn its head from side to side until finally succumbing to shock and loss of blood. His final movement was to slowly lower

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his head and his magnificent antlers to the ground and to stretch his nose forward and die. The battle had been fought... it's over... there's no winner and there's no loser... the ecocycle continues.

Half-heartedly and much more somberly we returned to the grizzly on the far shore. We eventually made a long stalk, played tag with the bear among the trees and thick brush for a while, and finally lost him when a wind shift allowed the bear to pick up our scent. That day ended the hunt, as a medical emergency at home forced me to cancel the balance of the hunt.

Riding back to camp that evening, we stopped to photograph and examine the caribou carcass. Only to find that the backstraps and hindquarters were eaten. The wolves must have consumed ten to fifteen pounds apiece. A tragic spectacle to watch, but a daily occurrence in the wilderness. The unusual aspect of this episode was... the human eyewitness.



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WILDFIRE!

Wildfire is an important process that has influenced ecosystems over much of Alaska. Man has attempted to suppress these fires for at least the last forty-five years of Alaska, however, regional plans now give land managers in the state the option of allowing lightning caused fires to burn through low risk areas. This option is based upon sound ecological management principles and is consistent with the National Park Service's management philosophy for natural areas of allowing ecological processes to operate freely within them.

As the role of fire, its behavior, and its effects are better understood for park lands in Alaska, additional areas will be included in the low risk category. A research program is in progress to provide much of this needed information for Denali, Katmai, Lake Clark, Wrangell-St. Elias, Gates of the Arctic National Parks and Preserves, Kobuk Valley National Parks, Noatak, Yukon-Charley Rivers, Bering Land Bridge National Preserve, and Cape Krusenstern National Monument.

Fire history statistical data for Alaska are most reliable for the period since 1967, but data do exist for some fires back to 1940. These records were compiled when wildfires were being actively suppressed in Alaska, so they probably underestimated the occurrence of fire. One of the objectives of our fire research is to learn more about the fire regime of national park lands in Alaska. Samples from fire-killed trees are obtained from old burns so that annual growth rings can be cross-dated with rings from living trees to determine the year of the burn. Using this technique, burns have been identified that occurred well over

two hundred years ago. With the aid of color infra-red aerial photographs, the perimeters of old burns are mapped when they can be discerned. These data are providing us with better information about the frequency of major fires in specific areas.

After old burns are located, the vegetation is sampled in plots to determine the successional state. A fuel inventory is also made. The effects of a low intensity surface fire can be overcome rapidly, while the effects of a high intensity crown fire may be evident for more than a hundred years. For burned areas, the type of fire that occurred or its intensity, can be estimated through a consideration of the state of the vegetation, the amount of fuel accumulation, and the number of years since the area last burned.

When fires are permitted to burn in a low risk area, fire weather and fire behavior characteristics are monitored. These data will be used to refine fire behavior models for specific fuel types, which in turn will improve our ability to make accurate fire behavior predictions. Such predictions are crucial for making decisions of whether or not to let a natural fire run its course when developed areas, inholdings, and park boundaries must be considered.

Although the National Park Service does not manage natural areas for the exclusive benefit of individual features or species, fires usually result in improved habitat for many wildlife species. Natural fires are important to the Service's management policy for the protection of the total environment or ecosystem and its processes.



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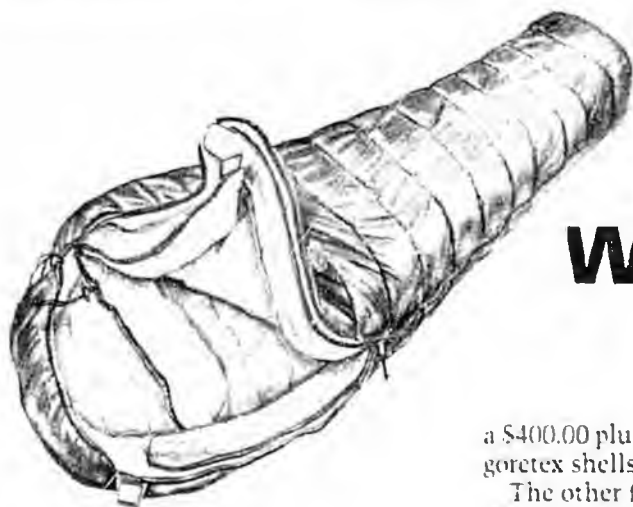
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DECISION

Which Bag Will It Be?

by Bob Hodson

Choosing a sleeping bag is one of the most important decisions a camper has to make. A sleeping bag is not only a key to survival, but is an investment. In this article I am going to try and explain sleeping bag construction and help make buying a sleeping bag easier for you.

LOFT & INSULATION TYPE:

The key to staying warm in a sleeping bag is how efficiently the bag will retain the user's body heat. Loft is the term used to describe the distance between the sleeper and the outside. In general the greater the distance the warmer the bag.

Sleeping bag insulators range from high end down to the inexpensive man-made fibers. Peoples needs vary and so it is important to understand the different uses for the various fibers. I will briefly explain the advantages and disadvantages of five of the most popular fills on the market today.

1. Down
2. 3M's Polarguard
3. DuPont's Quallofil (trademark)
4. Hollofil (trademark)
5. Hollofil 808 (trademark)

DOWN: It is considered the best insulator in the world. A good down bag will also be the most expensive. Down has many advantages, it is very light, compressible and it has a long life if properly cared for. Down does have one major drawback—when it gets wet it loses its insulative value.

The type and fill power of down is also important. Goose down with a fill power of 500 or greater is recommended. The higher the fill power number the higher the insulative value per ounce of the down. It is also important to find out if the bag is filled with duck or goose down. Duck down is generally found in lower end bags—due to its high oil content.

If you are looking for a very light, compact bag that can be kept dry, down would be a good choice. If you can afford

a \$400.00 plus bag—the down bags with goretex shells may be of interest to you.

The other fibers, Polarguard, Quallofil, Hollofil, and Hollofil 808 are all manmade fibers. These fibers have several distinct advantages.

The most important is that when the bag is wet it still retains most of its insulating qualities. Another advantage is that if a person gets wet and crawls into a synthetic bag the fibers tend to wick moisture away from the body. The synthetic filled bags also cost less for comparable temperature rated bags. Again, this is dependent on quality. The biggest drawback to synthetic filled bags is their weight. A zero degree rated down bag weighs about three and three fourths pounds versus five pounds for a Quallofil insulated bag. A person needs to decide if weight or having a bag that insulates when its wet is more important. If you decide to go synthetic your next choice is what fiber to go with. In this article we will take a look at the major fibers currently available.

QUALLOFIL is the latest in synthetic fills. Its unique four-hole construction and silicone type finish provides high insulative value, durability, lightweight and excellent feel. This fiber is the lightest and most compactable fiber in this group. The four air chambers in the fiber traps air thus giving it excellent insulative value. The silicone finish gives the fiber its good feel. Even in the wettest conditions Quallofil retains most of its warmth.



Quallofil



Hollofil II

HOLLOFILL II—Another synthetic fiber that is sprayed with silicone to reduce friction and give it a better feel. Hollofil II is a single hole fiber that is superior to most other conventional synthetic fills, due to this coating. It

drapes over the body very well, it is fairly easy to compact, and it retains body heat very well. It is less expensive, as a general rule, than Quallofil. However, it is heavier, bulkier, and not as compactable as Quallofil.

POLARGUARD—A very similar product to Hollofil II except that the fibers are longer and more stable. It is a product made by 3M versus Hollofil II which is made by DuPont. I will not go into details of this fiber, because of its similar characteristics to Hollofil II.

HOLLOFILL 808—This is the least expensive of the fibers in this article. It is less compactable and has a harsher feel than any of the fibers listed. It does retain most of its insulating properties when wet and it is less costly than the other fibers. It would be a good choice for sleeping bags used in cabins.

After deciding on the fill type you need to decide several things:

1. How big of a bag do I want? Square cut, modified mummy or mummy. The larger the bag the harder it is to heat. However, the fuller cut bags do provide more comfort. A modified mummy bag is a compromise bag that gives you more room through the shoulders and feet than a mummy bag and it is relatively compact.
2. What temperature rating do I need? I recommend buying a bag ten degrees colder than what a person feels they need. It is always easier to try and make it warmer. A very important point in comparing bags is to compare fill weight not total weight. Sleeping bag manufacturers tend to over rate sleeping bags. By comparing fill weights on comparably sized bags a person can see if any one manufacturer is over rating their bag. Simply make a few notes, if most manufacturers use fifty ounces of fill and another uses thirty ounces of fill be suspicious. Make sure that you are comparing comparable fill types. Remember also to buy a good ground pad since most of your heat is lost through the bottom of the bag. I recommend either closed cell foam or a self-inflating air/foam combina-

tion. A standard air mattress is a very poor insulator.

3. How is the bag constructed? I could devote this entire article to this subject alone. Some of the more important features to look for are:

Differential cut—the outer bag being larger than the inner bag to help reduce

cold spots and material bunching.

Non-sewn through construction—the bag should not have a seam sewn through both inner and outer insulating layers. If it is sewn through a "cold spot" will result.

Draft tube—a tube which covers the zipper to prevent cold from entering the bag.

Zipper—continuous coil zippers seem to work best. Most sleeping bags can now be zipped together to make double bags.

Hood construction—the bag should have a cinch string in the hood so it would be drawn up around the face in cooler temperatures. I recommend sculpted hoods on bags rated at zero degrees and cooler. This hood design allows uniform lofting around the head and it does not bunch the materials.

Layering system—how is the fill put in the bag? Single layer—one layer of insulation, this is found in warm weather bags. Double layer offset—one layer of insulation running at a ninety degree angle to another layer of insulation. Triple offset—three layers running alternate directions to one another, typically found in cold weather bags

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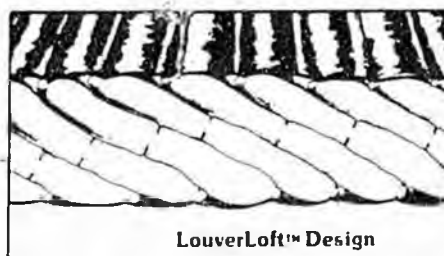


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Material and stitching—these two items tell a lot about the manufacturer. Look at the stitching to see if it's uniform. Feel the material, will it get a clammy feeling to it, will the material compress and stuff easily?

Warranty—how is the bag warranted and will the dealer stand behind the product. If something fails on the bag due to a defect will you be out a bag for three or four weeks? Being without a bag for this period of time could wreck a hunting season.

Finally shop around—compare features and salespersons' knowledge. It is important to deal with a store that is willing to educate and work with you.

A sleeping bag is a very important part of your camping gear. This article is meant as a brief guide to help you in selecting a sleeping bag. A good bag will give you many comfortable nights sleep in the outdoors.

HAPPY CAMPING 

Editor's note: Bob Hodson, is an avid supporter of APHA and the Alaska out-of-doors. We would like to thank him for volunteering this article for our readers' knowledge. Mr. Hodson also is the owner of Barney's Sport Chalet in Anchorage, Alaska.

First of State

The thrill of a cloud of honking geese spiraling overhead is exciting for most Americans. Few people realize, however, that Alaska is the breeding ground for approximately ten million ducks and one million geese that leave the state each fall. Although most ducks and geese from Alaska use the Pacific flyway, many others travel as far east as the Atlantic coast.

Good news for Alaskans is that they now have a mechanism to participate in funding the waterfowl program of our state. Just as the name implies, "The Alaska Waterfowl Conservation Stamp" is intended to raise money for conservation and enhancement of waterfowl, acquisition of wetland habitats, and related projects, much like the federal migratory bird hunting stamp, better known as the "duck stamp." Alaska's stamp will be provided to hunters and non-consumptive users alike with a means of contributing to waterfowl management, while giving them something to show for their contribution.

The Alaska waterfowl conservation stamp act was authorized by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Bill Sheffield in 1984. The \$5.00 stamp is mandatory for the 1985 hunting season for all waterfowl hunters in Alaska between the ages of 16 and 60. Exceptions are low-income persons eligible for the 25-cent hunting license and disabled veterans. Waterfowl hunters must purchase both the Alaskan stamp and the Federal Duck Stamp.

