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In conclusion, I would recommend:

1. that the bills be put on hold until the financial ramifications to the state, the tourism industry, and the individual can be studied, and
2. that public hearings be provided so that view points from all persons involved can be reviewed, and
3. that, after careful consideration, a plan be created and implemented over a period of time, so that guides, outfitters and the enforcement agencies can be educated accordingly, and adjustments can be made.

Your attention to this matter and to the opinions of your constituency is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

NORTHERN WILDERNESS ADVENTURES

Sid Richards - V.P.

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

MAR 27 1987

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE HERRMANN

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BILL NO: SB 191
SUBJECT: OUTFITTING IN THE FIELD; GUIDE LICENSE
MESSAGE: HB 183 - OUTFITTING IN THE FIELD; GUIDE LICENSE

1. DO NOT SUBMIT ANY LEGISLATION EFFECTING GUIDES OR OUTFITTERS UNTIL
STATEWIDE BOARD EXISTS REPRESENTING ALL COMMERCIAL USERS. 2. NO LEGISLATION
WITHOUT PUBLIC HEARINGS IN ALL AREAS EFFECTED. 3. NO LEGISLATION WITHOUT
ECONOMIC AND RESOURCE IMPACT STUDIED AND EVALUATED. 4. DON'T ALLOW THESE BILLS
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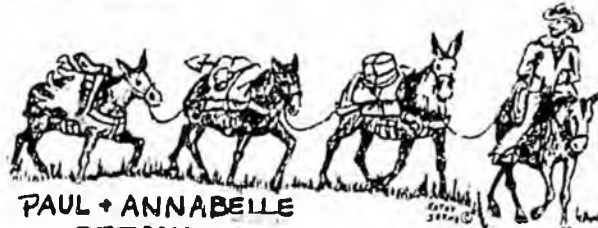
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April 13 1987

I'm writing this letter in regard to SB191. I feel the restrictions on big game hunting have taken a turn for the worse. Not only do you have to follow a book of rules and regulations concerning big game hunting, but now they want to do away with outfitters that have less of an impact on big game than guides do. There is a great tendency for guides to take game of any size, when it's their clients last day in the field. An outfitter, on the other hand, does not become as involved, for it is up to the hunter as to what he shoots.

To limit big game hunting to guides only would cut down on out of state licenses, not to mention place senseless restrictions on residents that hunt for the purpose of subsistence.

Alaska is having enough problems with the economy why pass a bill (SB191) that would ruin small businesses struggling to improve and expand the economy in our state.

Sincerely,

Annabelle Detoni

June 11, 1987

Congressman John Sund
2504 2nd Avenue
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

Dear Congressman Sund:

I am opposed to portions of House Bill 183. First, I believe that a registered guide should be a resident of the State and hold a resident hunting license. I was told the other day by a registered guide that it was the intent of the guide board to reduce the number of guides in southeast from 17 to 6 (I assume by attrition) and that while new licenses would be issued, no guide areas would be assigned. It will not do our struggling economy any good for these guides to be residing in Mexico or Hawaii. I am pleased that the House Bill does not change this requirement. Do not lose this in negotiations with Senate Bill 191

I am totally opposed to Sec. AS 08.54.210 UNLAWFUL ACTS. as amended by HB 183. I support the concept of simplification of regulations and fully support the Fish and Wildlife Protection Departments position to clarify these regulations to make their job easier in catching and convicting outlaw guides, but all House Bill 183 would do as written is make the issue cloudier. It is not clear that Outfitters would not be able to "outfit" (provide camping equipment) to base camps, since base camps are not considered "in the field". If it is the intent of HB 183 to eliminate the outfitter from setting up and supplying base camps, then I strongly oppose this legislation. If that is not the intent, then it needs to be rewritten to spell out precisely what an outfitter can do or not do. Lets not eliminate the honest outfitters to make it easier to catch the crooked ones.

Furthermore, this bill should be expanded to repeal AS Section 08.54.110 (a)(7) (a)(8) and (a)(10).

Explanation: It is an continuing uphill battle for a person to become a registered guide. Repealing these sections will not lower the quality of the qualifications because the other 7 are pretty inclusive. If a person is qualified in sections (a)(1) through (a)(6) and (a)(9) and can demonstrate those qualifications to the Board, why burden him with 3 years as an assistant guide, which in reality is an apprenticeship. Apprenticeships should be encouraged but not required. Again, repealing these sections in no way lessens the Boards authority or judgement in licensing qualified applicants. What it would do is give folks like me with over 30 years of hunting experience, 20 years of employment in the great outdoors, 11 of them in Alaska, who believe that they can demonstrate to the Board their competence, ethical conduct, and moral turpitude without serving an apprenticeship.

Your support on these issues will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Dave Helmick *Dave Helmick*
Box 913
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Jake's

ALASKA WILDERNESS OUTFITTERS

Offering Fishing, Hunting & Float Trips in WILD ALASKA

4-3-87

State House Representatives
Herrmann, Adams, Coto, Collins,
Hoffman, Koponen, Springer,
Wallis, Ulmer, Pearce, and Brown.

Dear House Representatives:

I feel I must voice my opinion on house bill # 183.
Not only as a outfitter, but as a fifteen year Alaska resident
and citizen of the United States.

Alaska state law only requires a hunter to hire the services
of a registered licensed guide when hunting Dall Sheep, and
BRN/Grizzly Bear.

This is very confusing to me and many others like me. Maybe
you can explain why this law reads this way, and how it was
established.

I beleive as long as the law reads this way, there is and will
be a high demand for outfitters. I must point out that many
longtime Alaska residents use my outfitting services. This
bill will not only effect non residents, but Alaska residents
as well.

Guided hunts are very expensive compared to unguided hunts.
I feel that non resident citizens and Alaska residents have
the right to make the choice between a guided or outfitted
hunt.

I feel this bill ^{will} take away the opportunity and right for the
average sportsmen to ever hunt in Alaska.

We are talking about a large loss of revenue to the State Of
Alaska.

I feel this bill is one step away from establishing that
no one, resident or non resident can hunt in Alaska with out
a registered guide. If this happens, the State is in for all
kinds of problems

Already more and more sportsmen are choosening to hunt in
Canada or elsewhere.

I think the state should establish, along with the guide board,
a board to regulate outfitters or allow the opportunity for
more guides.

New beginning guides really don't have a chance today. There
are no areas.

If a new guide wants to aquire the guiding rights of another
guide, it's going to cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

I have personally checked into this. One guide said when I got
my guide licenses I could take over his guide area for \$200,000.00
How many young guides do you think could ever do this.

I know it is by law illegal for a guide to sell or lease his
guide area, but it happens all the time. How is a young guide
ever going to have a chance.

Jake's

ALASKA WILDERNESS OUTFITTERS

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Don't get me wrong ,I have nothing against registered guides. I hope to be one in the very near future.

I do not think the guide board was established to regulate the game populations. I think that is the job of the Fish & Game Department, through research and sound game management policies.

A good example, a guide might have a very large guide area, but he is only required to take two hunters per year to keep his guide rights to that area. On the other hand you have a guide with the same size area and he takes as many hunters as he can get. There for one area is unhunted and the other is overhunted.

I hope if nothing else, this letter will encourage you to do more research on the effects of this bill before you push it through the House.

Thank you for your concern in this matter.

Sincerely


John J Gaudet

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Guides & Outfitters

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Other Letters

To: Rep. Adelheid Herman

Chairperson, Human Resource Commission

From: Dan Snyder, Jr.

Re: House Bill 183

Outfitters & Guides

First of, I would like to say that I have a lot of respect for you and the committee for addressing a highly controversial issue.

Personally, I am not in favor of either guides or outfitters, but if I had to choose between the lesser of two evils, I would lean more toward the guides because they or the hunters they service are easier to control.

In listening to the testimony of the guides who have been around for a long time, they realize the importance of maintaining the resources at manageable levels, especially to ensure that subsistence ~~levels~~ levels are sustained. Mainly because they know that if subsistence levels are not sustained, their ~~own~~ livelihood may be threatened.

I would like to relate an incident that occurred to a group of us who were drying fish up the Noatak River, with a couple of hunters dropped off ~~by~~ by an outfitter. For three days we kept passing a pup tent on a sand bar, every time we passed it we did not see anyone around the tent until

the third day, when one of the hunters came running out of the tent, waving for me to stop.

He told us that the outfitter had failed to pick him up at the pre-arranged place and date. First off, he was at the wrong place and when the pilot (outfitter) finally picked him up, the date for pick-up was off by three days. So for those three days we had to provide food and lodging for these two out-of-state hunters.

These hunters did not know the country or the weather conditions experienced here. With the amount of rain we were getting when we picked them up, their camp would have been totally destroyed with high water and very strong currents if we had not taken them in.

It is instances like this with unguided hunters that need addressed.

In talking to Native Hunters from Kootak, they have seen alot of pressure being placed on the hunting areas further up river. Because some areas are better hunting than others, the Kootak people hunt these areas because they are guaranteed a yield for winter food. Because these areas are good hunting areas, it is not hard for outfitters to find out about these areas and are now dropping off hunters

there. This is not to say that pressures from guided hunters are non-existent in these areas, there are. With this increased pressure, the subsistence hunters are starting to change their hunting pattern, which they shouldn't do. This should be the other way around where the hunters dropped off by outfitters and guided hunters patterns should be changed so that subsistence hunters would be provided a yield.

In some instances, I have been told that some subsistence hunters are coming back with nothing at all.

In closing, again I would like to reiterate that more controls need to be placed on outfitters as well as guide to ensure that our resources are protected.
Thank you.

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

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 BILL NO: SB 191
 SUBJECT: OUTFITTING IN THE FIELD; GUIDE LICENSE
 MESSAGE: RECENT PUBLIC TESTIMONY CONCERNING SB 191 HAS MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT
 THE MAJORITY OF ALASKANS SUPPORT THIS BILL. WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON THIS BILL,
 AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO REACT TO THE PUBLIC'S RESPONSE? PLEASE RESPOND.

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE HERRMANN

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 PHONE: 479-4777
 BILL NO:

RECEIVED FEB 10 1988
 SUBJECT: GUIDING/OUTFITTER LEGISLATION
 MESSAGE: I THINK THAT THE STATE OF ALASKA IS RESPONSIBLE WHEN THEY ISSUE
 A BUSINESS LICENSE FOR OUTFITTER'S SERVICES WITHOUT MORE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT
 AND LIABILITY INSURANCE ON THAT OUTFITTER'S TRANSPORTATION SOURCE. THEY TELL
 THEIR CLIENTS THEY ARE LICENSED BY THE STATE AND THE CLIENT ASSUMES THEY MEET
 CERTAIN MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS. THE OUTFITTER NEEDS TO PROVE FINANCIAL
 RESPONSIBILITY AS REQUIRED BY OTHER STATES. EOM/MJO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

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CITY: EAGLE RIVER
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ZIP: 99577
BILL NO:
SUBJECT: GUIDES/OUTFITTERS HD 183 AND SB 191
MESSAGE: I ATTENDED 7 SPORT SHOWS IN THE LOWER 48. THERE WERE NUMEROUS BOOKS
LOW PRICE ALASKA HUNTS, TELLING PEOPLE NOT TO HUNT WITH REGISTERED GUIDES
BECAUSE THEY ARE LIMITED TO AREAS. ALSO TELLING PEOPLE WE CAN GO ANYWHERE.
JUST TIP PACKERS.

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE HERRMANN

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SUBJECT: SB32/SB331/HD449/HD293, HFC
MESSAGE: I OPPOSE SB 32, SB 331, HD 449 AND SUPPORT HD 293. I VOTE.

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To
Mr. Jerry Wilkerson, Legislative Auditor
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From
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Handwritten notes:
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Subject; Guide Bill legislative audit

Dear Mr. Wilkerson

I have been informed by Senator Stungulewski's office that your office will be conducting a legislative audit of the Guide Bill and the operation of the Guide Board. This is to take place before the sunset option date of June 1988. The board and APHA will present a new bill and lobby for its passage.

I have been guiding since 1975 and find the industry filled with illegal and unethical guiding practices. The board is the spokesman for The Good Ol' Boys Club and strives to protect their own. Most guides are afraid to speak out as the board is very vindictive and powerful.

The APHA Alaska Professional Hunters Association is the lobby group which attempts to insure passage of laws to continue present biased practices between the board and APHA the Good Ol' Boys are well represented.