First of State stamps are available now and will be on sale until June 30, 1987. Stamp collectors and hunter may order directly from the Department of Revenue or purchase through the usual license outlets.

An acrylic painting by Minnesota artist Daniel Smith of emperor geese beside a tundra pond was selected for Alaska's first stamp design. Artwork was selected as part of an artist-publisher partnership package. That is, all the artwork was submitted by artists already sponsored by publishers. Ten

proposals from six publishing companies were submitted in a national competitive bid process. The number and quality of the original designs and proposals were exceptional and included a total of 35 waterfowl paintings. Selection criteria included the need for the proposal to provide a good opportunity for fundraising while establishing the Alaska Waterfowl Stamp series as a fine collection-quality art. The Department of Revenue, the Alaska State Council of the Arts, and ADF&G judged the proposals.

Approximately 130,000 stamps were printed with 25,000 set aside to go with the limited edition prints of the artwork. The actual number of limited edition prints was determined by the number of prints ordered by October 31, 1985. Approximately 4,000 art-quality posters are also available for sale. The posters and limited edition prints are on sale at most art dealers. Prints will be issued to distributors no later than January 10, 1986, and perhaps earlier.

Regular edition prints, numbered, signed by the artist and accompanied by the mint stamp will retail at \$140.00. A special "First of State" collector medallion and print set, numbered and signed by the artist and with a gold plated medallion, plus a stamp will retail for \$305.00. Executive edition prints, numbered and signed by the artist with stamp medallion and a color remarque hand painted by the artist will retail for \$755.00. Posters will sell for \$16.00. Collectors may purchase plate block numbers for \$20.00 and full sheets of 30 stamps for \$150.00. Records of all print numbers and buyers will be kept so that matching numbers will be available in future years.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game believes that more than 85 percent of revenue will come from the sale of art prints and stamps outside the state. Revenue estimates of \$200,000 to \$1 million for next fiscal year contrast with the department's present waterfowl budget of \$76,000. Approximately, some of the revenue will help to bring back the emperor goose which has recently declined to less than 60,000 birds.

Many bird watchers and ornithologists rate the emperor goose as the most beautiful goose in the world. The throat and lower neck of this moderate-sized goose are black. The remainder of the

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head and neck is white, but is often stained a rusty hue from feeding in tidal ponds where concentrations of iron oxide occur. The short bill is pink, and its legs are orange or yellow. Adult birds have symmetrically scalloped gray, black and white plumage. Sometimes called "beach geese," emperors frequently forage for seaweed and eelgrass along coastal flats, occasionally thrusting their heads into the mud to eat mussels or clams.

Wetlands and coastal salt marshes are vital to emperors and other waterfowl. It has been estimated that nearly one-half million acres of wetlands are lost each year. With about one-third of our nation's endangered or threatened species utilizing these areas, the conservation of these key habitats is critical.

Alaska joins with New York in becoming the 30th and 31st states with waterfowl stamp programs. Other states and a growing number of private organizations are raising funds for fish and wildlife conservation by meeting a growing demand for wildlife art.

In addition to being a good investment, wildlife stamps and art prints offer opportunities for the public to address the growing concern for the welfare of fish, wildlife, and wildlife habitat. During the last ten years, North American waterfowl populations have fallen dramatically, primarily due to continued loss of habitat. Problems in the "lower 48," such as drought in the prairie region, disease, and overcrowding of wintering areas, require a great deal more attention on the part of both state and federal agencies. A combination of good breeding grounds, adequate food, and protection will allow goose populations to expand and restore depleted stocks. Broad public support is imperative for that situation to occur.

Department of Fish and Game officials are hopeful that Alaska's first waterfowl stamp and beautiful emperor goose art prints will be highly successful in assisting state waterfowl programs. Both the mystique of Alaska and public demand for wildlife art should bring great benefits to Alaska's waterfowl.

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Larry Kelly, president of the Handgun Hunters Hall of Fame, located in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, is overwhelmed with the excellent trophies that have been entered for the 1985 Handgun Hunter Trophy Award. The prestigious award was designed by Tom Tischler of Kerrville, Texas. Lucky Nightingale of Brandywine, Maryland was selected as this year's winner. Lucky has taken many trophies with handguns, amongst them is a new world record #1 Bontebok. Larry Kelly stated that to his knowledge twelve elephants were taken in 1984 with a handgun. Not only were elephants taken, but African lion, Cape buffalo, rhino and many other species including, North American brown bear and moose.

The goal of the Handgun Hunters Hall of Fame is to show the public that handguns are used for sport, and not just for killing people, as the anti-gunners would lead us to believe. The Handgun Hunter Trophy Award is to give special recognition to the hunter for taking a trophy with a handgun. In 1984 Kelly presented the first Handgun Hunter Trophy Award to Bob Good for



Bob Good presents Lucky Nightingale the bronze Dall sheep trophy award as the Handgun Hunter of the Year

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Grin & Bear It . . .



by Gil Marick

Seems that every time you turn around in Alaska, someone's come up with some sort of a bear story, and not to be outdone. . . I guess I've got one too. . .

Well, a few years back, there was a hellacious blow down of timber in the Yakutat area that is known for the winds coming out of the St. Elias Range. In this area about 10,000 acres of timber simply blew down over the winter, and the US Forest Circus, not wanting to appear wasteful, decided to harvest said timber along with whatever other trees lay by the proposed road that they would use to haul out the timber. . . that's where I come in.

I was recovering from a badly wrenched knee when I received a phone call from the personnel office of the USFS in Juneau asking me if I'd be available to work for them as a Lead Timber Tech. on the project. Well, city life was getting old and the fact that I could at last be on my way and make some money plus having a little fun on the side beckoned, and I was on a plane within a day. Down in Juneau they sent me back to Yakutat (Makes sense, doesn't it?), along with a crowd of college kids out to take the tiger-by-the tail and show us old folks "how-it-was-done". . . While I was down in Juneau, they found out how long I'd been up here (Hell, anyone over four years in Alaska was considered a pioneer status!!!), and along with my official title, I was accorded the dubious honor of being "Chief Bear Guard & Ordinance Officer." Next to the cook, a wonderful rascal by the name of Buzz Bulard, who could make a turnover so light that you'd need a butterfly net to catch it, we were the only ones that had different titles. By some quirk of fate, all the others had the same title, a point that they raised various hell about later.

Any hoo, these folks were the most typical of world saviors, and they were going to have an "Alaskan Experience," or die trying. Many of them had NEVER even fired a .22 much less a Mod. 70, .375 F&H. Some, turned out pretty good, and the rest were pretty mediocre.

In fact, by the way they handled their rifles they were downright careless for a

bunch of idealistic saviors. I was to inspect the rifles after every day's usage, and I can say without a doubt that most of them were, well, in pretty sad shape to say the least. The first thing that I did was to use duct tape around the magazine floorplate, one cannot simply have one's rounds dropping whilst defending oneself from "URSUS URSUS."



Don't disturb this guy at the dinner table.

Little by little, the kinks came out and things started to function smoothly. All in all, the season turned out with little incident, that was until the day that I was scheduled for "R&R," which in my case came about every month.

That morning came with the usual downpour. . . after one SOLID WEEK of sunshine. Picking up my pack with about sixty pounds of dirty laundry and assorted gear, I sallied forth. Pulling my bush hat down near the eyebrows to keep the aqua out of my eyes and off my specs, I started the five mile trek, by myself, to the nearest road. Now, unless you are out on the muskeg, trying to orient oneself by landmarks in the Yakutat area is pretty difficult, especially on an overcast day. Therefore, it is imperative that one carry and use a COMPASS. The timber is thick and substantial, and you cannot make out the St. Elias Range unless you are out in an open muskeg area. I hadn't been out on foot during my tour of duty thus far, as they had flown me in by helicopter to my work area.

I grabbed an aerial photo, got some directions that included information that the trail had been flagged by the Engineering Crew. (At this point it is

worthy of mention that certain members of the deer family are VERY fond of surveyors flagging, a good point for you folks who like to use it.) None-the-less, I was soon heading down the trail and somehow, got "turned around." I did a little backtracking and finally found the trail, or what passed for it, paralleling the Situk River about fifty feet to my right. The trail was basically a BEAR trail. "Luckily," I thought, "the salmon are not quite running at this time, so there's little for me to worry about."

The wind picked up and the rain was now practically a horizontal sheet. I gritted my teeth, pulled my hat down over my eyes, and plodded through the alders. What I didn't realize was that there was a converging trail coming up, much in the same manner as that of a confluence of railroad tracks. On up ahead on the nearing trail, unbeknownst to me was not a freight train but a rather large "denizen" that could do about as much damage to my miserable carcass. There I was tootling along, dulled into the lethargy of a route march due to the rain and wind, just glancing up from time to time and trying to "eat up the miles" (THAT was my FIRST MISTAKE).

The first inkling that there was a bear in my immediate area was a sharp "WOOF!!!" I glanced to the left, and saw a large, furry shape within about four to five feet of me. . . and. . . the rest is a BLANK. To my right lay the river through about fifty feet of alder, and we're talking THICK ALDER—but there I was a 220 pound man, carrying a 60 pound pack, holding a rifle and wearing an ammo belt, standing in the middle of the Situk River on a sand bar with my rain gear and hip waders on, jacking a shell into the chamber of the .375 H&H. How, you might ask—that's my question exactly, I have no idea how. . . it's a simple mystery. Hell, I either had grown wings or had been transported like they do in "Star Trek." The point is that I simply don't remember how I got there, and the funny thing was that I was dead calm for the MOMENT. In that time period, I fished out a cigarette, calmly lit it, (let's hear it for

Zippos)...and waited to see what would develop. I didn't have too long to wait...the Brownie calmly walked to the bank stood up and squinted, sniffed the air, got down on all fours and let out a tremendous growl reclaiming the forest as his domain or...now that I think about it, was it a belch? He then turned around and moseyed back into the woods. I decided to wait exactly where I was...my knees started acting like a maracas players hands in a Cuban Dance Band, my mouth was all of a sudden parched, I felt more than slightly bilious and all I could do was squat and finish my smoke. While I was kneeling I started to rub my left leg and discovered there was a tear in my hip boot from the thigh to the knee...and it was a SHARP TEAR. Now this could be strictly conjecture on my part and yes, I could have caught it on a branch in my haste, but it leaves me to wonder, even to this day (which improves with age), of what REALLY happened? Did the brownie swat me out of his way? And is that why I don't recollect those harrowing moments? Who's to know really, but the brownie himself! All I know is that just as soon as I got up my courage I got the hell out of there but this time when I was on the trail I was ALERT and we're talking alert to every little snap, crackle and yes pop; rain or no rain.

When I finally reached town I ran into Buzz, the cook, and of course I relayed the story of my adventure to him. He had some pretty darn good advice to pass on, which is this...NEVER, NEVER, TAKE ANYTHING FOR GRANTED...NO MATTER WHAT THE CONDITIONS, not even if there hasn't been reported any sightings of bears in the "civilized areas." It is usually when you least expect it that things of this sort happen.

I still keep that old pair of waders around, hung up, just to remind me of Buzz's words of wisdom and the day my fate was almost ended on that ol' trail that the bear and I met face to face. 🐻

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by Jack Atcheson

You obviously know and feel as I do that hunting is the greatest sport there is or you wouldn't be going. It's a fantastic experience, but a guided hunting trip is not like normal guided tourist tours that your local travel agency offers. Your local tour agent probably has an itinerary and a place describing conditions, accommodations, etc. . . . something that can be reasonably followed. *But*, big game sport hunting just doesn't work that way. You might say that guided big game sport hunting has an open itinerary . . . lots of plans and ideas that are likely to change daily, or hourly. Everything may go as planned—or nothing! There are no guarantees. You must accept this or don't go. Surprises, weather conditions, risks, hazards, great joy and sudden changes are normal. . . that is hunting. You will find it different, with different standards, but that is what sport hunters like and that is why they go. The success of the hunt is only a small part of that experienced mountain hunter. You must fit the mold! The experiences and uncertainty are what separates sport hunting.