Please review my case and that of Mr. Ken Cwsick as examples. We will give written permission if necessary. I am going to suggest you send an anonymous questionnaire to each master, reg. and assistant guide asking for their comments and suggestions.

I would like to meet with you or whoever will conduct this audit to present my allegations. I can provide documentation for your hearing. I live in a very remote area and have been told the audit will take place in Oct. That is a bad time for me to travel up to Juneau. Would it be possible to meet in Sept. or during the guide board meetings in Dec? Would it be possible for someone from your office to be available during the guide board meetings at the same location to receive testimony??

Nathy Marshell the director of Occup. Licensing stated at a recent board meeting that the Guide Board generates more appeals than all other boards. I don't think the state can afford this expense; neither can the guides who must obtain attorneys to obtain justice. This is something the board counts on that a guide who is not well established and not afford an att. to oppose their unfair and biased decisions or fight a Good Ol' Boy.

Guiding is an industry which is relatively unknown to anyone outside the occupation. APHA has lobbied and convinced legislators that the guide industry is honest and fair. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The most unfair practice occurs in the restricted area concept. These areas are commonly bought and sold with the boards blessing and then transferred before the board in a position to CC.54.195 sec. (e). No area is to be bought or sold only improvements may be sold for fair market value. Trespass and a airstrip hacked out on public land for 100,000 is a fairly fair. I meant to say trespass cabin. I have personally been offered FIVE different ranges in price from 20,000 to 2000,000.

According to reg no. 12 AKS 30.052 areas cannot be rented or leased and a guide may only use as per sec. (e) (1) (2) (3). Rent of these areas is common.

I would like to see statutes passed to stop both these practices and making it a crime. These laws were to protect game which is not being done.

The 36 legislature passed a statute mandating a point system for assignment of areas. There is no point system as yet. If forced to have the point system the board will attempt to make financial investment the highest

points which means when you buy an area you have more investment than any one else. This point system should be fair and based on qualifications. Not breaking the law or who has the most money.

I believe the point system must be approved by the legislature rather than just the board.

The statutes and regs which the board has approved are full of loop holes which make it almost impossible to enforce. These loopholes make it possible for the board to favor their friends.

I would like to see the composition of the board changed to include a f&w agent who would act as chairman, a f&w biologist, only 1 guide and interested citizens with no vested interests. At present the most powerful member of the board is Mr. Chuck Mier who sells guide insurance and plays favorites.

I don't expect you to believe me I ask that myself and the board prove our sides.

The board and APHA claim this is an open profession with 38 areas open in the state. untrue. There may be some areas open up north where the caribou migrate through and you couldn't make bears. At the last meeting a guide lost his area due to non-use because the natives in the area told him to stay out. Technically this is an open area but the natives are not going to welcome anyone else either. Please ask them to show you these open areas and biologist reports on game populations in them.

I believe I have covered some of the worst problems and will be looking forward to meeting with you to go through the rest.

I am encouraging some other guides to contact you with their problems.

The purpose of a regulated guiding industry

1. To protect the natural resources of the state; primarily the game.
2. To provide clients who use guides with competent, honest, reliable and honest guides.

The regulating agency should be completely fair in their operation this is not the case under the present system.

During a hearing on July 20, 87 Mrs Ken Louch admitted under oath to selling an area and Mr. Rocky Keene admitted buying one. This may be public record; if it isn't I will give permission for you to obtain it.

The following guides have indicated they would like to be contacted.

Dick Carlson 562-4994

Ken Owsichuk 245-5899

Mario Berime 344-7464

Ralph Burnett 206-676-9551 or contact him through Rep.

Robin Taylor

Kenn Porter Keni 344-
George Romero 342-0974

All guides addresses can be found in the guide register. I will also try to contact them.

Sincerely

Ed White-Cage
344 White-Cage


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P.S. from Karen (Eddie's wife) White Cougar

for a fair and workable and Enforceable system for game population protection - We suggest that all guide (and outfitters) hunts be put on a permit system (equal # of permits) for each species of game - This would limit wholesale marketing of our Natural Resources & allow time for breed trophy - growth - as outsiders do not "meat" hunt - and yet trophies are rapidly becoming shamefully small - If a limit were put on #s & sizes, then it will not matter if both Reg. guides & outfitters enjoy the same privileges - and equally participate in professional hunting practices - The present - (and proposed) guide bid does not address the all important issue - And ~~is~~ unfortunately ~~is~~ being ~~is~~ is being clouded & neglected by the current power struggle between guides & outfitters. Game population protection can only be achieved thru an Enforceable & clear set of regulation designed to enhance our Natural Resources - and control human greed.

Your time & interest & Effort are generously appreciated and Encouraged.

If we do not protect what we "have"
then ~~we~~ we will have nothing to protect

Very Sincerely Karen (Eddie's wife)
White Cougar 

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FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT TO GOVERNOR STEVE COWPER THIS DATE:

~~ALASKAN STATE SENATOR DENY THE RANK AND FILE ALASKAN UNLIMITED ACCESS TO OUR FISH AND GAME RESOURCES. ALASKAN PEOPLE COLLECTIVELY ENJOY THEIR FREEDOM TO HUNT AND FISH UNTETHERED OTHER THAN BY ORDINARY HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES AND NORMAL BOARD OF FISH AND GAME REGULATIONS. THERE MUST BE NO SHUT OUT OF THE RANK AND FILE ALASKAN TO ACCOMODATE A BUNCH OF PREDATOR GUIDES AND OUTFITTERS WHO WANT TO ESTABLISH CLOSED CORPORATIONS OF THE PEOPLES HUNTING AND FISHING AREAS TO THE EXCLUSION OF THE RANK AND FILE ALASKAN.~~

SINCERELY

F.R. BOB BLOIGETT
ALASKA STATE SENATOR RETIRED

MAY 20 1987

Alaska Hunting & Fishing Ventures
Box 815
 Homer, Alaska 99603

May 14, 1987

C. E. Swackhammer
Representative
Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Swackhammer,

Thank you for your answer to my testimony on Senate Bill 191 and House Bill 183.

I agree that we need some regulations on the outfitting industry. My concern is for the resource and this is the only sound argument made by the registered guides. Other than that their motives are ones of greed.

The guides are a relatively small group with a great deal of political clout. They would like to control the hunting in our state. My suggestion would be that they clean up their own act before they try to shut down the outfitters. It seems that whenever there is a major violation of our game laws a registered guide is involved. All of our more reputable guides are turning away clients so I don't know what their problem is.

My operation is mostly boat charters. All three of our captains hold Ocean Operators licenses. We had to spend 700 days on the water and pass a Coast Guard test so I feel we are qualified for our jobs. I also have a sizeable investment in boats and equipment.

Whatever legislation comes about, I hope we can protect the resource without putting me out of business.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Meryl Wolford
Meryl Wolford

cc: Representative Herrmann
Senator Faiks

FISHING TOUR RESERVATIONS

Reservations should be made as soon as possible, as we can only handle 12 people per week during our very limited fishing season from May 15th to August 15th.

A deposit of 40% is required to confirm a reservation. This deposit is refundable up to 90 days prior to your booking date or if your cancelled dates are later reserved by another party. The balance is due upon arrival.

HUNTING TOUR RESERVATIONS

Reservations should be made as soon as possible, as we are very limited to the number of groups for our spring and fall hunts. The deposit and refund policy are the same as the fishing tours.



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SPORT FISHING & HUNTING TOURS

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Dear Friend,

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St. Paul Minn.	Jan 19-24
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January 14, 1988

North Star Aviation
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Dear Sirs,

My name is Bruce Nelson, and I have started a new business called Alaska Adventure Planning. I will be planning all aspects of a self-guided trip in Alaska for hunters, fishermen, and other sportsmen. Most importantly I will be selecting a destination and booking any "bush flying".

Perhaps of most interest to flying services such as yourself is the fact that I am asking no commissions of any kind from you. My idea is to get an up-front fee from the client, thus assuring him that there is no bias on my part; I'm looking to find the best, safest, and most economical flying for them.

Hopefully this will work out well for all parties involved; I receive my fee, the hunter or fisherman gets a good trip planned, and the flying service gets "free advertising", and deals with people who are squared away on such things as what to pack, how to pack it, dealing with unavoidable flight delays, etc.

As time allows I would like to talk with you personally. In the meantime I would appreciate any brochures, rate schedules, or any other information you may already have printed up. Things I'd like to know are your experience, safety record, number and type of aircraft, capacity of each, float/gravel bar landing capabilities, areas you fly, packages you already have set up, (such as float trips), any outfitting you may do, past hunter/fisherman success, deposit policy, and insurance.

I'm advertising quite extensively in "Field and Stream", "Outdoor Life", "Petersen's Hunting", etc., and I hope to book about 300 people total this summer, so I could be sending quite a bit of business your way. 

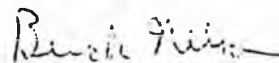
One other point I'd like to make that you're no doubt aware of, and that's House Bill 331. The part of most concern to us is obviously Sec. 9. which reads, in part:

"A nonresident may not hunt, pursue, or take a moose, black bear, brown bear, grizzly bear, polar bear, goat, or sheep in the state, unless personally accompanied by a licensed master guide, registered guide, class A assistant guide, or assistant guide."

I don't know about you but that would be a heck of a blow to my business!! Not to mention friends and relatives planning hunts. I plan to let my opinion be heard and the more commotion raised, the better. First it has to go through the house resources committee, judiciary and finance committee, as well as the senate and house. However, I did want to bring it up.

Hope to be talking to you soon!

Sincerely,



Bruce L. "Buck" Nelson

Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V (MS 3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99811

1 February 1988

Senator John B. (Jack) Coghill:

As a concerned resident of the State of Alaska. The legislators should protect our natural resources from non residents hunting unguided in ALASKA.

I just came across a CABELA'S catalog, of which I'm sure you have ordered some fine winter clothing. In that catalog, they are advertising an ALASKAN hunt (unguided). I think this is an outrage! All big game animals should be guided by Alaskan guides or be an Alaskan resident. When are we going to stop the wholesale of our natural resources. I support the Alaskan guides and the Department of Fish and Game in wanting SB 191 approved.

I'm not a guide or outfitter, but do you want to see non residents who were dropped off on a "chance of a lifetime hunt" with only the bare essentials, then walking up to 5 miles away, shoot a moose, then find out this moose is not worth the 5 miles back to camp. The hunter was setup on a no win situation. The Alaskan resident will suffer from the unthinking outfitter who is looking out for themselves.

Thank you,



Joe J Mirabella
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North Pole, AK 99705

CC: To all Alaskan Legislators.

P.S. A page from CABELA'S catalog is enclosed.



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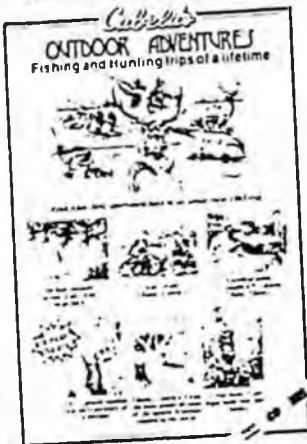


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About the Outfitter

Jerry Snyder is a native of Colorado and has been in the hunting business for over 15 years. His articles on hunting techniques have appeared in *Outdoor Life* and numerous other publications.

Snyder has been on numerous guided hunts throughout the world which has enabled him to analyze guided hunts from both sides of the fence.

Jerry has been an avid sportsman all his life. Knowledge of the state and specific hunting areas matched with years of experience as a professional hunter will make your hunt with Mountain Mesa Safaris all it should be.



Booking A Hunt

Due to the fact that we have been in business a lot of years, and have a lot of repeat clients, we fill up pretty early. It is recommended that you book a hunt as far in advance as possible to insure the dates and type of hunt that you want.

A 50% non-refundable deposit is required to book a hunt. In the event of cancellation, we will apply your deposit to a future hunt. The Alaskan hunt is an extremely limited hunt.



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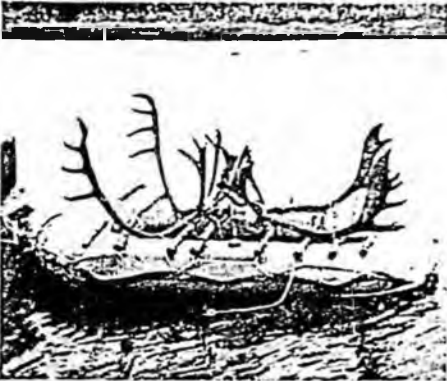
Marc Naylar packing out client's caribou.

We also offer trophy whitetail deer hunts in the heart of "Muv Grande" country in south Texas, hunts for all of the exotics, and extremely exciting alligator hunts.

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A great Alaskan caribou hunt

Gary Vuer
Outdoor Writer

They were told, more like warned, to sleep with air rifles. Kodiak bears had been known to me into camp.

They were also told to keep their meat 100 yds from camp and cook in a different tent. And as a good measure, they were told to keep a shotgun close. They did — a police riot gun.

And above all, they were warned, watch out for mosquitoes. On a calm day, they'll carry you away.

Gary Markofer and his wife, Pat, along with fellow Sacramentans Dennis Strohn and Bob Moore, recently returned from a caribou hunting expedition on the Naknek River in Alaska near Bristol Bay.

The four had done a lot of hunting. As a matter of fact, Pat had the largest elk recorded last year in the Sacramento Safari Club's (SSC) annual big-game contest. She bagged the big elk when the time four hunters went to British Columbia last year on an elk hunt.

But when it came to caribou, all four were neophytes. All they knew about hunting caribou was that Gary was the high bidder last year on a caribou hunt offered by SSC. All four of them then talked to the outfitter, Rich Dykema, who lives six months of the year in Rancho Cordova and the other six months on the Naknek River. They told him they needed a bush pilot to get them to King Salmon on the Alaska peninsula to Naknek. They said they would do the rest.

When you consider their background in hunting caribou and remember the warnings from above, it's a little amazing they decided to go on the trip without a guide.

What's even more amazing is the fact they brought back eight caribou (two apiece), two of which will make Boone & Crockett's record book again. Pat had the biggest, 42 points with a 50-inch spread.

"We flew to Anchorage from Sacramento and then to King Salmon," said Gary Markofer, who had the second largest caribou, 36 points with a 40-inch spread. "Dykema picked us up there, drove us to a lodge where we changed our clothes, and then we got in a bush plane. We flew for 30 minutes and were dropped off on the Naknek in the tundra. We had our own gear and dehydrated food. We packed it up when we left Sacramento and didn't unpack it until we were out in the tundra."

This type of outing isn't all that unique. Markofer estimates that about 20 percent of the hunters who go to Alaska to hunt caribou do it without a guide. But how many of those people have never seen caribou hunting? Generally, experienced hunters don't need guides, just a bush pilot to get them in and out. "I guess, maybe, we were a little unique," Markofer admitted.

But Markofer said there were no surprises. Although they did see one Kodiak bear when they were flying into Naknek, they didn't see any the seven days they were hunting.

The only two unsettling things — both of which they either expected or were warned about — were estimating the size of the caribou and the mosquitoes.

"We were after big horns," Markofer said. "But since we never hunted them before, it was difficult to judge which ones were big and which ones



Special to The

Pat Markofer packs out some huge horns from her record caribou.

were big but not that big.

"And the mosquitoes. You better hope the wind blows or they will carry you away. The caribou know that. They cover about 60 miles a day. They aren't migrating, just grazing and getting away from the mosquitoes. They always walk into the wind to keep the bugs out of their eyes. They can walk and feed faster than most people can run. I think they spend their whole lives walking."

During the first three days of the hunt, the four never spotted a caribou. But on the fourth day, they saw a herd of between 5,000 and 6,000. "All they were doing was walking up and down this valley," Markofer said. "We saw them in that spot for a couple of days, and then they were gone. Never saw a caribou again."

Since the four were dropped into literally thousands of square miles of wilderness, the ideal way to hunt caribou was to spot them in the plane. "Traditionally, they would do that, and then they couldn't start hunting them until 3 a.m. the next day," Markofer said. "But even then it is tough finding them because they are always on the move. And once you find them, it is tough staying

up with them. To get one, you have to be 1 and we were very lucky."

Eight caribou, at an average of 450-500 pounds means the group had more than 1,500 pounds of meat. What do you do with 1,500 pounds of caribou in the tundra of Alaska?

"The law in Alaska is that you have to bring complete caribou out," Markofer said. "We brought backpack all the animals back to camp. We're fortunate there because I don't think we can pack an animal more than four miles."

"But when it came time to ship the meat it just wasn't feasible to send all the meat to King Salmon. The airlines charge \$25 for the first carton (a carton carries 70 pounds), \$40 for the second, \$100 for the third and \$200 for the fourth. We shipped some home and donated the rest of the meat to a church."

Once the Markofers arrived back in Sacramento, the transportation of the caribou — the — became a problem. "We had to ship the caribou back air cargo," Markofer said. "They were large that we had to make two trips from the airport to home, and I have a pretty big truck."

their fully-automatic military M16 and M14 counterparts. So what, doesn't a civilian jeep look like a military jeep and doesn't a civilian tent look like a military tent? True, but we have yet to hear of a National Coalition to Ban Jeeps or a Tent Control, Inc. While the "design" argument makes no sense to knowledgeable gun owners, it does have its appeal to

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Model Four, and much of the 740 series, and the Winchester Model 100—by calling these firearms "military assault weapons" and claiming "the only purpose of these guns is to kill people."

the last Congress, New Jersey Rep. Robert Torricelli introduced a bill to outlaw the possession of guns which could be "readily converted" to full-auto fire. To Torricelli, a military-style, semi-automatic pistol "has no purpose except to kill people. It's too inaccurate for target shooting, hunting or self-defense. This is an awesome close-range offensive weapon that is being used for contract murders and drug killings by criminal organizations."

Torricelli's newly injected "convertibility" test adds a new twist to shop-worn anti-gun arguments, though it is equally irrelevant and nonsensical. America's law-abiding gunsmiths won't convert semi-autos to full-auto—it is against the law. It is unlawful to convert semi-autos to full-auto, just as it is to convert full-sized rifles and shotguns to short-barrelled, short-stock versions. Yet

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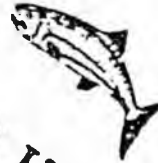
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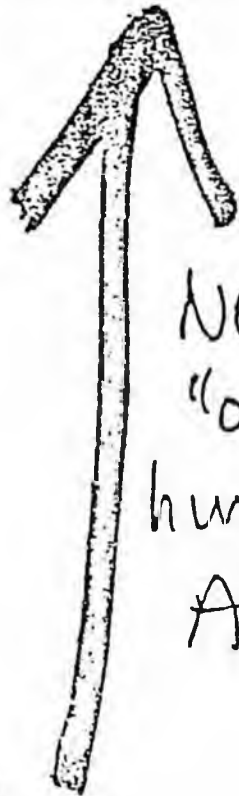
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ALASKA—Ric Martin of New Mexico recommends his guide Chuck McLaughlin of Vail, Colorado after a brown bear hunt in Alaska with Chuck.

Dr. William Schmidt of Florida recommends guide Lee Todd of Soldotna as capable, though he did not bring home a Dall sheep from his hunt in the Wrangell Mountains.

COLORADO—Ric Martin of Jemez Springs, New Mexico gets a good recommendation from Ted Cohen of Pennsylvania after guiding Ted on a mule deer hunt.

FLORIDA—Wayne King, Jr. of Florida highly recommends the Corsican sheep and wild boar hunt at Lake Wales, offered by Carey Lightsey of the Lightsey Cattle Company.

NEVADA—Jerry Hughes and David Welch of Nevada Wilderness Trophy Hunts get hearty recommendation from Thornton Snider of California.

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NEW MEXICO—Also for country Ric Martin of North Country Outfit in Jemez Springs is rated "excellent the best," by Jim Longley of Albuquerque after his successful hunt in Pecos Wilderness. On antelope Martin's outfit also comes highly recommended by Bill and Ingrid Poole of California, who hunted the Magdalen Ranch, and by Karlheinz Bodd, who says, "Ric Martin conducts an excellent hunt. I'm booking again with him in 1982." Martin is nothing if not well rounded: he is also endorsed by Dr. Lott of Texas and Paul Rochester of Albuquerque, who hunted elk with him on the Baca Grant; Rochester took both bear and turkey as well. Allen and C. DeVries of Michigan report good turkey hunts with Ric, too.

CANADA

BRITISH COLUMBIA—Ric Martin has been busy. He reports a good moose hunt guided by Dusty Cooper, booked through Gana River Outfitters, Kelowna.

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Float for Moose

by Roger Rothhaar

"Aren't we having fun?" Jim Emer muttered.

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The weather had tried to put a damper our spirits from the beginning. It had rai throughout the early morning and was raining when Jim, Doug Borland an pushed off shortly after noon. As shoreline and the hours slipped past, it colder and the wind picked up. The r changed to stinging sleet and finally to snow.

Then about 5:00 p.m. we rounded a be and spotted a cow and bull moose stand on a sand bar maybe 100 yards ahead. Th took a long look at us before trotting up ir the timber. We quickly beached our rafts a checked the tracks in the snow. The moe seemed to be heading out for parts unknow. Their lack of response to Doug's exp calling tactics verified the fact they we interested in putting distance betwe themselves and us.

It was at this point, wet and cold, and w the weather showing no signs improvement, that we decided to find cov among the spruce trees, set up camp, g dried out, fed and warmed up. We soon g a canvas fly tied and a fire going. With moments there was a pot of Doug's tar Two-Bird Stew simmering away while o soaked, frozen clothing was steaming itse dry. Our mood changed quickly from ce despair to cheerful optimism. Things wou improve tomorrow.

This hunt was the realization of a lon time dream which most serious bowhunte have...hunting Alaska. Actually, it was r second bowhunt in Alaska, the first havi been an interesting, inexpensive, b unproductive visit in 1969.

Now Jim and I were a long way from o Ohio homes starting a wilderne adventure...the real thing. Doug Borlan along with partner Jay Massey, pioneere these Moose John River float hunts. Th floats are well organized and we coordinated. Schedules are timed to th minute on connections from arrival at th airport to being picked up by a bush plan at a designated spot after 10 days on the riv and nearly 150 miles of floating. As we we discovering, Alaska has many moods ar bad weather can affect the best laid plans c any man.

Float hunting works well on wild Alaska rivers. In our case, Jim, Doug and I each ha our own 12-foot raft. When game encountered, there's a strong chance one c the three bowhunters will be in a goo position for action. It's not unusual to hav shots from your drifting raft. It is importar

for the person who's doing the calling to be in the first raft, rather than a "shooter." Most times you're drifting along at a good rate of speed—four to five miles per hour—and by the time a moose can be called out of the brush to the water's edge, the lead raft is past. Often one of the trailing rafts will be in position for a good shot. Other times it's best to beach upstream and make a stalk while the bull's attention is on the caller. When a bull emerges behind all the rafts, it's best to beach downstream, slip back quietly and try to call him into shooting range. This is probably the most successful method. Calling several moose into the water as the rafts drift past is also common on most float hunts.

The 12-foot Avon rafts we used are capable of floating 2,000 pounds of weight in eight to 10 inches of water. They maneuver well and are easily mastered even by beginners after a few hours of practice on the calmer waters of the Alaskan moose rivers. The primary problem rafters encounter are called "sweepers." Sweepers are trees which have toppled into the water after the river undercuts their root systems. The trunk and limbs are often just above water level. If your raft is pushed into a sweeper, the current can cause the raft to flip, trapping you underneath. To avoid being drowned in a few feet of water, it's wise to have a belt knife handy to cut through the raft in an emergency.

Please don't misunderstand. I'm not saying these float trips are extremely dangerous; however, they are not Sunday cruises down the old mill stream. After you push off, you're totally isolated, with no contact with the outside world. You must enjoy primitive camping and know how to fend for yourself in the wilds. This is another good reason three-man parties are ideal. In

a crisis situation, if someone is injured, one person could remain with the victim while another floats on to the pick-up point to get help. Certainly no one should try a float trip on his own. A two-man float team is minimum insurance against a wilderness disaster.

The second day of our adventure dawned cold and cloudy—but at least the snow had stopped. It was well below freezing and everything was covered with snow and ice. We quickly packed our gear on the rafts and took off down the river. Shortly before noon the sun broke through as the clouds parted and we found ourselves in a beautiful Indian summer world. The golden colors of the northlands were framed between the deep blue sky and its reflection in the clear river. This country's wild beauty cannot be adequately described with words; it must be seen to be appreciated. The break in the weather offset the absence of moose or caribou this day and our optimism remained high.