Obviously, most people who go sport hunting do get game and are quite satisfied. . . but, all hunting may not be for everybody. Some hunts or certain species are easier than others. Book what your time and income can handle without skimping; sport hunting is seldom a bargain. Your mental and physical ability is important and must be considered. Wild animals and horses can be dangerous, so can boats, planes, the weather, mountains, elevators and your fellow man, etc. You could get hit by a taxi, too. As Justice Cordozo said, "the timorous may stay at home," but you might not have any adventures at home!!

Your party may be better off on the African Plains than in the mountains, or to hunt pronghorn or quail instead of lions, bear or sheep. *You must* decide that. Africa is easier in most ways, but some people prefer the challenge of the alpine regions. People and customs may be very different, take your camera and an open mind.

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Don Picumbo, CT, and his Ak. Peninsula Barren Ground Caribou (438 BC pts.)



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Kirk Courson, TX, with his 10'4" brown bear. Guide Dick Gunlogson.



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Letter From the President

This issue of the Professional Hunter will be void of your President's Letter due to the many duties at this time of year: such as legislative meetings on House and Senate bills currently in legislation that affect the guiding industry, trips to Juneau and other areas on behalf of APHA and the Alaskan guiding industry, conventions to attend, and lastly, the pressing upcoming hunting seasons with camp preparations, bookings to attend to and all the finalizing of details.

We have tried to make sure that pertinent issues are covered in the pages that follow. Please refer to articles such as the Legislative Report by Ed Grasser and Guide Bill SB294 by Jim Harrower plus others.

Thanks for "bearing" with us and good luck on your spring hunts.

Phil Driver, President, and LesLee Solberg, Office Manager

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SCI REPORT

SCI Challenges Discrimination Against Non-resident Hunters

Because large public land states have increasingly closed or limited non-resident hunting on approximately seven-hundred acres of federal lands, Safari Club International is preparing the groundwork to bring suit against Alaska, concerning discriminatory policies toward non-resident sportsmen.

SCI President Don McMillan and Governmental Affairs Chairman Vern Edewaard stated that after reviewing the recent non-resident closures in Alaska and the limited big game permits being

allocated by other public land states to non-residents for some hunts on federal lands, it was inevitable that the issue would end in court.

"The concept of this potential suit would be that SCI challenges, on basic constitutional grounds, the discrimination shown non-resident sportsmen who wish to pursue their sport on federal lands," stated Vern Edewaard.

"As citizens, we all pay the taxes which support the wildlife and natural resource programs on federal lands. We

all pay for the million of dollars of "in lieu" tax payments made by the federal land managing agencies to the public land states. And, yet, a state like Alaska is now eliminating non-resident hunting for many desirable big game species in federal land areas. Other states are limiting non-resident hunting opportunities on federal land by allocating only a small percentage of the available permits to non-resident sportsmen. What we are striving for is a fair and just system," said Edewaard.

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Brown/Grizzly Bear Table

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Report by Bob Boutang

Have you shot a brown/grizzly bear in the past few years, and wonder when you are eligible for another? Here is a handy-dandy table for brown/grizzly bear hunters. Per 5 AAC 81.320 a hunter can take only one brown/grizzly bear every four regulatory years, except in G.M.U. (game management unit) 12, 13, and 20E. Bears taken in those units are not to be counted against the one bear every four regulatory year bag limit in other units. Statewide bag limits shall not exceed one bear annually.

Brown/Grizzly Taken Spring	Can Take Another	
	Fall	Spring
1978	1981	1982
1979	1982	1983
1980	1983	1984
1981	1984	1985
1982	1985	1986
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1985	1988	1989
1986	1989	1990

Brown/Grizzly taken in fall	Can Take Another	
	Fall	Spring
1978	1982	1983
1979	1983	1984
1980	1984	1985
1981	1985	1986
1982	1986	1987
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1984	1988	1989
1985	1989	1990

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New Life Sustaining Members

Charter Life Sustaining membership's final issuance was December 31, 1984. However, another classification was created which is referred to as Life Sustaining membership offered for \$250.00 instead of the \$200.00 Charter Life Sustaining offer. The following persons have joined as Life Sustaining members:

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WLEA REPORT

Hunters Push Gun Owners Protection Act

Hunters and other gun owners nationwide are urging their congressmen to sign a discharge petition for the Firearms Owners Protection Act.

The pro-gun measure is currently bottled up in the House Judiciary Committee. Committee Chairman Peter Rodino (D-NJ), a notorious anti-gunner, declared the measure "dead on arrival" following Senate passage by a five-to-one margin.

An infrequently used maneuver, a discharge petition will force the Protection Act out of the Judiciary Committee and directly to the floor of the House. Congressman Harold Volkmer (D-MO), John Dingell (D-MI), Tommy Robinson (D-AR), Trent Lott (R-MS) and Larry Craig (R-ID) have initiated the petition. They need the signatures of two-hundred eighteen members of the House.

The Firearms Owners Protection Act amends the Gun Control Act of 1968. It lessens restrictions on the sale and transport of firearms. Additionally, it enacts penalties for the intentional sale of firearms to criminals and for violent federal gun crime.

More specifically, the bill would:

- Permit the interstate transport of guns, even through jurisdictions that have banned gun ownership.
- Permit individuals to purchase guns outside of their home state in face-to-face transactions, as long as the sale is legal under the laws of the seller's and buyer's home states.
- Prohibit federal gun registration programs.

The National Rifle Association (NRA) and other pro-gun groups are calling on the nation's gun owners to write their congressmen and urge them to sign the discharge now being circulated in the House of Representatives.

"The time is right for the sportsmen and gun owners to flex their muscles in the legislative arena," said Michael J. Lashbrook, the NRA's director of state and local affairs, "and we can begin today by uniting to secure passage of the Firearms Owners Protection Act out of the House of Representatives and before President Reagan who has pledged to sign this bill."

Insurance Again Available

by F. Darrell Lindsey of
High Country Insurance Agency

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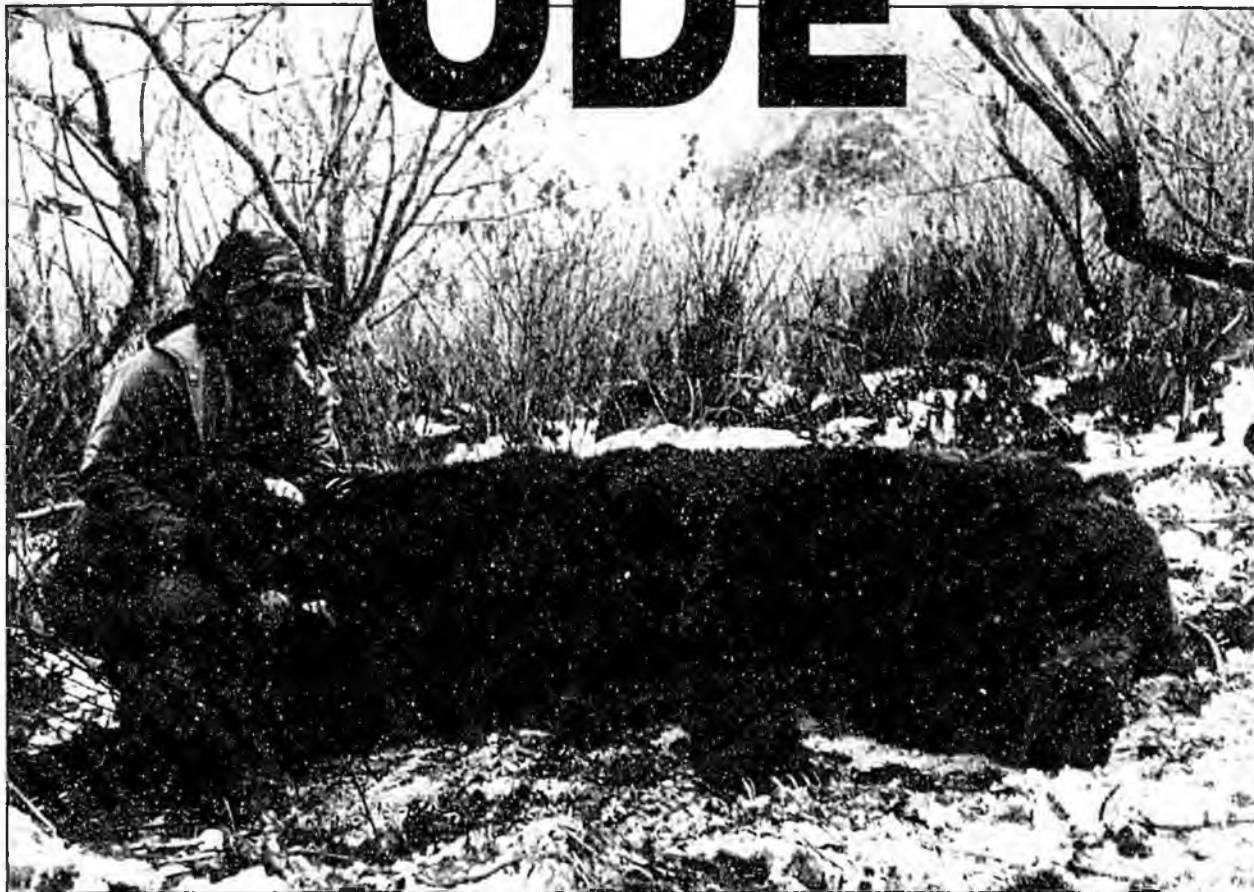
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TO AN ALDER



by (Rev.) Dave Hall

"Climbing through that stuff is like trying to elbow your way through some Third World marketplace, being jostled, snagged, snatched at and hassled by beggars, hawkers, pick-pockets and belligerent merchants—only worse!"

Dick Rohrer, brown bear guide *extraordinaire*, listened in contemplative silence to my panting prose. We were taking a breather between alder patches that quilt the slopes rising out Uganik Bay, Isle of Kodiak.

Ah, but there is nothing quite like the alder, Sitka alder, that is. *Alnus sinuata*, as christened by botanists, and whose extended family includes the subspecies *crispa*, *fruticosa*, and *sitchensis*. Names doubtless derived from sound uttered by frustrated thicket thrashers!

We toiled on up the mountainside in good spirits, however, thankful for blue-skied sunshine after days of scowling skies and oft-times *horizontal* rainfall! Topping out on the skyline of the soaring ridge separating the Mush Lake and

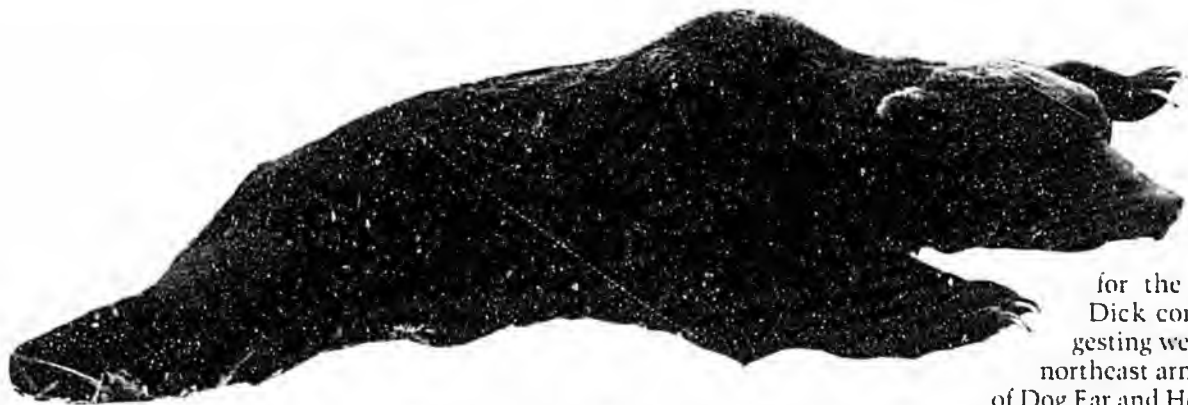
South Arms of Uganik Bay, we were now overlooking Rohrer's Mush Bay camp, with a commanding view—a breath-taking panoramic view—of the entire bay area, as well as Mush Lake itself, Uganik Lake, and the rugged crags towering over the interior lakes region. To the north Packers Spit jutted into the bay, and we could see Rocky Point, noted for its turbulent seas.