On the morning of the third day we caught up with two Louisiana bowhunters who had left base camp several days before us. They'd had some equipment problems and had been dunked a couple of times. Still, they were in good spirits and had a nice, medium-sized bull caribou to show for their efforts. We helped them get their gear in order and watched them shove off again. We dawdled to give them time to put some distance between us. A little later that same afternoon, Jay Massey and Dickie Robertson, maker of Robertson Stykbows, caught up to us. We floated on with them until evening, leap-frogging down the river as first one party and then the other would stop to explore good looking areas or to try calling a bull out of the bush.

As we floated along we would often be able to look up long canyons and over open hillsides. Wildlife was plentiful. We spotted numerous black bears in the berry patches and twice we saw grizzlies, both times sows with cubs. The hills were also spotted with small herds of caribou and on occasion we saw them crossing the river, although never in a good situation for one of us to get a shot.

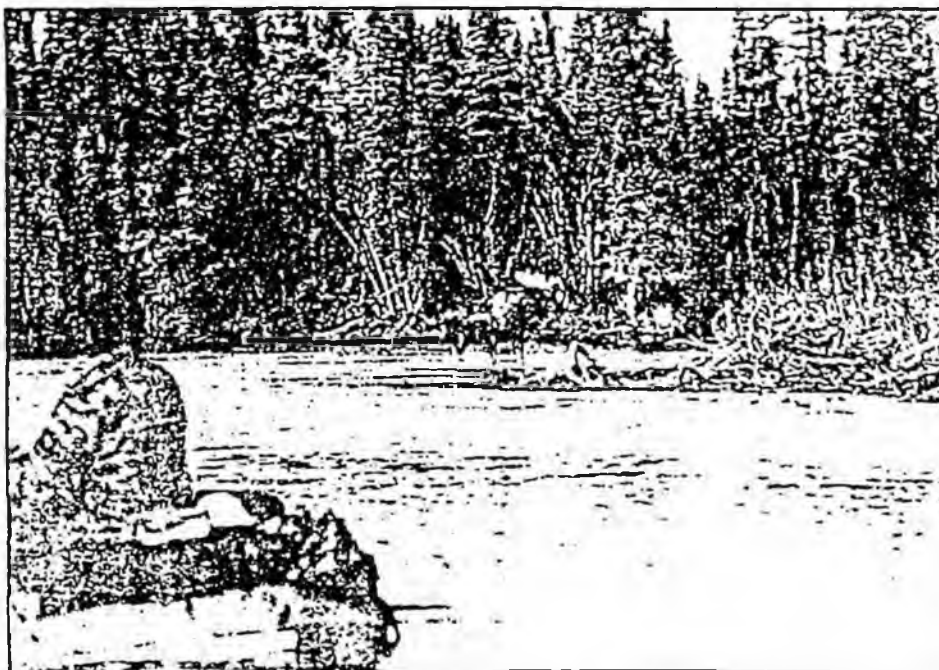
On the third evening we camped at a place appropriately called Caribou Crossing where dozens of two-foot-wide game trails came off the tundra and down to the river's edge. Unfortunately, recent unseasonably warm weather in the region had slowed movements of the caribou herds and we knew our chances of collecting a big bull were remote.

Sitting around the campfire that evening, we laid plans for the next day. Jay and Jim decided to fan out and wander along the river's edge in hopes of locating caribou moving down the myriad of trails. Doug and Dickie planned a long hike into the hills in search of a big bull. I opted to raft across the river and hike several miles to a large sand bar where the river swung back about six miles downstream. Both Doug and Jay spoke well of this large sand bar as a good moose producer from past hunts.

First light found me across the river and on a game trail. It was about an hour's hike to the sand bar and along the way there were several points where the terrain was high enough that I could see stretches of the river below. I would glass these areas at each opportunity, and once I saw a large bull and a cow crossing the river right where the big sandbar was supposed to be.

When I reached the sand bar 30 minutes later, it seemed deserted. Regardless, I stood for quite some time just looking the area over and getting a feel for my surroundings. Suddenly some 40 yards away—right in front of me in the heavy willows—a 30-foot tree began swaying. Then it started trembling and shaking. I lifted my binoculars and could see a huge set of antlers working over the tree. As the bull worked at the tree, he began to grunt and flail his antlers on nearby brush. Talk about exciting!

The wind was right for me but the brush was thick. I finally tried easing into the willows but before I'd gone far an undetected cow saw me and crashed off through the brush. The bull continued to work on the trees for a minute or two, but then moved off after the cow. I quickly made a wide circle around the pair in an effort to beat them to the river crossing but I heard splashing well ahead of me. The river at that point was about 200 yards wide and too deep to wade so I gave up on those two and turned my attention to checking out the sand bar. I slipped up on a young bull and watched him unseen for about half an hour before heading back to camp for lunch. It was noon before I made it. Talking over the events of the morning with Jay and Jim, we all decided to return to the sand bar that evening so that Jay, who is an excellent



FLOAT HUNTING—Calling rutting bulls from drifting rafts results in fast and furious action when a big moose answers the challenge.

noose caller, could try to lure a bull within bow range.

After lunch and a rest break, we made our way back to the sand bar about 4:00 p.m. We slipped along the river's edge, moving through the willows as Jay began his moaning cow moose calling ritual. He augmented the vocalization on occasion by stomping on arm-sized limbs to simulate the movement of a heavy animal. After an hour or so with no reaction, we gave the bull grunting sequences a try, knocking limbs against trees and trying to sound like an angry bull. Again nothing. Finally we split up and spent the remaining daylight each doing our own thing before heading back to camp. Jim went to check out the moose crossing near the river. Jay headed upstream and I decided to work my way slowly along a dry stream bed grown up in willow shoots, which are prime moose browse. I eased along the bank, keeping an eye on the stream bed and the spruce trees beyond.

After a time I spotted some movement ahead in the edge of the timber. I figured it was Jay because earlier I'd heard him cow-moaning in that direction. I raised my glasses and did a double take. The same set of huge antlers I'd seen this morning was swaying in the shadows as the bull moved his head. Then he turned and began punishing a willow. After a moment he stepped out of the trees and for the first time I spotted a cow already feeding in the willows. She was about 75 yards away but heading toward the dry stream bed I was following.

The bull walked directly to her and stuck his nose against her rear, following her as she moved. I carefully got into position behind a spruce at the point I thought they'd come closest to if they stayed on their present course. It would mean a shot of less than 30 yards.



ODD-RACKED BUCK—The author poses with his moose. The deformed antler was the result of an old injury to the bull's skull.

Slowly they moved closer, working into the open. Suddenly, the cow bolted and ran back into the heavier brush! The bull looked after her and I felt my heart sink. I figured he would follow her and that would ruin any chance I might have. But surprisingly he moved nearer to me before stopping again to stare after the cow.

I figured it was time to try for a shot. The arrow was right on...until it hit a willow limb 10 yards from the bull and buried in the ground. He jumped forward another five yards and peered at where the arrow had rattled in the brush. He was standing in the open at 50 yards.

My second arrow arched through the air in slow motion and hit perfectly behind the foreleg, burying to the fletching. He crashed into the eight-foot-high willows and ran with his antlers floating above them. After 40 yards his antlers suddenly disappeared and it looked as if he had stepped into a hole. Sprinting to where I could see into the brush, I saw him down and out. Time lapsed from hit to checkout...less than five seconds. My good old Snuffer pushed by my 68-pound recurve had done it again.

An up-close look at one of these critters can only be described as awesome. It takes a sweep of the head to stand next to one and look from one end to the other. Then it hits you that you must field dress this behemoth.

Even with Jay and Jim to lend a hand, it took the better part of an hour to do the job. Leaving him to cool, we headed back to camp in the dark. The following day it took us nearly six hours to skin the moose, disassemble it and carry the pieces to the raft. Nine pieces, all weighing over 100 pounds, were carried to the river by means of a makeshift litter. Meanwhile, Doug and Dickie had scored on a medium-sized caribou bull. They carried the quarters down to a spot on the river we'd pass later. Next morning we continued our float, picking up the moose-heavy raft and the caribou meat.

The next several days were spent floating, fishing, shooting grouse and generally having a great time. Most of my time was spent working on my moose cape and writing notes and attending to camp chores. It's quite a job working on a moose cape. It weighs about 80 pounds green and the lips and nose are huge. It took three days of scraping and fleshing to get it to where I could salt it down.

Doug, Jim and I continued leap-frogging along the river with Jay and Dickie. Doug managed to call in several nice bulls but the brush was always too heavy to permit a shot. Jay and Dickie weren't having much better luck. The weather had warmed up and the bulls had slowed down their rutting activity. They were hanging around the cows but weren't responding to the fighting urge that's the rule under normal weather conditions.

Finally, on the eighth day, we were floating along basking in the autumn sunshine. It was maybe 10:00 a.m. and Doug



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was in the lead raft, making moose music with his birchbark call at every bend. I was about 30 yards behind Doug's raft and Jim was an equal distance behind me. As we rounded a bend, Doug's grunts were immediately answered by a volley of grunts and a terrible thrashing in the willows bordering the river. Doug challenged again and suddenly the bull came stomping out into the river 25 yards ahead of Doug's raft, grunting with every step. I eased my raft over to the bank and beached it to watch the action.

The bull crossed the river and stood in the water along the opposite shore, looking back and grunting at Doug. Meanwhile Jim was drifting closer and preparing for a shot. About the time Jim released, the bull started up onto the sand bar. Jim's grunts from Doug's call brought him back. Jim's second arrow struck squarely on the shoulder, doing no damage. Again the moose turned and started away and once more Doug's grunts turned him. This time Jim and Doug both shot at the same time and both arrows struck simultaneously. The bull broke for the far bank. He was trying to climb out when he toppled backwards and fell dead in the river. What a show! If only I had my camera out...

This moose was easy to butcher despite the foot-deep water. The raft was right there to pack and the washed meat was cool and clean. Doug's tape showed the spread to be 61 inches with a Pope and Young score of something over 190. My moose was considerably bigger but had been injured in a fight and had suffered a fractured skull. The old injury had affected the growth of the bull's left antler. It was deformed and smaller than the right. Even at that he spanned 60 inches and had a Pope and Young green score of 170. Had both palms been normal he'd have spread about 65 inches and scored perhaps 210, putting him well into the book. Still, I don't regret shooting the bull. I knew he had an uneven rack when I shot him and I still consider him a fine trophy. He weighed an estimated 1,500 pounds and Jay aged him at 9-1/2 years. Jim's was a younger bull, with the meat weighing in at 777 pounds at Anchorage. His rack was perfectly matched and beautiful. His live weight would have been perhaps 1,200 pounds.

There was another round of roasting that night along with a fine meal of moose tenderloin braised in wine sauce (both Doug and Jay are excellent cooks). The large rafts allowed us to take everything needed to cook gourmet foods. We ate well on baked grayling, grouse and, of course, choice moose cuts balanced with a variety of fruits and vegetables with pie and cake for dessert.

The remainder of our trip was relaxed and anticlimatic. We saw all kinds of game and had fun in the company of good hunting companions. Jay, Dickie, Doug and Jim are great people and I'd hunt with them again at any time.



TEAM EFFORT—Jim Emerson (left) and Doug Borland (right) teamed up on this bull. The moose answered caller's grunts and was arrowed from drifting rafts. He fell in river making field dressing easy.

We saw more moose and one day Jim had to retreat into his raft after he had landed to get some close-up shots of a baby bull feeding at the edge of a sand bar. Mommy promptly came to the baby's defense, ears laid back and hackles erect. There was no doubt about her intentions. We were told Alaskans have at least as much respect for a defensive mother moose as they do for a grizzly bear with cubs. They try to avoid confrontations at any time. We could see why.

Another time Doug called in a 45-inch bull. He walked out onto a sand bar and I got some shots with my camera. There was a hot cow in the bush and we had hopes a bigger bull was nearby. We beached the rafts and Doug and Jim circled the moose. They eventually came within 10 yards of me. That was exciting!