It was near noon, so while we went to work with binoculars we munched on Cadbury's "Fruit & Nut" chocolate bars and apples. The terrain was blanketed by snow, deceptively deep in places where it had drifted. We were looking for a good Sitka blacktail buck as well as a Brownie, and I was armed with my Ruger M-77.335 Magnum. Surrounded by sunbathed scenery, the sharp wind nonetheless vied for our attention, kept me fidgeting with creeping cold from the dampness of perspiration generated during the climb. Each time we shifted position to change vantage points for scanning, we tried to hunker in the lee of a protruding rock or nob. The rut was

in full swing, and there were deer in sight most of the time, but the bears were staying put, out of sight in the alders.

About 3:30 p.m. we started our descent, a meandering course combining further hunting with avoiding fighting alders unless absolutely necessary. As we rounded the crest of a draw in the hillside we saw a big buck on the far slope, preoccupied with a couple of sleek does. The three main tines and eyeguards on each side of the antlers were in the record-class, but it was, nonetheless, a worthy trophy. A moment later the wicked slug dumped the buck in the snow. Sidehilling our way toward the buck One-hundred-fifty yards beyond, Dick glanced downhill and hissed, "There's a bear!" The sound of the shot had disturbed a bear hiding from view, tucked underneath the base of a bench some four-hundred yards below. It ambled along the sidehill, easing its way through a strip of alders with a fascinating, rolling gate. Working our

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way toward where the buck lay face down in the snow, Dick said, "Better keep an eye on that bear. . ."

The bear, bedded briefly in an alder patch, then finally moved on out of sight beyond a fold in the mountainside. With remaining daylight a factor there was no time to investigate further, but we were on the lookout for its tracks to check the size. Sure enough, we cut its trail as we drug the buck off the mountain. A clear front paw print showed a pad measuring seven and one-half inches, which interpolates into an eight and one-half foot (squared hide) bear. Hmmm. . .

Thursday, November 7, 1985 began with a hearty breakfast, followed by donning raingear against the knifing

slash of cold wind in an open powerboat. Dick skipped the whaler back around the point and into the south arm again. He cut the engine off-shore and we drifted quietly, glassing the hillside where we'd disturbed the bear the previous afternoon. Our attention focused on some unusual magpie bird activity in a tangle of alders blanketing a ledge. Dick started analyzing the terrain for an optimum approach to climb the slope for a better look from above, down into the suspicioned patch of brush. "But the question I have, Dick," I queried, "Is this the bear we want?" Pausing, I then explained that I really would like to hold out or at least a nine-footer since this was for me a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Having expressed my desire to look

for the bigger bear, Dick concurred, suggesting we return to the northeast arm. The slopes of Dog Ear and Helmet Mountains overlooking the bay there have produced good bears in the past.

With good weather the sea around Rocky Point is not nearly as rough, and the water in the arm itself was calm enough for us to cut the motor and drift along, sprawled out and settled back for some meticulous binocular work. After forty-five minutes or so, seeing lots of deer, but no sign of bear, Dick said, "Why don't we go check out the beach where Ronnie's father-in-law saw that bear. Maybe we can find a clear track to measure for size." He observed that while usually so-called "big" bears don't turn out to be much; still ya never can tell. . . the whaler's big Yamaha engine rumbled to life and Dick headed for Sheep Island.

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We nosed the boat onto the beach at the point of a strait, and I stayed in the boat while Dick climbed over the bow to check the beach for tracks. Bundled in raingear against the cutting wind, I stood idly looking around. My gaze had wandered to contemplating the toes of my boots when suddenly my reverie was slapped awake by the sound of running, crunching boots on gravel. I looked up to see Dick, seemingly in panic, racing toward the boat. He was frantically gesturing, mouthing words for me to bring my rifle! I jerked the cover off the Kolpin Gun Boot yanked out my .338, bailed over the bow, chambered a round, and put the safety on.

Dick panted that a bear was coming toward us through the strip of alders tapering to the point of the island right in front of us. He hissed that he'd heard brush crack, and looked up to see the feet of the bear moving down the slope in our direction. But he said he wasn't sure of the size, so for to wait for his command to shoot.

Almost immediately the gloom of the alders became an apparition, and there, not fifteen yards in front of us a monstrous *big* head appeared! When it saw us it raised up slightly for an instant, then did an about-face back into the alders. As it was turning Dick barked, "Take him!" But I held my fire, habitually refusing to open hostilities with *any* dangerous game unless sure of my first shot.

We rushed to the left to be able to see into the alders flanking the ridge. The snow on the ground helped silhouette the bear as it ambled unhurriedly toward higher ground. Dick was chanting "Shoot! Shoot! Shoot!" But I intuitively felt the bear would stop for a look before it headed on into thicker brush. Sure enough, the bruin stopped and turned quartering slightly toward us. "Shoot!" . . . *Wham!* The 250-gr Bitterroot handload smashed its near shoulder, ploughing through the chest and exited behind the far shoulder with a reverberating roar it spun, snapping at its shoulder,—then headed straight toward us! It didn't clear the alders before the next shot slammed into its chest. The *Ursus* just got worse! It went absolutely berserk!

I reached for more ammo in my belt shellholder—but it was covered with layers of raingear! With the raging bear just thirty-five yards from us I yanked and tore at my waist, finally freeing a cartridge which I single-loaded and fired again into the whirling, bellowing mass. "Keep shooting!" Dick howled. Another

single-loaded shot stilled the bear which keggered-up face down, a massive mound with sides still heaving. "Okay, hit him one more time!" Dick commanded. The .338 bucked—and I was almost flattened by Dick's whallop on my back, accompanied by a hoop of "Congratulations!" and an even louder "Praise the Lord!" I stood there stunned, stammering something about the good Lord having really done a number on us. Dick told me to keep an eye on the bear while he went to secure the boat, which fortunately had not drifted loose!

It wasn't until we began trying to unfold the bear that we realized fully just how *big* it was! A massive head the size of a washtub, with a snout like a stovepipe, ivory claws, with forepaw pads measuring an even *nine* inches (could it really be? a *ten*-ooter?), and a deep-pile, chocolate brown coat without a flaw! We stood in awe, gazing around us at the blood-splashed snow and shredded brush. I was struck with a sense of reverence—for *alders!* That much-maligned, hated and cursed product of the third day of the Genesis creation week had ushered my bear right to me!

The hide did indeed square ten-feet two-inches, and when we checked the skull and hide in at the Kodiak Fish &

Game office biologist Larry Van Daele calipered the skull length plus width to total 27 $\frac{3}{8}$ inches, estimated the age at perhaps 18 years. I asked Dick for an educated guess as to what the bear would have weighed. We agreed on the maximum of up to 1,400 pounds with 1,200 being incontestable. Cecil Ranney of the Kodiak Daily Mirror happened by and commented on the "Big bear you've got there," asked if I'd hold the skull for a picture. We chatted while he took notes, and the front page of the next morning's edition featured a story, "Missionary takes time out for a Kodiak experience." With full information about the mission convention too, Pastor Simmons said that it was the only time he knew of that the church made front page news!

Back in Kodiak I asked biologist Van Daele for information "about alders", he looked at me as if I had a screw loose. Then he chuckled that by the time anyone got out of the alders they were in no mood to do research on them! But he did manage to come up with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Handbook No. 410, *Alaska Trees and Shrubs*, by Viereck & Little, Jr. It notes that alder wood produces a good fuel and is used for smoking fish. To that I would add that it also produces monster brown bear!

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"What happened to us?" is the phrase I hear most often now. The dream and destiny seemed to have escaped us. Where once Alaskans stretched across the U.S.'s largest state in "one interconnected community," we now have been literally thrown apart by an assortment of ongoing political events. The "Frontier Myth" has been irrevocably exploited and the friendly relationship among all Alaskans has given way to suspicion and distrust.

If the truth be known, Alaska actually lost her "Frontier" status some time ago. The only real claim to a stable economy she has had for the last forty some years has been in the public sec-

tor. Without government spending, both federal and more recently state, Alaskans would continue to be stuck within a boom and bust economy. So much for the rugged individualist.

I can still remember, as it was not long ago, the friendly receptions most visitors to Alaska's more remote areas received. Now more often than not, you're likely to be greeted by resentful and unfriendly folks.

What happened to Alaska and her people can only be explained by the self-serving politics of a few powerful interests. As a state, we are facing the prospect of federal controls at several levels. As a primarily resource rich state, we have been deprived of many of our best development areas due to federal legislation (1980 ANILCA Act). Now we face the prospect of being the first state in the Union to lose control of our wildlife resources, unless we knuckle under to "big brother." And what reason is given for this precedent setting move, "subsistence," the idea that wildlife resource can and should be utilized as a form of welfare payment.

The judiciary has further exacerbated

the problem with one-sided legal interpretations. Recently, Judge von der Heydt, handed down an opinion here in Alaska essentially granting carte blanche hunting and fishing rights to certain groups of Alaskans. According to the decision, we now have *legal* unrestricted seasons on some of Alaska's wildlife, unless Secretary of Interior Hodel promulgates some regulations governing subsistence hunting and fishing here in the 49th state.

No matter how it's accomplished, a successful usurpation of Alaska's sovereign rights will lead to the same abuses in other states. If the political leaders of Alaska and in Washington continue to forge a schism between people by granting unilateral rights to one group over another, we will not only abridge the rights of the respective states, we will hopelessly and unnecessarily cause bitter long-lasting divisions among people.

It's too bad things have come to this juncture. With the kind of legal interpretations we are getting to day, it will be doubly difficult to get this mess straightened out. Of course, many would argue that the decisions handed

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down by those currently in charge of our judicial system are perfectly right and legal. To buy that though would be tantamount to admitting the Supreme Court was absolutely right in its decisions regarding segregation just before the beginning of this century. Fortunately, sometimes these kind of ridiculous "policy setting" decisions can be overturned.

Alaska still has its chance, there are still those who are willing to stand-up for those principles which our founding fathers gave all the peoples of America. The land is still young and the wide open spaces still beckon. The choice is now ours, we can choose to continue along the way we have been heading, or we can choose to begin to solve our problems in a reasonable and equitable manner Alaska has her chance now, we elect a new governor this year. This election is important for Alaskans, however, others in the rest of the U.S. should be concerned, for if we lose our rights of statehood, the way's paved for the erosion of state rights elsewhere.

PRINT BRINGS HIGHEST BID

The Alaska Professional Hunters Association and Clearwater Publishing donated a 1985/86 Alaskan Grizzly print and stamp set by artist Michael Coleman, to be silent auctioned at the International Moose Federation convention held in Anchorage, Alaska on February 22, 1986. During the evening the bidding was in heavy participation with the final bidder Janice M. Kittoe of Anchorage, Alaska successfully outbidding her opponents.

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Div. of Fish & Wildlife Protection, Investigations Section

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Master Guide Douglas B. Vaden, age 67, of Wasilla, was sentenced on January 24, 1986, by the Glennallen Court. The sentencing was a result of convictions of multiple game and guiding violations in the White River area of the Wrangell Mountains in 1984. Magistrate Sprecher sentenced Vaden to loss of his hunting license for two years, one hundred eighty days in jail with one hundred eighty days suspended, forfeiture of Vaden's Piper PA18 Supercub and placement on probation for two years.

The conviction stemmed from an investigation into complaints by Vaden's employees that he was engaged in extensive illegal aircraft hunting for big game animals and furbearers. The investigation was conducted by the Division of Fish & Wildlife Protection's Statewide Investigation Section. Mr. Vaden's attorney was Mr. Dan Allan of Anchorage.

Assistant Guide Floyd Saltz, Jr., age 45, of Anchorage, was convicted on six-

teen counts of illegal hunting and guiding violations, including Wanton Waste and Killing Big Game the Same Day Airborne by a Kenai, Alaska jury on January 26, 1986.

The convictions stem from an illegal hunting and fishing trip conducted by Saltz with a non-resident in the Stony River and Iliamna Lake areas. The District Court Judge Dave Stewart will sentence Saltz in early spring.

The investigation stemmed from complaints by private citizens that Saltz has been involved in illegal aircraft hunting for big game animals. This investigation was conducted by the Division of Fish & Wildlife Protection's Statewide Investigations Section.

OUR APOLOGIES

To Mr. R. J. Hayes

In the February 1986 issue on page 5 we incorrectly printed his name. It should have read: CONVENTION PHOTOS by R.J. Hayes.

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ALASKAN FIELD TEST

of the North American 450 Mag Express Handgun



The following story is actually two-fold as it covers the field testing of the North American Arms 450 Mag Express Handgun and an outstanding Alaskan Hunt. I'm not going into all of the lab specifications and ballistics on this handgun at this time but to report on the real test of this or any gun made for hunting and that is, its performance in the field.

by Walter J. "Mack" McDowell

Approximately a year ago I was introduced to this gun at the North American Manufacturing plant in Spanish Fork, Utah and immediately fell in love with it. It was the first time in many years that I had walked into a shop and found the quality of workmanship and material that I found in this production model. This covers forty plus years as the owner and user of several hundred firearms. As I said the love affair had started. After working out a program with the fine folks at North American I embarked upon developing the bullet

and load I would finally use in an Alaskan Hunt.

The first field test came in late December 1984, when I was asked to find and remove a two-thousand-six-hundred pound rogue buffalo which had roamed at will with his small herd of cows, in the south park area of Colorado. After locating him it took only two shots at approximately seventy yards to drop the big bull. The gun performed excellent, but the bullet disintegrated almost completely, so it was back to the drawing board. Even so I felt we were ready for the next step in our planned field test, a grizzly, Kodiak or

big brown in Alaska. I started in on developing a better bullet and trying to set up the Alaskan hunt, believe me the bullet was the easier task! I tried to locate a spring hunt but had to give it up when the only hunt available could only be set up for early September, unfortunately it was just that, it was a set up. A lot of talk and no results, I guess it was just one of those feelings you get that something just isn't right. So, Friday prior to the scheduled leaving on Sunday I called the party in Alaska and sure enough the trip was off. As I sat there looking at my packed bags and

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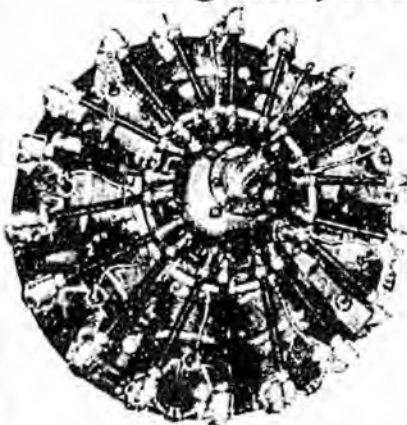
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ticket in hand I got madder than hell, so I thought I would share the news with my partner and cameraman, Dick Zimmerman. Dick was sitting looking at the same items as I and felt the same way. Well after venting our frustrations, we settled down and started figuring what we could do next. Dick remembered a friend, Alvin Mitchell, who had moved to Alaska some years ago. In a few days, Dick, Al and I were burning up the telephone lines between Alaska and Colorado and our luck started to change for the better. Al put us in touch with Irvin and Allen Swenson of the Alaskan Outdoor Publications in Alaska. Now Irvin and Allen are father and son and real fine folks. After we relayed our story to them, Allen assured us that he would do all he could to help, and did. In less than a week he came up with the Westwind Guide Service. Soon we were in contact with its owner Tony Lee and his charming fiancée, Caroline, (who was worth her weight in gold in helping with our arrangements). Caroline had gotten in touch with Tony who was in the field, and found out that there had been a cancellation. If Dick and I could get there by the first of next week he would take us, and as you can imagine he didn't have to say it twice. Within an hour arrangements were made.

Meanwhile, the development of the bullet had come along very well, but not totally to my satisfaction. Even so we were proceeding with a pretty high level of confidence. At last everything was in place and we were on our way. Two days later we arrived at Tony's base camp, located on the headwaters of the King Salmon River. What a great feeling that was, at last, I had reached my destination. After storing my gear in the tent we all sat down for a bowl of soup and a sandwich; all being Tony, Kurt, one of the guides, Barb and Greg, who did an excellent job of cooking and keeping the camp in order, Jack Perkins, the big Texan hunter and all-around "good ole boy," and myself. All through lunch there was a great deal of interest and questions concerning the hand gun, especially my reason for using it. The feeling I got from everyone, but not said was that, "He's crazy." Well, just as I finished my last spoonful of soup Tony said let's see the gun and the ammo that goes along with it. And, of course, I was proud to do this, as always. There were a lot of nice comments made concerning both the scoped ten inch and hip packing five inch arms. After additional discussions Tony asked, "Can you shoot it?" Of course my answer was, "You can bet on it." Then I thought to myself that after a couple thousand rounds, if I couldn't shoot it I was even crazier than they

thought. As we stepped from the tent Tony pointed to a target that was set up approximately seventy yards out and said, go to it. I loaded up, and using a tree limb as a rest I fired three shots for a nice two inch group. Of course, every one there took a turn at shooting it and did well for the first time. As a matter of fact, they were very surprised at how they were able to handle the recoil. That was adequate for Tony so we made plans to head for spike camp, located some ten miles away. We threw my gear, fresh bread, cookies and a few other staples into the supercub and were off. In a few minutes we were winging it down a valley to a beautiful lake; here's where I got my first glimpse of the spike camp. We circled the lake and made a quick landing on a hundred-thirty paced runway. Before the engine stopped a gentleman was opening the door with a dry greeting of, "Hi." Tony climbed out made a quick introduction. "Mack, this is Al Mollo, your guide." With another "Hi" and a quick handshake Al turned to Tony and asked, "Can the gun do the job?" "Yes!" Tony replied. "Can he shoot it?" Once again Tony replied "Yes!" Then he can stay." Al responded. At that Tony climbed back into the plane and said he would check on us in a couple of days. The rest of the day was spent discussing hand gun hunting, however, I don't believe I put Al's mind at ease.

Early the next morning we were set to go. The day before my arrival Al had spotted a bear on its kill in a box canyon approximately three miles east of camp. Al thought that would be the best place to start. Upon arrival at the west side of the open end of the canyon we ascended on the blind side approximately two hundred yards and slowly moved into the open until we were in a position to scope the bear. The bear was approximately a mile away and up the face of the slope three hundred yards. We were scanning the canyon to see if there would be any cover that we could use for an approach when we spotted a second bear on a kill right in the center of the canyon, a beautiful "Toklat." Did he ever shine in the early morning sun! He was a little smaller than the first bear but he made up for it in beauty. There was no doubt in my mind, he was the one.

As we were scoping for our approach the bear jumped up off its kill, ran twenty-five yards, stood up and started snarling and snapping his teeth. Immediately, Al said, "There has got to be another bear or wolves in this area." Sure enough, a big ugly brown appeared on a small rise twenty five yards in front of the Toklat. It was obvious that he had

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thoughts of taking the kill for himself.

Now this situation was a real challenge, three bears in a half mile. It took about an hour to pick an approach, at which time we started back down toward the canyon floor. After crossing the open end of the canyon to the east slope we dropped our packs and moved up the canyon, using what little cover there was. Finally we were able to get to an opening within approximately a hundred yard of our prey. Now this opening was grass and knee high water, and at the other side was the big brown, pacing back and forth on the bank.

What took place next couldn't have been planned as well by Hollywood. The Toklat came off his kill in a charge at the big brown, which provoked a charge by the brown. They stopped ten yards from each other, stood up and started snarling and snapping their teeth. No sooner had they done this, then a young bull caribou appeared and started to walk slowly across the opening. Their attention went immediately to the caribou, and we started to move.

I don't know how fast we covered that fifty yards, but it put us within forty yards of the bears. Just then the big brown heard us, turned, roared and started snapping his teeth. The Toklat was standing with his back to the brown and hearing the reaction must have thought he was being attacked. He spun around in a crouched position, prepared to defend himself.

By that time, I was in position with the hammer back and the crosshairs of the scope on the Toklat's shoulder. Al shouted, "Now, Now!" And I squeezed off the first round. It struck him in the shoulder which caused him to drop to all fours. He turned and started toward the brush. I then squeezed off a second and third shot to finish the kill. As the Toklat dropped Al shouted, "Get ready for the brown!" Knowing what he meant, I quickly dropped my long barreled revolver and grabbed the five inch gun from its holster. I pulled down on the bear as he stopped his charge just ten yards away. Then he turned and ambled off up the canyon two or three hundred yards, where he stopped to watch the proceedings.

Needlessly to say we did the photo and skinning session very quickly. After skinning out the 8'3" Toklat, we crossed the canyon floor and started back to camp. Luckily the direction we took was the right choice, not only did it avoid an additional contact with the two bears at the box end of the canyon, it put us in a position to avoid a head on with a fourth bear moving up the canyon.

At camp we reflected on the day's

hunt, had a good meal (Al's also an excellent cook) and changed to dry clothing. I think Al put it in its right perspective, "God, in eight years as a guide I have never encountered anything like today's hunt. How sweet it was!"

The next three days found us on the plains and rolling country watching the movements of the caribou. At times, we were within twenty-five yards or less of nice bulls but each time Al would say "Too small." We will find the big ones in the herd. Well, sure enough the fourth day found us scoping a large canyon watching several small herds. Al then informed me that this is it. We will see the big herd today. By 3:30 p.m. I started to doubt, but not for long. Just then I spotted a herd of approximately ninety animals. Al scoped them carefully, spotting three big bulls on the valley floor. Turning to me he stated, "It's happening." No sooner than these words were out of Al's mouth then right above this herd on top of the bluff caribou started to appear, just as if they had grown out of the tundra. As they appeared we could see several large bulls close to the center of a herd that must have numbered three hundred or so. What a sight! Shortly the caribou in the canyon started moving toward the large herd. Of course, as the two herds approached, the head bulls in both came out to see who was going to be the boss. Quickly Al laid out a route for us approaching the herd. We had to move fast while they were preoccupied with each other.

Now covering two and one-half miles in this country quickly and trying not to be discovered is a damn good chore. The wind was to our backs, toward the herd, and the route was over tundra, mounds and bogs. In addition, there were numerous small herds in the area. The odds were against us. As we moved across the canyon we had to avoid numerous caribou. Finally we arrived at the base of the slope and started to ascend. We couldn't see the main herd from this angle and didn't want to blow it so we slowed our pace. We moved up the slope slowly, sometimes crawling sometimes duck walking. As we approached the crest of the hill we watched the last of the two lead bulls finish their final bout of the title fight. As the new champ took his final victorious trot through the herd he stopped eighty yards in front of us. By that time, I had the crosshairs on their mark. Taking a deep breath, I squeezed off the shot. As I recovered from the recoil he was still standing. My first thought and verbal expression was, "Good God, I missed." But as I pulled the hammer back to take a second shot Al put his

hand on my shoulder and said, "Hold it, you got him." Then the bull lowered his head and trotted in a twenty yard circle, stopped and fell over. He didn't move again. The champ was mine. I looked up at Al, who was already standing and without saying a word he gave me my answer. "I saw the bullet hit him right where it should have. I knew it would be a kill shot."

Those of you who have experienced this, know the feeling that comes at this time. As I rose from the ground I noticed that the herd had little to no reaction to the event, and as we crossed the field they just sort of parted like the Red Sea. As we approached the bull Al started shouting and waving his hands. I followed suit and only then did the herd respond. The herd circled around us, moved off approximately three hundred yards and started milling as they had been, paying no attention to us. Believe me, it was hard to believe, especially after thirty years of elk hunting.

As I stated earlier this hunt was like a Hollywood movie script with everything falling into place, even the weather which we know was produced and directed by the director of the universe. As of the field testing of the North American Arms 450 Mag Express Hand Gun, well, it was flawless, "Any questions? Just ask the man who used one." My special thanks to all of those mentioned, especially my partner and friend Al Mollo.