Finally, 15 minutes from our pick-up point, we were buzzed by the pick-up plane. By the time we reached our rendezvous point, the plane was docked, with doors open, ready to load. It was a perfect ending to a perfect hunt. ♠

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Author's Notes

The human memory is an amazing thing. As I look back on this trip, I can only vaguely remember prying my frozen hip boots on or huddling cold and wet by a snapping fire, grinning in answer to the question, "Aren't we having fun?" Those times are overshadowed by exciting bush plane flights and wonderful times afield in this great, wild place called Alaska. At the time of its planning, I figured it probably was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. But now I'm trying to figure a way of returning.

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six football fields. Finding our bull, and not just spooking him, was going to be tricky. We slipped to the downwind side, spread about 70 yards apart. Half the thicket was covered by head-high alders so dense they could hardly be penetrated. The rest was thinner, but still reached to my chest. We developed a routine. We'd glass for five minutes, then move into the tangle about 20 yards and glass again.

One hour and 100 yards into the thicket, I spotted the broad left palm of the bull. He was bedded another 100 yards away. Only heavy horns showed. I signaled Bob; we studied the situation. Everything looked good for a final stalk. The same bush that hid the bull would be our cover. The wind was gusting and right in our faces. It would muffle our noise and whisk away our scent.

We began to creep slowly toward the bedded bull. In most places the only way through the dense brush was on moose trails and they wandered all over the place. I found myself being drawn far to the right and then swinging back in on the bull. Bob's was easier going, and he moved almost straight in. In 30 minutes we were both very close. The day before I'd thought I'd been close, but when I finally didn't dare ease forward another inch, I was just 12 short steps from the big antlers! Bob was about 15 yards to my left.

Bob grunted like a love-sick cow moose. The big bull slowly got up. Of all the ways he could have stood, he chose the one position that allowed neither of us a decent shot. He faced a point about half-way between us. That left him quartering to both of us. Heavy shoulder bones effectively blocked the chest cavity. Even on a deer, that's a poor shooting angle. I didn't dare look at Bob, but I knew he was holding his breath, as was I, waiting for the bull to move.

The wide antlers swiveled and the big eyes seemed to look past me. He stepped and swung in my direction. Out of the corner of my eye I saw Bob come to full draw, hold an instant, and shoot. Bob's arrow hit with a wet thud and the bull crashed past me at barely two bow lengths.

As Bob and I watched, the big bull stumbled off 70 yards into the heart of the tangle and went down. Easing closer, we could see he was dead. On his shoulder was the shallow, harmless mark from my arrow the day before, and on his neck was the nick from Bob's previous shot. On the inside of the right palm was a red patch of drying velvet. He was our bull and his luck had finally run out.

Any moose looks huge on the hoof, but it's positively unnerving when you walk up to one on the ground. It seemed like it took several minutes just to walk around him. Working together, both Bob and I could barely raise the head. The body was unmovable as a pickup truck on its side. I pulled out a small measuring tape and

stretched the thin steel from his tail to his nose—over eight feet! From hoof to shoulder the moose taped seven feet, and his neck measured over 55 inches around. From outside tip to outside tip, the heavy antlers spread just over 55 inches. Later, Bob's charmed North Slope bull went into the bowhunting record book with a score of 173 6/8.

After admiring Bob's trophy, we set to work. Whittling a big Alaskan bull moose up for packing is an adventure in itself. It was 8:00 p.m. before we finished caping, skinning, butchering and boning out all the meat. In the morning we'd return with pack frames to pack everything out to a nearby gravel bar where Roger's bush plane could pick us up and fly it back to Dave's base camp.

As we prepared to leave, I handed Bob both of our bows and shouldered the heavy, awkward skull and antlers. "Might as well pack these out to the gravel bar right now. It's on our way and that's one less trip tomorrow," I reasoned.

It was approaching midnight when Bob and I stumbled back into camp. We were bone tired, but the walk hadn't seemed nearly as long as the one the day before. After a quick celebration dinner of caribou steaks, eggs and fried potatoes, we both hit the sleeping bags hard.

I awoke the next morning to the sound of frying bacon and eggs. Tagging a good bull moose must give a guy extra energy. I was still tired and gladly accepted Bob's steaming breakfast while still in my sleeping bag.

Crossing the Colville in our little raft was fast becoming routine and we were headed upriver complete with pack frames in record time. Noon found us nearly to the kill site. Bob was leading our way across a frozen mud flat when he stopped so quickly it was my turn to run into his back. I looked about for another moose. Bob was looking at his feet. Next to his boots and pressed deeply in the mud were fresh grizzly bear tracks.

"Oh, no!" was all he said.

In silence we continued on and soon approached our special tangle of alders. Both of us unsnapped the safety straps on the magnum handguns we carried and eased forward in to the head-high brush. About 100 yards from the meat I looked down to untangle my snagged packframe. As I did so, Bob touched my shoulder and whispered, "Bear!" We both stood frozen, watching, tense as pulled wire. "He was there," Bob pointed. "Just his head above the brush, looking right at us. Then he was gone!"

We backed quietly out of the brush and didn't relax until we'd reached the big gravel bar. For lack of anything else to do, we circled the entire patch. On the far side, pressed deeply into the gray mud, were more grizzly tracks. And the line that they formed pointed right at our small mountain of moose meat.

"It makes me sick to think of losing all that

fine meat," Bob said softly. The only slight consolation was that the antlers sat untouched where we'd left them on the gravel bar the evening before. It wasn't much, but it was something.

Without the greatest of enthusiasm, we hunted our way back to camp. Roger was due to fly over in a couple of days to check on us and we'd wait to talk with him about our bear problem. A grizzly on a kill is nothing to play around with.

Roger's Cessna 185 droned up the valley a few mornings later and bounded to a stop on the big gravel bar just behind our tent. In minutes we recounted our moose and bear tale.

"Sounds to me like you're out of luck on that moose meat, but let's fly up there and have a look," Roger said.

It took only minutes to fly over ground that had been taking Bob and me hours to cover on foot. We pointed out the alder patch and Roger dropped lower for a closer look. As the plane approached the kill sight, a beautiful dark grizzly reared up over the meat pile and swatted defiantly at the plane.

"Say, that's a big bear," Roger shouted above the roar of the engine. "Probably a boar. Sorry about all that meat. It belongs to him now. He'll probably stay on it until he dens up this winter and even then return to it next spring when he's out again."

That afternoon we broke camp and flew out. After a short stop in the Eskimo village of Umiat, where we informed a Fish and Game official about the grizzly on Bob's moose kill, we flew on to Dave's base camp to regroup. For the last five days of our North Slope hunt, Bob would remain here, fishing for arctic char, photographing caribou and hunting geese. I would fly back out with Roger in a Super Cub to hunt on my own once a likely area had been located.

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I slipped into the passenger seat and Roger handed me a carton of eggs to hold between my knees so they wouldn't get broken. The he carefully packed the rest of my gear around and on me until all I could do was move my head and my right shoulder.

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Alaskan Adventure

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The wet tundra squished with every step. Gary "Grizz" Hoffer was going in to help Dr. George Fluornoy pack out his caribou. But as he walked over the uneven low terrain, Gary kept his eyes peeled, straining in the cool northern light to see any other likely animals. Gary and George were on their first Alaskan bowhunt, searching for trophy moose and caribou. At least George had one trophy down. It was day one of a 10-day hunt, still early. Then he spotted the bull...

"The moose was probably a mile and a half away when I first spotted him," Gary relates. "I stalked him for three-and-a-half hours."

The moose was bedded when Gary reached him. As the bull rose, his monstrous rack silhouetted against the clear blue sky, Gary knew he was as close to a record book moose as he ever would be. But his angle was such that the only target was a shoulder, an area where Gary knew his arrow couldn't penetrate the bone. In a moment, the great moose turned sideways. Gary released, the shaft flew true and hit with a solid thump. The moose ran about 75 yards, then fell to the ground.

"It was sort of like shooting a VW on
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ne was awesome...eight feet from the
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reunited, the exuberant hunters plodded
ack and forth between the downed moose
and their raft—more than a mile each way—
to retrieve the antlers and a boatload of
meat. Doc had the rack and cape of his
caribou bull. The meat would keep until
morning.

After a 20-minute boat ride, Gary and Doc
motored up to Bear's Den Lodge where Tony
and I met the weary bowhunters. It had been
more than a full day for them. And with
Doc's trophy caribou rack ranking in the
Pope & Young top 15 and Gary's 72-inch
moose rack scoring 224 3/8 green, they were
quite a sight. Their raft was riding rather low
in the water.

After hauling their trophies and gear to the
lodge and cleaning up, we all sat down to a
gourmet dinner in the warmth and comfort
of the big log cabin lodge. Plans were made
to go out the next morning and retrieve the
remainder of the meat.

Bear's Den Lodge, located in the Ugashik
River Rapids 80 miles south of King Salmon
in an extremely remote part of the Alaskan
Peninsula, is a "bowhunting only" lodge.
But this was the first year that Barry Clot,
the lodge's owner, had opened it up to
anglers. In addition to the vast area being
home to trophy moose and caribou, it is also
trophy fishing water...and that's why my
partner Tony Oswald and I were there with
a group of fishing friends.

The Ugashik River is probably the best
flyfishing water in Alaska—gravel bottoms
that can be easily waded and a spawning
haven to all five species of salmon, arctic
char and Dolly Varden, grayling, pike and
even fresh water turbot. Actually, it's a
sportsman's heaven—the absolute best of
both worlds.

Despite our excitement at having been
witness to Gary and George's trophy hunt-
ing results, we had our work cut out as well.
Within the braided channels of the Ugashik
Rapids any flyfishing fanatic can grow weary
from battling arctic char to 14 pounds and
silver salmon that averaged 10 pounds.
Grayling topping three pounds gently sipped
in dry flies around virtually every bend in the
river. Heavily-spotted Dolly Varden to three
pounds fought our light rods until we had
to sit down to rub the soreness out of our
wrists. Fat, succulent wild berries grew
everywhere underfoot—a welcome treat
while we enjoyed the silence broken only by
the flow of water and the gleeful shouts of
angling companions calling us to see their
fish.

We released all of our fish, as is the per-
sonal habit of our group members, and a
primary reason all of us chose to fish
together. Bear's Den Lodge's policy is catch-
and-release fishing, too. As Barry Clot at-
tests, "It's wise insurance so that fishing
quality will remain unparalleled." We
agreed. That was another reason we'd

October/November

selected the area for our trip.

Many hunters fill their tags early in the
area's 11-day moose season and enjoy the
duration of their stay by fishing right at the
front door. The lodge, a rustic log cabin style
structure, sits high on a bluff overlooking
Ugashik Rapids. From the front yard,
salmon moving in from the Pacific Ocean to
spawn can be seen moving along the
shoreline; occasionally, a seal will porpoise
in the river channel looking for food. The
sounds of trumpeter swans, snow geese and
ducks calling across the tundra from a near-
by lake can be heard. Arctic fox pace the
shoreline, looking for their next meal.
Beyond the rolling hills, you can spot herds
of caribou. In the distance is Ugashik Lake,
and even further is the permanently white
peak of Mt. Chiginagak, a dormant volcano
looming high above the horizon.

Barry Clot, an accomplished bowhunter
of 25 years, had long had a dream of building
a bowhunting-only lodge in the wilds of the
Alaskan bush. Over the past 20 years, Barry
had lived and outfitted hunters in both Idaho
and Alaska. In 1978 he started his first
Alaskan outfitting camp north of An-
chorage, hunting bear and moose. Soon he
expanded to the peninsula for the much-
desired caribou; he found sufficient numbers
of moose in the area as well.

In 1981 he bought a chunk of deeded pro-
perty on the Ugashik River and set up a tent

camp. Plans were in the works for a "real"
lodge. Logs were purchased from Montana
and trucked to Seattle. From there, they were
barged to Naknek, Alaska.

The reality of a lodge had to wait almost
two more years, until the tide was high
enough to allow a barge to deliver the logs
upstream without becoming grounded on a
gravelbar and perhaps lost in a destructive
storm. Finally, after a 130-mile barge trip
from Naknek up the river to the site, the logs
arrived and construction began. Barry and
two helpers worked for two seasons
throughout the long 23-hour summer
daylight. Since there was no electricity, the
building was done by hand-crank, winch,
block and tackle and plenty of hard work.
In June of 1985, the stout wood doors of
Bear's Den Lodge finally opened.

Barry and his crew do not guide hunters;
they are outfitters only. All equipment
necessary for a successful hunt is at the
disposal of hunting archers who visit the
lodge. Spike camps, boats, motors, fuel, pro-
visions and cook kits—everything except per-
sonal gear and tents—are provided. Hunters
can opt to camp out or stay at the lodge and
go out each morning. Barry accommodates
only eight hunters or anglers at a time at the
lodge, a limit that allows him to share his
knowledge of bowhunting and fishing on a
personal level.

Every evening, after a sumptuous meal in-

HAPPY HUNTERS—A
successful caribou
hunter poses for the
camera with Barry Clot
(right) who runs the
Bear's Den Lodge, south
of King Salmon, Alaska.
On the facing page is a
photo of Gary "Grizz"
Hoffer with his big
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cluding wine and freshly baked bread, the massive wooden slab of a dinner table becomes the scene for the nightly ritual of spreading out topo maps to discuss strategy for the following day's hunt. Barry outlines landmarks and suggests areas to hunt. His suggestions are based on his knowledge of the area which spans hundreds of square miles.

Conversation centers on what type of game his hunters want to go after. In Alaska, unguided non-residents can hunt moose and caribou. All of Barry's hunters can also pursue ducks, geese and ptarmigan with bow or shotgun during the open season. Barry's only restriction is "no rifles in camp."

Bear's Den Lodge has reportedly seen five of the top 20 Pope & Young Alaskan moose tagged in the last four years. And caribou racks are averaging over 360 with several topping the 400-point mark.

Human visitors are few in the area but animals are numerous. As in all wild places, the animals themselves dictate the real laws of the land. For example, when Gary Hoffer returned early the next day to pack out the remainder of his moose meat, it had been "claimed." Gary later explained, "A huge brown bear had taken charge of the meat and there was no way I was going to argue with him. He stood about five feet on all fours from ground to shoulder and had eaten a lot of the meat already. It's the law of the wild."

"Wild" is the tell-all word for Ugashik, whether your point is at the end of a broadhead or a stout hook, no other place we've seen provides as high a level of sport as this remarkable place. After all, there is far more beyond simply getting a trophy in any sporting experience.

Barry Clot created a masterpiece when he



GOOD FISHIN'—Tony Oswald is shown landing a nice Dolly Varden.

picked up his tools and began work on his lodge. Barry knew his dream of a world class archery and fishing lodge would come true at Ugashik. And like any master bowyer or builder of rods, it all begins with a vision of perfection...like the sight of a trophy moose in a remote Alaskan valley or a bright salmon cascading across a crystalline river. No hunter with a bow or rod could ask for more.

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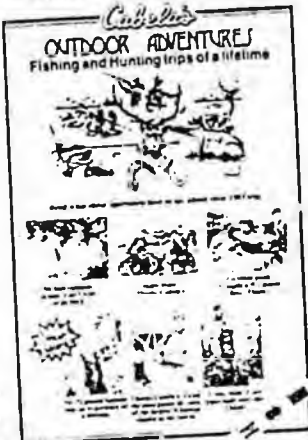


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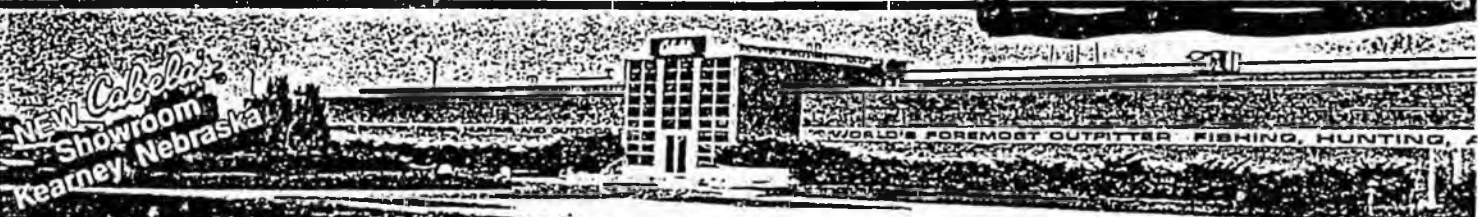
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Dear Sirs,

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Perhaps of most interest to flying services such as yourself is the fact that I am asking no commissions of any kind from you. My idea is to get an up-front fee from the client, thus assuring him that there is no bias on my part; I'm looking to find the best, safest, and most economical flying for them.

Hopefully this will work out well for all parties involved; I receive my fee, the hunter or fisherman gets a good trip planned, and the flying service gets "free advertising", and deals with people who are squared away on such things as what to pack, how to pack it, dealing with unavoidable flight delays, etc.

As time allows I would like to talk with you personally. In the meantime I would appreciate any brochures, rate schedules, or any other information you may already have printed up. Things I'd like to know are your experience, safety record, number and type of aircraft, capacity of each, float/gravel bar landing capabilities, areas you fly, packages you already have set up, (such as float trips), any outfitting you may do, past hunter/fisherman success, deposit policy, and insurance.

I'm advertising quite extensively in "Field and Stream", "Outdoor Life", "Petersen's Hunting", etc., and I hope to book about 300 people total this summer, so I could be sending quite a bit of business your way. 

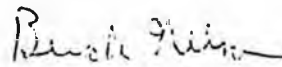
One other point I'd like to make that you're no doubt aware of, and that's House Bill 331. The part of most concern to us is obviously Sec. 9. which reads, in part:

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I don't know about you but that would be a heck of a blow to my business!! Not to mention friends and relatives planning hunts. I plan to let my opinion be heard and the more commotion raised, the better. First it has to go through the house resources committee, judiciary and finance committee, as well as the senate and house. However, I did want to bring it up.

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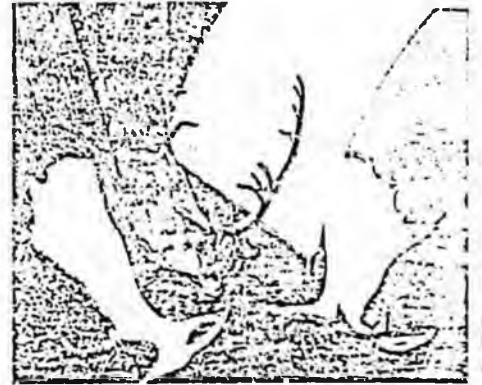
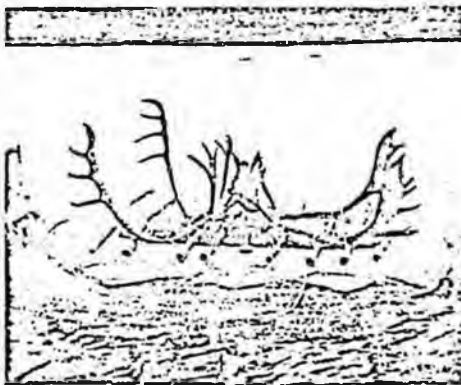
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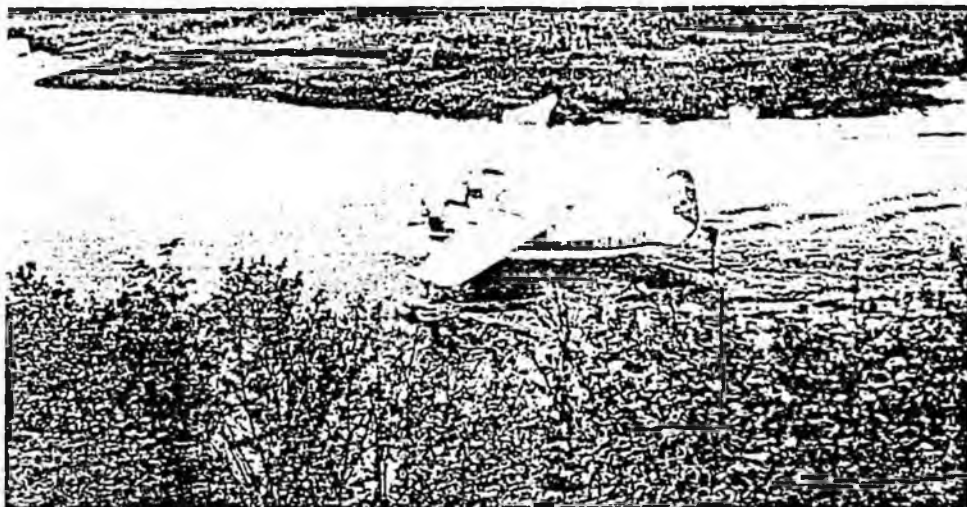
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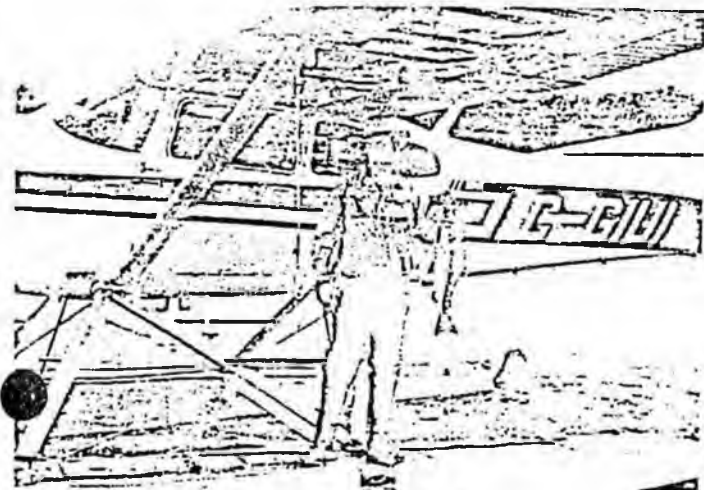
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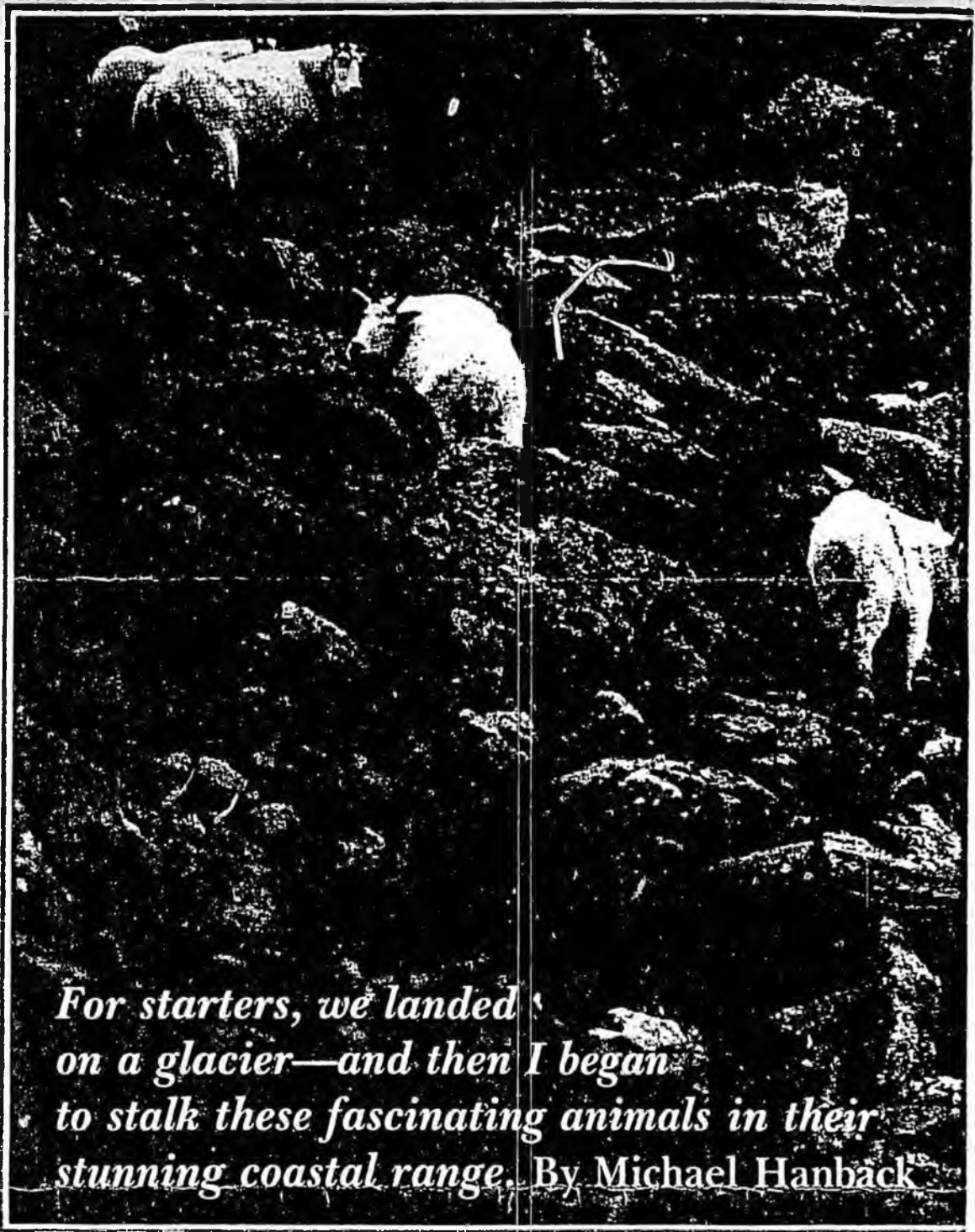


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For starters, we landed on a glacier—and then I began to stalk these fascinating animals in their stunning coastal range. By Michael Hanback

Sitting up here alone at 5,000 feet, I feel the swirling mist, watch the gray clouds, spitting rain, scud the snow-capped ridgelines. In the steep gorge below, a roaring fiord, gleaming like the sharp blade of a knife, slices wildly to the emerald sea. Snowhelds shimmer in the tops of alpine basins and funnel down toward sea level, melting hard into verdant mountainsides and lush, dripping jungles of hemlock and Sitka spruce, the spectacular rain forests of southeast Alaska, green as a pristine springtime. Sitting here along this muddy goat trail, mind reeling in the panorama, it is easy to conjure these infatuating reasons for hunting mountain goats.