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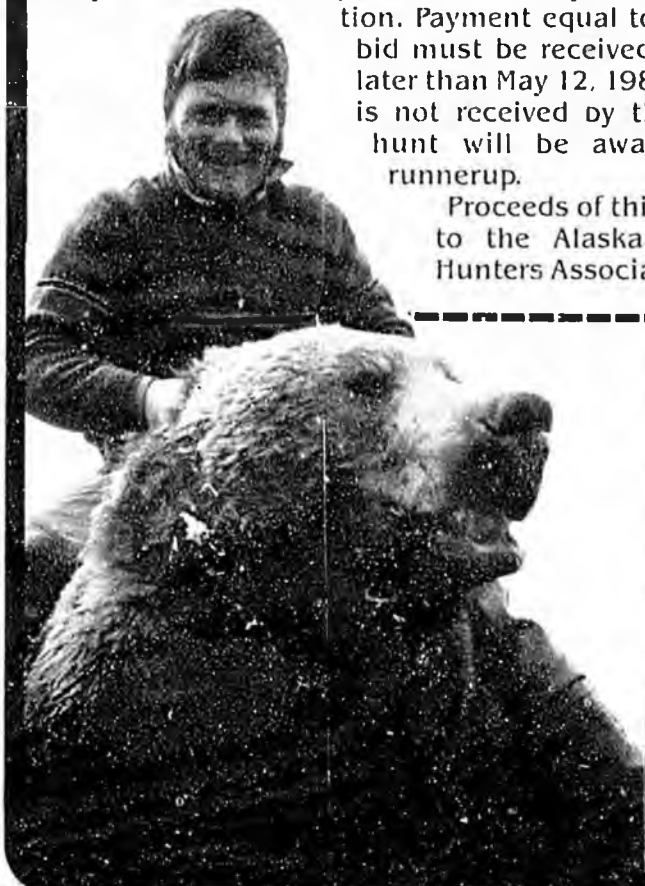
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GUIDE BILL SB 294

by Jim Harrower

On February 4, Senate Bill 294 was introduced in the Senate Resources Committee by chairman Arliss Sturgulewski. Representing the guiding industry were Phil Driver, Keith Johnson, and Jim Harrower. Open testimony was heard by teleconference from Anchorage, Kodiak, and Soldotna. The testimony was overwhelmingly in favor of the bill even though there were certain sections that attracted adverse comments.

The members of the Resource Committee unanimously agreed that a guide bill is needed this year. After discussing the controversial sections, most areas of disagreement were resolved. Several members of the committee were apprehensive over certain sections and it was agreed that some deletions and language changes would ease these apprehensions.

The latest draft of this bill is available through any of the legislative affairs offices throughout the state and it would not be worthwhile to reprint it here. The controversial sections will be discussed here.

Bonding and Insurance

Considerable discussion regarding a bonding requirement resulted in its

deletion from the bill. The difficulty and expense of obtaining bonding would make it prohibitive especially for young and new guides. It was agreed to require guides to have a written financial agreement with all clients before accepting deposits. This would eliminate the greatest need for bonding.

The difficulty of obtaining insurance was discussed and it was decided not to include insurance as a requirement.

Assignment and Re-Assignment of Guide Areas

This is the most controversial issue related to this bill. As many of you may know, Senator Rick Halford, who is a member of the Senate Resources Committee, has some long-standing philosophical problems with the assigned area concept. The similarity to the limited entry system used to control harvests in commercial fishing is obvious. Limited entry is an extremely controversial and volatile issue in the halls of Juneau. As controversial as it is there doesn't seem to be a better method of protecting the resource. Rick Halford agrees that the area system that has become so firmly installed is probably the best. Any radical change from this concept including abolishment would be a disaster. His areas of concern were recognized as valid. In-depth discus-

sions both during the formal hearing as well as in a private meeting later centered around the sale of areas and how much influence the holder of the area should have when they are transferred.

The proposal to place a transfer fee on all transfers was discarded because the size of the area does not necessarily reflect its true value. The original idea was to bring revenue to the state when these areas changed hands. Since the areas include other land owners besides the state it would be very complicated. This system was also considered to help curtail if not eliminate the real estate dealings that have unfortunately happened in the past where guides have required and transferred areas at a profit without ever conducting guiding activities in the area.

We must admit that the guides who qualified for the original issuance of these areas were very fortunate. Those who came later as well as those who will seek areas in the future will not have it so good. It is a privilege to hold these areas and with this privilege is the responsibility to treat the area and its use with great respect and honor. The area holders have a legal concessioning exclusive to conduct guided hunts for profit on land that belongs to the people, for animals that also belong to the people. This carried with it the responsibility to treat this trust with utmost consideration.

All were in complete agreement that the guiding industry is of extreme importance in Alaska both from an economic standpoint as well as to convey an image to the visitor industry in general. It was also agreed that the guiding industry could benefit a great deal by improving its image in the eyes of the public.

A major consideration to the industry, especially in light of its desires for greater public approval is to place more responsibility on each guide as an individual. The restrictive areas are the perfect vehicle for this. As a guide develops his area with improvements and investments, as he depends from year to year on sustained harvest quotas he would be very foolish to jeopardize these assets by some wrongdoing.

It should then be logical that when an area holder has operated in an acceptable manner invested time, effort, and money in the development of his business that he should have the ability to sell just like any other successful businessman. This concept was also apparently acceptable to the committee.

With these considerations in mind the following language was added to the bill.

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- (2) During the first five years after the date of assignment the guide has died or suffered a major disability as defined by the board.

It was the feeling of the drafting committee that the above handling of the sale or transfer of these improved areas would erase most of the concerns regarding sale speculation and real estate dealing.

Definition of Guiding

Another major concern that has consumed many hours of discussion is the development of guidelines that would prevent the unlicensed guides from operating freely throughout Alaska.

There had been discussions regarding establishing an outfitters designation or category. But after careful consideration of the implications and possible confusion this would create it was abandoned. There is not and will not be an outfitters license under this bill.

It has been the unanimous decision of everyone involved with drafting this bill to use the definition of guide and guiding to prevent illegal guiding operations.

Guide or guiding means (1) being physically present in the field to provide any service related to a hunt for compensation, or with the intent or an agreement to receive compensation for the service or (2) assisting another person, directly or through an assistant to locate and take or attempt to take big game, for compensation or with the

intent or an agreement to receive compensation for the assistance.

Licensed commercial carriers whose services are limited solely to transportation and who do not remain in the field are not guides.

The above definition will allow licensed air taxi and charter boat operations to continue as they have but will prevent anyone from providing services associated with guiding unless they are licensed guides.

The bill also includes language that makes it a statute violation for a guide to conduct guided hunts in an area assigned to another guide without the

proper written permission.

These are the major sections of the bill that have been under discussion. There are a number of word changes throughout the bill that will merely clean up or clarify the previous wording.


The Resources Committee will meet again March 4th to discuss the changes in this bill. It is our hope that it will pass out of that committee the same day. With the support of all members of the committee including Senator Halford it would undoubtedly pass on through the House. We are all very hopeful that it will be finalized this session.



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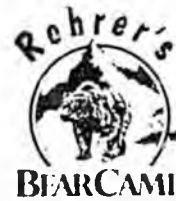
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A Thousand Campfires

by Jay Massey

One of my main complaints about the current trend in hunting literature is the main focus on how-to books. I tend to shy away from the self-proclaimed experts who try to teach every aspect of a broad hunting subject. Did you ever notice these authors always have a story about some idiot who is struggling to skin a moose with a dull spoon, when in steps our hero to show them the correct way to do it. I really get tired of this style of writing.

That is why it was refreshing to find Jay Massey's new book, *A Thousand Campfires*. A collection of twelve of Jay's favorite bowhunting experiences. These are the type of stories one could expect to hear around any hunter's campfire. Just plain good hunting adventures relating to the situations one would find in your average hunting camp.

The first six stories are some of his favorite hunting trips. I especially liked

his trip on Kodiak after Sitka deer, and in the Brooks Range after sheep. These are the type of stories I can easily relate to. The next three stories are about the unique characters and the funny little misadventures that happen in everyone's hunting camp. In the last three stories Jay discusses his own hunting ethics.

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As professional hunters in Alaska we often find ourselves dealing with the "seasoned" hunter, an individual who has hunted for many years in the lower states, perhaps made a hunt or two into Canada, and now is coming further north to hunt for some species that has alluded him elsewhere. These individuals are most often experienced, knowing what firearm they need, what basic equipment is likely to be necessary, and they know the ropes in regards to travel. The most noticeable thing about them is how little they stand out in an airport. It's obvious that these individuals have done this before and they know what they are about. They generally bring one rifle in a hard case, sighted in

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is true of everyone else in camp. The truth of the matter is that very few hunters actually meet all the requirements of the above described perfect hunter. In truth, most still bring too much gear, packed in oversize gun cases and extra large duffles, all of which have been especially designed so that they will not go into a cub. In spite of such strong evidence to the contrary, we most often find that they are experi-

new, the size of the country, the remoteness, and the casual manner in which everyone treats small aircraft, is quite different from what they are used to. In addition, they may not feel like they "fit in." They don't know who is supposed to carry their gear, where they should take it, or if they should unpack. Quite often they don't ask questions for fear of looking ignorant, or maybe at times they just don't know what to ask. It has become obvious to me that quite a number don't book hunts simply because they do not know what to expect from a booked hunt. Others are willing to go provided they have someone else along that has already "been there."

WHAT



FROM A GUIDE

and sporting a fiberglass stock, quality scope (generally Leopold) and a couple of boxes of extra ammunition. In addition, they travel with a minimum of personal equipment which is distributed between a duffle and a frame back pack of good quality. These are packed so that they will easily fit behind the seat of a Super-Cub. New ankle-fit hip boots are securely tied to the pack, and his small superlight 135mm camera is most often tucked in a shirt pocket. Perhaps the only items of obvious excess are the sport-jacket and ostrich skin boots that are worn for travel.

Many first-time hunters are sure that they know someone of the type that I am talking about, furthermore, on their first hunt they are often positive that it

ended, and have hunted the north on at least two or three occasions, hopefully in one of our own camps. The fellows really do have a pretty good idea of what is going on, they ask a minimum of "dumb" questions and are quick to make themselves at home. We consider them to be "good" clients and they do not present us with too many surprises. I think we probably come to expect this of everyone, and all too often forget about the other hunters, those individuals who are not quite so experienced or who simply have not hunted in the "North" before. These fellows are often overwhelmed by what is going on around them. At last they are in *Alaska*, "The Great Land," "The Last Frontier," the stuff that dreams are made of. It's all

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What should a client expect from a guided hunt, and how should he prepare? These are valid questions, which in a sense almost defied a solid answer, so much depends on the outfitter, area and form of transportation to be used, but nonetheless it's a valid question, so in answer to the inquiries we have received I will attempt to answer these questions.

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When you get an answer, *read the information*, and call several references from each outfitter, even if remotely interested, you may learn a lot more than the printed information tells you. Don't be reluctant to call them, most are more than willing to tell you of their hunt, its part of the camaraderie of the sport. Now you should have a better idea of whom you are interested in, so pick up the phone and give the outfitter a call. Remember the time difference, you won't learn much if you get him out of bed at 3:00 a.m., you will be lucky if he remembers you called. When you get him on the phone, take some time to visit, check available openings, dates, etc. and ask him any questions you may have concerning his operation. You should find out how many actual days of hunting are involved. Is travel into and out of camp done on days separate from the hunting, or are those days numbered as part of the hunt. Where in Alaska should you fly into, and what Alaskan carriers do you fly on once you arrive in Alaska. What is the cost of the flights from your arrival point to the point of outfitting. Most outfitters do not include cost of transportation into camp as part of the hunt price. Be sure to check as the higher priced hunt you are shying away from may include the cost of your bush charter. What equipment does he provide, (check with the references to see that it is of good quality) and what are you responsible for. Outfitters that do and do not provide sleeping bags and pads are about evenly split, so be sure to ask. Generally you will be expected to provide your personal gear, rifle, binoculars, pack, license and tags. You should not be expected to bring such items as spotting scopes or camp gear as these should be provided by your outfitter and/or guide. Ask if you can stay for the full length of the hunt if you fill out early, or if you will be expected to leave camp. Are there extra fees if you are successful? What deposit is required to book a hunt? Will the guide pick up your licenses, or do you need to do it yourself. If you are fortunate enough to fill your tag, how are the trophies shipped and who pays for it? Does every hunter have a personal guide? How many hunters hunt out of any one camp? What is the success rate on what quality of game. How are you

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You've made your decision . . .