One is for the ultimate climax, of course, to

add a unique trophy to the wall. In this case, white, bearded, oddly fascinating *Oreamnos americanus*, a creature with huge, liquid eyes the color of oil and piercing black stiletto horns. A squarish, stout, hump-backed ruminant with a bulging winter coat trimmed neatly at the knees, wearing knickers. Lay eyes on a mountain goat for the first time and it strikes you that here is a big game animal caught in evolutionary limbo, the bone and skin and tiny horns more defined than its Asian antelope predecessors of the Pleistocene Epoch, but more raw-boned and crudely muscular than its 20th-century mountain neighbor, the graceful Dall sheep with flaring horns of amber.

Another is for the sheer adventure of traveling

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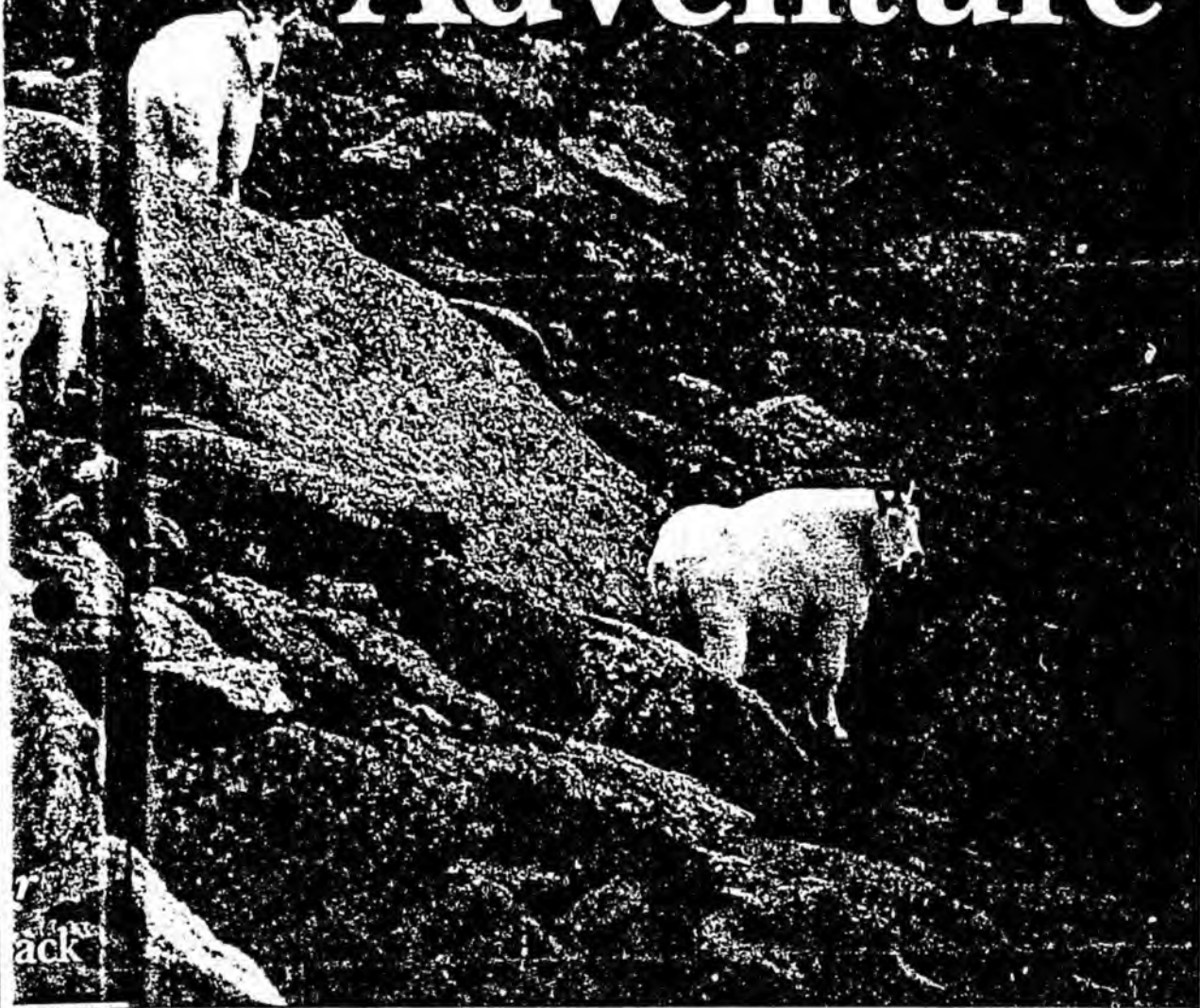


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into and experiencing goat country, of the thrilling bush flights that rock low over the stunning wilderness and set you down in the midst of some of the wildest country in North America, where you set up spike camp and hike through the boreal rain forests, past the sub-alpine tree line, up into the steely, gleaming mountain heavens.

Finally, for this invigorating opportunity to hunt Alaska without a guide! Up here in this rugged, unforgiving country you will be largely on your own, making your own decisions. You must study your hunting area, imprinting its map on your mind. You must learn your quarry, the most obscure big game animal on the continent, and know his habits in and out. You will

have to know where to find him (goats are the most inaccessible of all big game), how to judge him (an inch of horn is critical!), decide how and when to stalk him, and then make the shot. *You* will control the destiny of your hunt. And isn't that the way it should be?

Socked in in Wrangell, lingering in the quaint fishing and timbering village of 3,000 on the northern tip of Wrangell Island. I spent the past few days here, waiting anxiously for the rain and fog to lift so I could get up on that goat mountain. Now this is the norm when hunting southeast Alaska's 400-mile panhandle, which gets from 80 to 200 inches of rain a year depending on where your jump-

off point is along the rain-forested coast. But time spent in Alaska is never wasted. I visited the docks, watched colorful, hard-working fishermen on fleets of iron vessels motor in with the day's catch of crab, shrimp, salmon, and halibut, watched them fill the canneries to the brim with prizes of the sea. (The fresh prawns at the Stikine Inn were wonderful!) I explored the rich Indian history, the original totems carved by the Tlingit over 200 years ago, and the remarkable ancient "petroglyphs" on the beach, rock carvings of unknown time and origin, fish and animals and eerie human faces etched in stone, spiritual messages frozen in time. I sneaked up into the dense

Yakutat, by sheer size the greatest goat country on earth. Flying in was thrilling as always, and then the landing was the ultimate experience.

Our Cessna was equipped with wheel-skis you see, and we landed on a glacier! As the pilot banked low over the flowing sea of ice, I squinted—the shimmering basin appeared so ironically hot in the harsh, white light. I put on RayBans and peered into its glistening innards, into its crystallized surface and spiraling, concentric circles, time lines etched in the ice: my eyes ran to the deep moraines and jagged ridges rimming the ice, *munataks* to the ancient Indians, towering pillars of talus in the endless sky. I had read



Today, the spectacular ice fields of the southeastern coast are microcosms of all of Alaska 100,000 years ago. We landed on a gleaming glacier and spike camped above it, hunting right up with the goats at 5,000 feet.

Photos By Author

timber country and glassed cuts and burns for black bears, fished the tail end of the salmon run in fresh, cold streams that snaked to the sea. It was a fascinating exploration of coastal Alaska until the pilot said the ceiling had lifted enough to sneak us in. Time to goat hunt!

The flight in was an adventure to savor. My friend Bruce, an agent of Alaskan Coastal Adventures, and I wedged into the Cessna, and the pilot lifted gently over the endless maze of spruce islands and rippling, jade waters. What scintillating country from the air! These islands, part of coastal Alaska's unique Alexander Archipelago, are the mere peaks of huge mountains sunk in the North Pacific thousands of years ago, and I strained to see beneath the ocean's surface—what lurks in the mountains below? The mainland to the east, where I would be hunting, is wild country, a sprawling land of lush rain forests; brawling rivers, hords, and waterfalls; jagged, snowy peaks; and gleaming ice fields and valley glaciers. From the Cessna, the grandeur of the country is overwhelming. It strikes you as a land of many paradoxes, soft yet harsh, remote yet inviting. And what really sets the mind running is that all this is public domain, yours and mine, the 17 million acres of the Tongass National Forest. The Tongass is by far our largest national forest, running the length of the Alaska panhandle, from below Ketchikan to above

where today an amazing ice field appears a microcosm of what all of Alaska was 100,000 years ago. This must surely be. And now goat hunters can land here! The little plane was tossed about like a toy kite in the swirling glacial breezes, its engine buzzing incessantly, until the pilot throttled back, skis touched, and we skidded to a gentle halt on the silvery, grinding field of ice.

Bruce and I unloaded our gear—two-man tent, a backpack apiece, a box of food, rifles, mountain rappelling gear, plastic snowshoes—and slid up the north end of the glacier to an old mining cabin, our spike camp for the hunt. The pilot would come skiing in for us in a couple of days—log permitting, of course. Otherwise we would backpack the 10 miles out to the coast. The warm September sky was sparkling now, but we would get rain and soup, guaranteed as death and taxes. But do you doubt a guy who can land on glaciers? When he said he would see us on the 21st, I believed him. He fired his Cessna and slid across the glittering ice and was gone in a gentle roar over the northern *munataks*.

From here I would be on my own, hunting goats in this awesome country while Bruce monitored things from camp. This intriguing concept of drop-camping hunters into southeast Alaska was conceived by Dick Wornington, Rob Shelly, and Chuck Wagner, who own and operate Alaskan Coastal Adventures out of

Beatmont, California. After bowhunting the spectacular Alaska panhandle last year, stalking in remote coastal areas and finding the abundance of big game (they all arrowed nice black bears), they decided to put together unique, affordable hunting packages geared to nonresidents. In addition to goats, they offer combination rifle and bow hunts for moose, black bears, caribou, and blacktail deer in prime, lightly hunted country. They fly you in, outfit your tents or cabin, feed you well, and keep someone in camp to point you in the right direction and then help you pack out game. But you hunt alone or with a friend or partner, and this is most intriguing of all.

Hunting Alaska on our own has long been a dream for many of us, inner urges whispering to the soul that we must go into the wild country just once alone to stalk big game and learn a little about ourselves as hunters. The main problem is access in this huge land. Just choosing an area to hunt is a perplexing problem. Then getting into a specific range is even tougher. Prime game country, particularly goat country, is remote and inaccessible. Trying to arrange the right charter flight, setting up with the right gear, making all the right connections, seems an overwhelming proposition.

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A common quirk in goat hunting. As the 180-grain Nosler took its shoulder, the goat leapt, stone dead, off the mountain into a steep, rugged crevice 1,000 yards below. Though missing one horn, it was amazingly in good shape. Bruce, an adept mountain climber, helped scale down and retrieve it.