So now you have made a decision, you are ready to book your hunt. Call your outfitter immediately and make the booking, then follow this up with written confirmation, *and* your deposit. Most outfitters will hold a hunt for a few days while they wait for your deposit, but they can not be expected to hold it indefinitely. The booking season is short, so don't be surprised if your outfitter books the hunt elsewhere if he has to wait more than seven or ten days for your deposit! Remember, for you this hunt may be recreation but for him it's business, and he has to treat it that way.

Now that your hunt is booked you should expect to receive a confirmation, equipment list, specific letter of dates, air carriers and connections, and any other related information that you may require to make specific and final plans for the trip. In most cases your travel agent will be able to make and confirm flights and hotels, but some local commuter airlines and charters will require the assistance of your outfitter.

Once you start to pack, study the equipment list. You may wish to call one of the references again for a personal view on some items. If your outfitter states that you need a specific item, believe him, and purchase exactly what he says, there is bound to be a good reason. Pack light, and use soft luggage such as is offered by the major outdoor manufacturers like North Face. Pack items that have a multiple purpose, in order to keep weight down. If you have too much gear you can expect to pay a lot for excess baggage, even to the extent of additional charters. You may even have to thin down your gear at the airport in order to get it down to the point where it can fit into your aircraft. Bring everything you need, but be positive that you need everything you bring! One more thing, bring your own personal binoculars, and expect to use them. You cannot purchase binoculars of too good a quality! Shirt pocket type binocs are not generally adequate.

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Once you arrive in camp you should expect to be met by your guide, or someone else who has been given such responsibility. They will assist you in getting your gear to your quarters, and may familiarize you with the camp. Don't expect too much at once, or to be the center of attention! The aircraft that brings you in is generally an important contact with the outside world. Most likely your outfitter will have important items that he needs to discuss with the pilot. It's also likely that other clients will be departing on the flight and there will be good-byes that need to be given. Be patient, your outfitter will be free to talk to you once the aircraft has departed.

Once you are in camp and things have settled down, feel free to ask your guide any questions that you may have. Before you go into the field you will have some paperwork to fill out. You will be asked to sign a Financial Remuneration statement that is required by the State of Alaska. Your guide will also want to go over your license and tags to be sure that they are in order, and of course there is the matter of payment. Normally you are expected to pay the balance due on your hunt upon your arrival in camp, before the hunt starts. Funds should be in the form requested by the outfitter.

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1980-1985 Dall Ram Statistics

Hunter success ratio is always an item of interest to nearly everyone who is planning a hunt, unfortunately it is not the type of information that is always easy to locate. As a result a lot of misinformation is passed around for truth, and used in the planning of important hunts. The following statistics will be of interest to anyone planning a sheep hunt in Alaska in the near future. A little time in looking over the charts will give you some idea of the popularity of a mountain range,

the number of total hunters, and the numbers of sheep being taken. Bear in mind that this chart only deals with guided hunts and does not give any information on horn length. Legal horn length may vary with the area being hunted and you should refer to the Alaska game regulations for specific regulations pertaining to each area. The chart includes the five most active mountain areas in Alaska, as determined from hunter reports.

Area	Year	Number Killed	Number of Hunters	Success	Area	Year	Number Killed	Number of Hunters	Success
Ak Range E. of McKinley Park	1980	44	61	72%	Chugach Range (continued)	1983	22	41	54%
	1981	43	44	98%		1984	26	44	59%
	1982	34	38	89%		1985	16	28	57%
	1983	44	60	73%	Talkeetna— Chulitna Mts— Watana Cr. Hills	1980	31	51	61%
	1984	38	43	88%		1981	31	43	72%
	1985	39	52	75%		1982	15	27	56%
Ak Range W. of McKinley Park	1980	46	63	73%		1983	17	27	63%
	1981	49	57	86%		1984	26	31	84%
	1982	33	42	79%	1985	21	37	57%	
	1983	44	69	64%	Wrangell— Mentasta— Nutzotin Mtns.	1980	54	70	77%
	1984	57	70	81%		1981	83	101	82%
	1985	44	52	85%		1982	76	90	84%
Brooks Range	1980	65	106	61%		1983	79	99	80%
	1981	52	69	75%		1984	71	97	73%
	1982	58	64	91%	1985	97	124	78%	
	1983	64	86	74%	All of Alaska	1980	268	412	65%
	1984	87	101	86%		1981	278	354	79%
	1985	100	118	85%		1982	243	296	82%
Chugach Range	1980	18	37	49%		1983	277	395	70%
	1981	19	35	54%		1984	314	408	77%
	1982	22	26	85%		1985	323	423	76%

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At last you are in the field and ready for the hunt. Your outfitter should now have the time to introduce you to your guide. Yes, you will probably be guided by someone other than your outfitter. Most outfitters have several registered and assistant guides working for them. These are highly competent individuals who are licensed by the State of Alaska. They are employed by the outfitter to do the actual guiding, cooking, packing, and trophy care. It's unlikely that your outfitter would have the time to guide you even if he wanted to, he has responsibilities to many other people. Your outfitter or your guide should take time to explain what is going on. He will tell you where you are going, how the camp is run, what equipment you will need in the field, when you should expect to be back to main camp, etc., etc. All of which will be somewhat tentative as the timing will always depend on a lot of factors, not the least of which is the weather.

Initially you are going to have to make a few adjustments! All too often hunters come into camp directly out of Corporate America. In their businesses they have to keep an exact time schedule, and they come to expect it of everyone they deal with. Initially, this one area is likely to cause you some problems and misunderstanding. In remote areas like hunting camps there are a lot of things that are important, and a tight time schedule just is not. Problems and unexpected events are constantly turning up. Your guide has a tremendous amount of responsibility to a number of people, all of whom are important. He constantly has to give priority to different events, sometimes he will be late into another camp because he has to assist you in some manner, other times you will be the one waiting. Always remember that you are not the only one in camp; so be patient when your guide does not show up just exactly when you expect.

Your guide will do everything possible, within the law, to insure your success. Believe me, any reputable outfitter will be extremely interested in your success. That's what his reputation is built on! Where you go and what you do will all depend on his estimation of what would be most successful. Sometimes these decisions are made on gut

feelings, and defv explanation. In the evening you may be told that you will do something in the morning, only to find that plans are changed by morning. This is not necessarily indecision or poor planning! The best laid plans have to be scrapped if the circumstances dictate. Perhaps the wind changed over night, or the weather deteriorated. Maybe your outfitter saw something on an earlier flight that made a change advisable, or perhaps he realized that the area he had in mind is too difficult for your condition. Day in and day out he is making value judgments, judgments that are aimed at making your hunt a success. Sometimes it may be confusing, but listen to your guide, you hired him for his ability to make these fine tuned decisions, so don't fight

only hunting the animal of choice, for the whole hunt if necessary, and forget the second until you are successful on the first. Counting on two or more animals will put a tremendous amount of pressure on you if you get into the ninth or tenth day and still have not taken your first trophy. With only four or five days left to hunt the pressure gets intense, too many animals and too few days. You can forget enjoying the hunt. Set your goals, if you are concentrating on a sheep, then four or five days still gives you enough time, let's hunt. But if you HAVE to take the sheep and a moose and a bear. . . . Book a realistic hunt, and then set realistic goals within the perimeter of that hunt, and enjoy it.

Once you are in the field, pitch in and help with the camp chores. The less time spent on chores, the more time will be available for the hunt. A guide in North America is not a servant, he is there to ASSIST you on the hunt. If you act like you are on an African Safari, you will have great trouble gaining his respect, and it's likely that he will not put out the effort he would if you were at least taking care of your

What from a Guide

Part Two

by Larry Rivers

them! If he has the time he will probably explain to you why he changed his mind, but if he is pressed he may not, cooperate with him, it's to your advantage. I know of a situation where a last minute change of plan was in order, but the client complained loudly about poor planning and indecision, demanding that they continue with the plan he had been preparing for. In disgust the outfitter relented, and put him where planned, in spite of the fact that wind was now blowing up the valley, and the game had moved elsewhere. As in any business "the customer is always right," but in this case its usually to his disadvantage.

As much as you and your guide may hope-wish-and work for success, it won't always come. You know this, and you have often said "That's Hunting." That's easy to say from where you sit right now, but it becomes more difficult to accept once you have paid for a hunt and you are in the field, but it's no less true. Go into your hunt with realistic expectations. Ten days for a single animal, fourteen days for two or more, unless the area is really exceptional. If you plan a combination hunt, plan on

own gear. It's true you are paying good money for a service, but most guides and outfitters don't figure you are paying for THAT kind of service. The price notwithstanding, you will have a much better time if you help a little around the camp.

Once your hunt has drawn to a close you will undoubtedly return to main camp. At this time you should have the opportunity to talk to your outfitter. It's good to let him know how the hunt went, and what you thought about your guide. By far, the majority of hunters have nothing but praise for their guide, but even so they often have words of advice on how small things could have been better. You owe it to your outfitter and future hunters, to let him know of both the good and bad points in the hunt. That's what we need in order to improve. Another item that often comes up at this time, is the subject of tips for the one who guided you in the field. Many new hunters are uneasy about this as they do not know the policy, or what is expected. Assistant guides do appreciate a tip, and they work hard in the anticipation of this reward. If you

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tip an assistant, he is anxious to guide you on future hunts, if you don't he will undoubtedly prefer to guide someone else the next time around. The amount of the tip is really up to you, and should be based on the effort your guide put out. It's possible to take good heads in spite of a lazy guide, and it's possible to get skunked regardless of your guide's super-human effort. You must weigh everything in the balance, trophies, effort and attitude. Then decide what is fair. Currently tips seem to range between \$100 and \$500 depending on the client and the hunt. The majority fall in the lower half of this range. On occasion they may go lower or higher, that's up to you.

A good collection of North American game is one of the most impressive displays a sportsman can acquire. Unlike Africa, each hunt is likely to provide only one or two trophies at the expense of a great deal of time and work. As a sportsman your pride in the collection will be proportional to the effort. Don't wait, hunt Alaska while you can. Prices can only go up, and you will only get older, so book that hunt. The first one is the most difficult, after that you will look forward to the variety and adventure that is a part of each and every Alaskan hunt you make. 🐾

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by Mary Parker

What do you do after you have mailed in your tax return on April 15? Leave for Alaska! That is just what Wilma Kirn and I did, and we talked our husbands, Warren and Don into going with us. After all, our guide Phil Driver had called and told us it would only take about four days to get our grizzly and he had seen quite a few out already. We were ready to go, it was spring in Alaska and boy were we excited. Spring! That sounds great! Remembering our sheep hunt in August the year before and how beautiful it was.

Well, let me tell you, to get off a plane in Nome, Alaska at forty degrees below zero is not my idea of a great time. But Warren said, "Don't worry, it will be easier to track the bears with all of the snow cover."

When we arrived in Kotzebue, Alaska April 17th, Phil was there to meet us in the Beaver (aircraft). The heater in the plane didn't work, but that was alright, after all we had to check out our endurance and get ready to rough the forty degrees below zero. Don loved the ride to camp; five people, four bags of luggage, two gun cases, three boxes of food and one dog. If you don't believe me, ask him how well he likes Alaskan flying.

Wilma and I couldn't wait to site in our guns. I was shooting a custom 270 by 'Brown Precision,' using 150 grain Nozzler bullets and Wilma was shooting a custom 6.5 .308 Winchester built by Glen Pierce. We got a chance that afternoon. The next morning we

set out to take our first lesson on snowshoes with Warren as our instructor. It was explained to us that we just couldn't hunt bear in four feet of snow without them. It was fun and we caught on quickly. We had no trouble as long as we didn't get our snowshoes crossed in front of us, and as long as we stayed upright. Have you ever tried to climb out of four feet of snow with two baskets on your feet?

With the training out of the way we were looking forward to getting out to camp, but the weather was getting bad. The fog soon set in and we were unable to fly. That was a little discouraging but we decided to make the best of it, and

planned a Ptarmigan hunt on snowshoes for the next morning. Now, I hadn't ever shot a gun up until last year, let alone shoot a shotgun. It was quite an experience. The next morning Wilma, Pai (a guide) and I were up at 4 a.m. and didn't return until around 7:00 a.m. Even though we didn't get back to camp until this late hour we had to wake Warren, Don, and our Outfitter up to show them the two ptarmigans we had taken out of the hundred or so birds we had shot at.

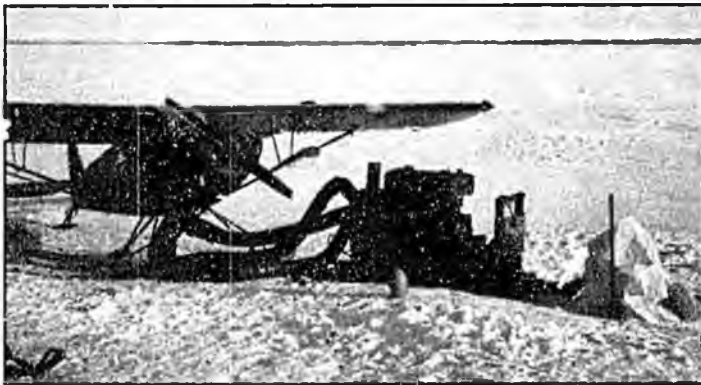
Day three. Wilma's day started off with excitement when she and her guide spotted a bear from the spike camp, but it ended in disappointment. She and her guide were stalking her grizzly on snowshoes when an outlaw hunter flew in, landed his plane in front of Wilma and killed her bear.

Day five. On this day I was going to try and get out into spike camp in preparation for the hunt, but I too was to be disappointed as some other hunter had beat me to my grizzly. Nothing can be more disappointing than getting your gear all ready, then fly out to your spike camp to meet your guide and find that some other hunter has flown in shortly before and shot your bear. This occurred even though flying and hunting the same day is a no-no!

Weather was predicted to get bad the following few days, so Don and Warren decided to return home. Wilma and I
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SPRING IN ALASKA



stayed on to continue our search for grizzly bears. We didn't have a lot of hope as the weather grew consistently worse and we felt that the bears had probably returned to their dens.

Day 15. Two nice bears were spotted, so Wilma was flown to spike camp.

The next day around noon, Phil had flown out to spike camp to check on Wilma and Pat (her guide) and spotted them in a river bed heading for the other side of the mountain range tracking a big grizzly. Phil returned to the lodge and asked me if I would like to fly with him and watch Wilma shoot her bear. It only took me two minutes to get my boots, gloves, coat and camera and hop in the supercub. We arrived just in time to see Wilma down her grizzly in five well-placed shots. She was about a hundred yards from the bear and shooting down into the river bed. It sure was exciting and I was excited and happy for her. You would have thought that I had been the one who shot it.

Wilma returned to main camp around 10:00 a.m. the following morning, very happy, sunburned, and very tired. We measured her beautiful grizzly at 8' 10" and it SCI scored at 24½. That's a gold medal: on for Wilma.

Day 19 through 21. My hunt continued as we searched for another good bear. On day 21 Phil and I flew out to spike camp determined to take a bear that had been sighted bedding in a nearby alder patch. The following morning we snowshoed four miles, tracking a grizzly to his bedding area, only to find he had up and left during the night to search for food. Boy, what a

disappointment!

Day 24. We spotted what looked like a good-sized dark bear. After spotting it Phil turned to me and said, "This is your day, you will get your bear." The temperature stood at thirty below zero but, a beautiful day. It was 2:00 p.m. We had snowshoed about two miles along the creek bed when all of a sudden the ice broke and down I went into icy cold water. Oh, how cold! I figured there was nothing else to do but laugh, Phil was very concerned. "Let's go back to camp so you can get dry clothes on," he insisted. But I said, "No, I'll stay warm if I keep on walking, and after all it has probably warmed up to at least twenty degrees below by now!" Phil finally consented and we continued on the stalk.

As we approached the bear the snow and ice started getting crusty and it became very difficult to move quietly. We finally got to a point where we could rest and glass the bear, but it didn't last long. Shortly after we arrived at our lookout point he got up from his bed and began moving out of the timber and into the creek bottom. This was very disheartening and such a disappointment. Even from this distance the bear was ugly and he didn't appear very big. I simply didn't want this bear. Looking at Phil I said, "I sure hope you don't tell me to shoot this one, 'cuz I sure don't want him as my trophy." Phil agreed and we spent the remaining time taking pictures and watching the grizzly for the next twenty minutes. After that we moved quietly away and returned to camp. Yes, it was very disappointing

but, it was Mother's Day and I wouldn't have given up the experience for anything. After all, what other woman can say she snowshoed seven miles, fell in a creek at thirty below and passed up a grizzly bear all on a Mother's Day? I was not going to give up, but I knew that we should be returning to the states. Wilma and Warren felt otherwise, their advice to me was simple, "Go get your bear!"

Day 28. Once again we were out scouting for grizzly. We were flying over a creek bed, when all of a sudden we saw the grizzly I was to have. When my eyes fell on that bear I knew that I had found my trophy. It was the most beautiful of all the bears I had seen. As we made camp I was so excited, I wished we hadn't seen the bear until later in the day, for I knew that sleep that night was going to be impossible. I spent so much time worrying that he wouldn't remain on the moose kill where we'd seen him. You can bet we were up early! At first light we were on the trail, moving into a position which we hoped we could see the bear. Fortunately all went smoothly and Phil was able to get me into a position for a shot at about forty yards.

Just to see this bear through my scope was a privilege. I could hardly believe how beautiful he was. His fur was as golden as wheat and his paws and the hump on his back were dark. I must have looked in for a long time because suddenly I was aware of Phil talking, "You can fire now." I shot and down he went, only to roll over and return to all fours. I was so excited I could hardly hear when

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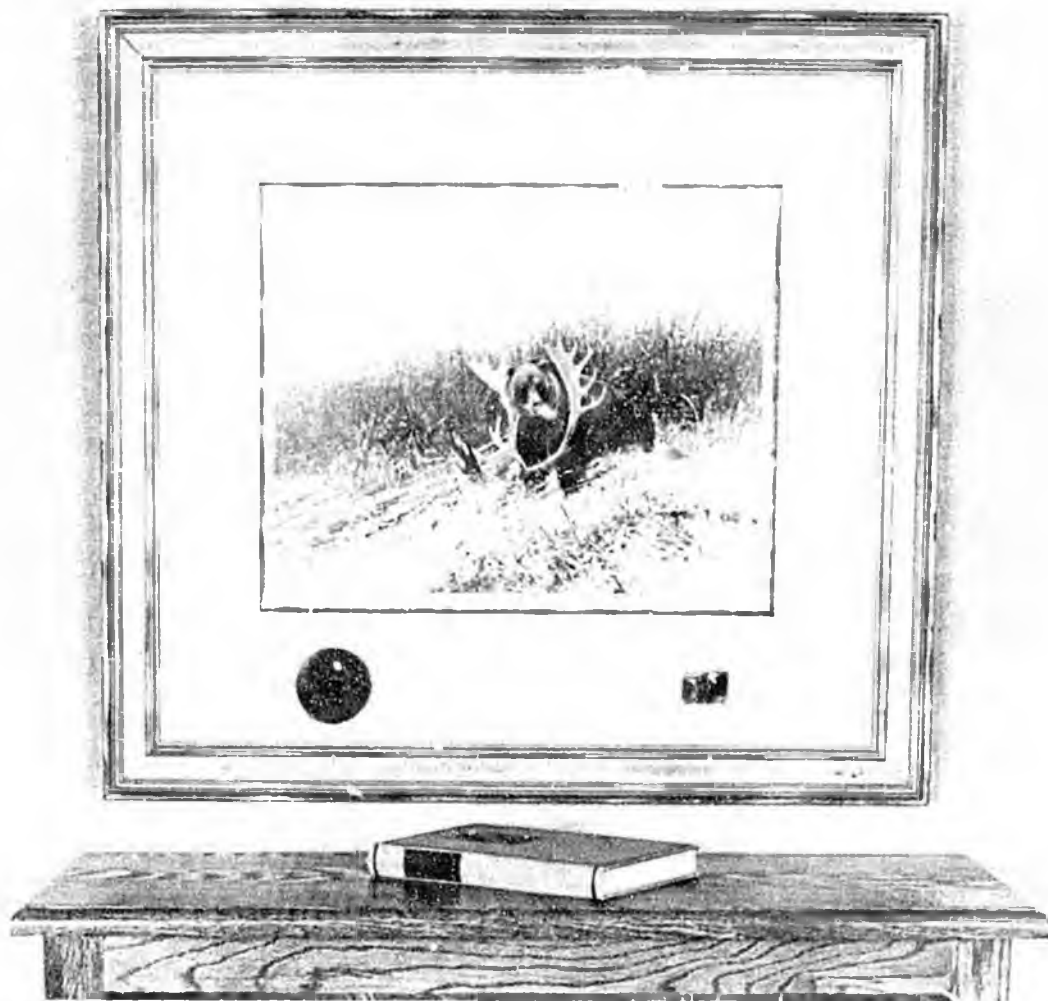
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Clearwater Publishing of Santa Ana, California and the Alaska Professional Hunters Association chose nationally known wildlife artist, Michael Coleman to design the painting. The selected sub-

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Phil yelled, "Fire again, Mary!" I knew as I fired the second shot he was down.

As we were waiting, before we approached the bear, I realized I couldn't express my feelings in words. That feeling of self-achievement, what an experience. I took great pleasure in knowing that I could do this and enjoy it as much as my husband has for so many years. I now knew that I could accompany him on any hunt as I knew that I could make it. If you can climb the high craggy cliffs and down the rocky mountain sides, snowshoe through four feet of snow and fall into iced creek beds, you can do just about anything.

We flew back into camp on day 29, which was May 14th. Wilma was as excited as I was. We measured my beautiful golden-blonde griz at 8' 2". I too scored a 24 1/2 in SCI.

We both had ourselves two beautiful trophies, and we would have been ready to head home except for the fact that a blizzard set in and lasted until the 21st. Late that evening the weather started to clear and we made it to Kotzebue, then on to Anchorage. We were two very happy grizzly hunters.

We have heard that there are two trophy moose and caribou just waiting for two girls from Missouri to find them. Look out, we're going hunting.

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Artist **MICHAEL COLEMAN** Hunter

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Coleman received his formal art training at Brigham Young University and at the San Francisco Art Institute. He has exhibited in numerous gallery shows, including a one-person show at the Kennedy Galleries in New York, and was given a retrospective at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center. He is also a regular exhibitor in the Celebrity Exhibition, Biltmore Gallery, Los Angeles, California. He is listed in "Who's Who In American Art" and has been featured in several major magazines, Southwest Art, Sports Afield, and Gray's Sporting Journal to name a few.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Ed Grasser

SB 294 Guide Bill

Although we are on the downhill slide here in Juneau, things have pretty much slowed down. Most pieces of legislation are moving along at a snail's pace and it is probably safe to assume that will be the case until the FY 87 budget is put together.

The one bill which most of us are interested in from a professional standpoint, SB 294 (guiding and the guide board), has finally moved out of Senate Resources and is now in the Senate Finance Committee. If we can get this bill moving on the Senate side, it may have a good chance of getting resolved this year. There are some questions on certain points, but overall most legislators seem to agree with the system of regulating the industry as it now exists.

The subsistence controversy continues to brew, as Senator Rick Halford offered an amendment to add a "needs" criteria in the Senate Judiciary Committee. For us, this is probably the best move we could hope for within the current structure of the bill which was approved by the Senate Resources Committee. Senator Halford will probably take a lot of flak for adding the needs criteria to the list of restrictions upon subsistence users, but in all fairness, this is the only equitable approach. We

should all chip in and thank Rick for his efforts on behalf of those of us who would be eliminated by those forces who oppose access to public resources by a majority of Alaskans.

One piece of legislation which has recently started moving that should be of interest to hunters and fishermen is HB 440 (recreational management plan for Bristol Bay). On the surface this doesn't seem to be too much of a problem; however upon closer analysis, the bill proves to provide some measures which may have a detrimental effect on resource utilization in the Bristol Bay Area. In effect we would be creating another level of local control over the management of public wildlife resources. As everyone should know by now, local advisory groups and local opinions usually are quite provincial and tend to run toward blocking access and participation by other members of the public.

For those of you interested in the above pieces of legislation and others, you can look into what's happening in Juneau by stopping by your local Legislative Information Office. Remember, it's your state and your resources which are being dealt with, so take time, get involved and let your Legislators know what YOU think!!!

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