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The alternative, of course, is to hire an outfitter, a safe, conservative, effective way to hunt the great country. Fully guided hunts in Alaska are great adventure, but expensive: a first-rate combination hunt can run \$10,000. And perhaps it is even more costly to the soul. Remember that yearning to hunt without a guide? Alaskan Coastal Adventures offers a middle-of-the-road approach to hunting Alaska, taking care of the headaches, getting you into prime game country, letting you concentrate on *hunting*, with trips starting at less than \$1,500. Drop-camping in this coastal wilderness can lead to an immensely satisfying, unforgettable adventure.

So here I sit in the swirling mist, watching the old black-horned billy yawning innocently in his bed a half-mile away. What an odd encounter! Where was he yesterday when I scouted this sprawling glacier basin, getting a feel for the country, enjoying the last of the warm autumn sunshine, anxiously waiting a day to hunt (no hunting the same day you fly in Alaska), searching for my first goats? Has he ever seen a man? Has another hunter ever stalked him here? Intriguing thoughts as I plan my first goat stalk.

Closer, through the spotting scope, the old billy is big as a white bear, shimmering in the faint evening light. His horns look black and heavy at the bases, and as long as his face, but you read so much about judging goats, about that magical nine-inch mark, just how do you know? What is this perplexing infatuation with mere inches of horn anyway? The billy is beautiful, a stunning product of its marvelous environment, and if my stalk is a good one and the shot true, then isn't the hunting experience complete? I am warmed by this realization and start to stalk.

Wait! He has made me and is up, running stiff-leggedly toward his escape cover, an 80-degree wall of stone to the west. So much for those ill-conceived notions that goats are overly curious, or dumb. I curse myself for being so careless, for moving too fast and skylining, but then pause to marvel.

He is indeed an odd-looking creature, but how interesting. When he ambles away, pausing every 100 yards or so to look back at me with his ebony eyes, his brilliant-white winter coat explodes along his muscular back, making him look twice his 300 pounds, dwarfing his skinny black horns, looking longer now. I'd swear they are 10 inches, a hell of a set of goat horns. I run frantically at him, kneeling and swirling the scope on him as he lumbers farther and farther away, to the

base of the rock wall. Too far and risky for a shot. Then he hops agilely onto the rock, spongy hooves grabbing the smooth, gray stone like suction cups, lays back his ears, points his slender face upward, and starts scaling relentlessly. Can there be a more remarkable sight in nature? His gait up the sheer talus is steady, methodical, muscles rippling as he glides up the rocky skyscraper. I note incredulously that there is a *worn* goat trail up this vertical rock. He pauses on a

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Photo By Ovis Jeff Vanuga

plate-sized ledge, front and back hooves touching in the classic, humped mountain goat pose, and peers back at me once more before teetering over the top out of sight. I slump to rest in the rocks, richer for having witnessed such a marvel, for having not shot the first goat I stalked.

I hunt on. I love stalking these mountains, hiking along the old goat trails, trying to read their tracks and droppings, picking up their yellowed, summer-shed hair, then pausing to glass cross the canyons, chilling in my own cold sweat. I can see 100 miles in every direction it seems, but will be lucky to hunt a fifth of it. There are plenty of goats miles away but inaccessible, cut off by near-vertical gorges, roaring fiords, and steep, rugged ridges. Families of snow-white nannies and kids playing on moss-carpeted hillsides, and old bachelor billys lying higher in the alpine, tougher to see, peering intently down, poised to escalate quickly over the top of a peak if a predator approaches from below. Hunting right up here with the goats, it strikes me that you should never pass the chance to glass one, big or small, nanny or billy, because life may never give you the chance again. It is wonderfully intriguing hunting, really, seeing lots of country and lots of game, marveling at goats from afar, yet peering intently into every nearby cut and crevice, hoping to find one within killing range.

Tomorrow, I will try to sneak within range of that big billy that gave me the slip, and these thoughts consume the conversation back in spike camp. Bruce has set up our tent in the middle of the old mining cabin, and things are comfortable. After a refreshing hot dinner and coffee, we check the map to see if I can get on him. We decide I can circle his mountain and peek into the next basin, but will he be there? Will the weather hold? Will I blow another stalk? I fall into a fitful sleep, tossing and turning to the steady pelting of new rain on the cabin roof, a cool north wind whipping off the glacier below.

The two-mile hike over the loose, rocky ridges, across the shimmering snowfields, is short and anxious this morning. The light, steady rain continues to fall, and mist wisps in and out of the valleys. The country is eerily silent, seemingly devoid of life. I crawl to the new side of the mountain and peek into the smoky basin, hoping for visibility. A lone goat! And four more, feeding on lichens! I glass shakily, swinging off the nannies and kids to the loner. I cannot see its head or horns, just its big, white body curled behind a huge rock. Is this the big billy? No way of telling, but I think I can get close so I test the wind and begin to stalk, mind reeling in excitement.

I am above the goat, and this is good: it is resting on a little ledge, facing down-

hill, the normal direction from which a bear, or a man, would approach. There is a little swale leading straight down, and I get in it, lying back into the verdant mountain, gazing up into the swirling heavens, cradling the Ruger .30-06 in one hand, crabbing my way down on the other hand and heels. I need to close 500 yards for a shot, to within 200 yards, fine killing range for the '06 shooting 180-grain Nosler Partitions in Federal Premium. Only trouble is I cannot see the sleeping goat from the swale. Anxiously I inch closer, closer, and guess it's time to sit up. The goat is on its feet, head cocked, peering inquisitively back at me with those black, liquid eyes a mere 60 yards away!

Those eyes, so innocent and mesmerizing. There is a transfusion of fear and sorrow between us as I begin to ease back the trigger. This is not the big billy, but through the Bausch and Lomb scope at 6X, what a beautiful creation, a gleaming-white symbol of all that is free and

wild in this stunning country. Stalking so close to this odd animal, peering into its uncertain eyes, marveling at its little black, dagger horns, feels numbly wonderful. The 180-grain Nosler takes out its shoulder. Then the pristine, satisfying moment becomes a shattered daze as the goat lunges convulsively and vanishes into the thin mountain air.

I rush to the mountain ledge and hear the goat falling, tumbling into a drainage hundreds of yards below. I am void of all emotion. The ultimate horror in goat hunting has for me become reality. You never shoot a goat in a tight spot, where it might fall miles and miles into steep, craggy crevices, never to be retrieved. But I had hit this goat well. I thought, on as gentle a slope as you will find in this country. He had simply, by some quirk of fate, leapt stone dead in midair into the crevices far below.

Misty rain and fog intensify as I scale down the slick, mossy ravine, searching frantically now. I am scared that I have

stalked this wonderful animal in this wonderful country and tainted the whole experience by losing the goat. Dreadful thoughts fleet through my mind like wisps of fog in the mountains. But there, in a rain-slickened crevice 1,000 yards below! I can see that its fragile, hollow horns are broken at the bloody cores, but thank God I have found it.

Somehow, miraculously, I find one tiny black horn on the way down, a shade under nine inches. Again another quirk of fate—how could I have stepped on this little sickle of a horn on such a mammoth mountainside? When I finally get there and rub my hands through the thick, coarse coat, I find the goat, amazingly, in good shape. I stick the one horn on its core, and the goat looks particularly odd, but I am reassured by the thought that my taxidermist can make an injection mold for the other. My goat will have two horns on the wall.

It takes the better part of the gray, chilly day for me and Bruce, an adept mountain climber, to pack out the goat. There is a lone stunted spruce 1,000 yards up the ridge, and we tie off the rappelling rope, hop down, and skin and butcher, then rappell back up, hauling the hide and quarters. It is hard but rewarding work. We sit in silence in the swirling mist, pondering personal thoughts on the little ledge where the goat made its final leap, before stuffing our backpacks and heading crosscountry for spike camp.

We break camp in a frenzy and slide out onto the glacier with our goat and gear. How time flies in this country! It is September 21st, and only 10 minutes of flying light remain. The flight out will be yet another adventure. We hear the pilot coming, circling, circling, trying to get in, but heavy fog is socking in the glacier, and the high country is near complete white-out. Suddenly a soft, southerly glacial breeze pushes up a layer of fog, creating a small tunnel. Here he comes, the Cessna screaming incessantly, the wing lights creating a swirling kaleidoscope of green and red on the gleaming sea of ice as he skis to a stop 100 yards away.

We frantically pitch our gear aboard and strap in in the faint, eerie light. Ground time a minute, thirty. There is no time, or visibility, to taxi across the glacier. The pilot simply throws her full throttle and we whirl up over the nearest *nunataks*, breaking the heavy glacial fog, climbing into clear skies with a full three minutes to spare.

Fate, I guess, takes the Cessna humming low over the misty mountain where days earlier I had sat pondering personal reasons to goat hunt. I peer quietly down into the rain-slickened drainage far below where the goat died, feeling a tinge of sadness yet thrilled and satisfied, mind reeling in the endless panorama of coastal Alaska.

Planning A Coastal Alaska Hunt

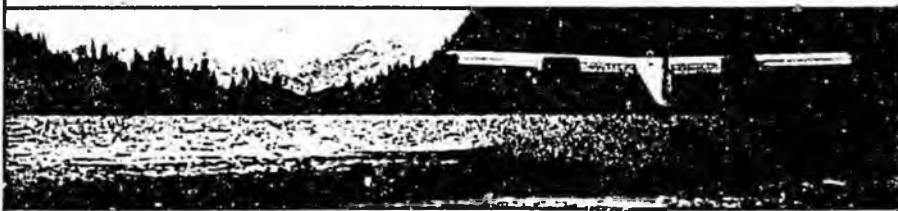


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Outfitter: For information on planning your own Alaska hunt, contact: Alaskan Coastal Adventures, 540 Euclid Ave., Dept. AH, Beaumont, California 92223; phone (714) 845-5413 or (714) 845-1831.

Seasons & Success: Mountain goat season in southeast Alaska runs Aug.-Nov.; moose and caribou Sept. 1-20; Sitka blacktail Aug.-Nov.; fall black bear Sept.-Nov., spring bear April through June. Alaskan Coastal Adventures had amazing success its first year: 100% on spring bear, with kills in Pope & Young and Boone & Crockett, some bears in the 400-pound range; near 100% on goats, again with book animals and possibly the new world record P&Y billy! Several 10-inch goats were taken.

Hunting Methods: All hunts fly-in to wilderness cabin or tent camps. Some bear, moose, and caribou trips feature skills or inflatable Kodiak rafts with motors. These outfitters are all bow-hunters and will work hard to set up successful bow, rifle, and handgun hunting opportunities.

Cost: Spring and fall hunts start at \$1,450; a new moose/caribou/fishing

combo on Kenai or Alaska Peninsula, a seven-day adventure, is \$2,800. Prices include all bush flights, meals, and accommodations.

Trip Notes: If I were hunting coastal Alaska again this fall, I would plan to hunt black bears along with a goat in early Sept., coinciding with the salmon run. Last year a party before me all filled out with seven nice bears feeding along the rivers. . . . I hunted in Game Management Unit 1 in mid-September. . . . Licenses are no problem—Alaskan Adventures has an agent who will sell you big game tags upon arrival. . . . It rains a lot in coastal Alaska, so bring at least two pairs of quality rain gear, the best you can afford, and wear wool or Polar Fleece. . . . And bring quality optics—my Bausch & Lomb Balvar 3X-9X rifle scope and Bausch & Lomb binoculars stayed soaked but performed wonderfully. . . . Bring your own spotting scope and backpack. . . . My taxidermist, Tom Hardesty of Atcheson Taxidermy, 3210 Ottawa St., Butte, MT 59701, made a perfect duplicate of my goat's horn, and now it has two. . . . Enjoy the adventure! *M.H.*



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29 JAN 1988

Honorable John B. "Jack" Coghill
Chairman, Resources Committee
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Dear Senator Coghill,

As the resource committee hearings on Senate Bill No. 191 will be convening in the near future, Senator Fanning asked us to offer comments for consideration. His request came as the result of a meeting with my concessions staff on January 8.

We are pleased to see the state recognize the problems which can arise by not having a clear definition of "guiding" for the purposes of hunting. We would, however, like to encourage a more restrictive definition than the one proposed. We recommend deleting the word "established" when referring to camps on page 3, line 7 of the bill. The use of the term "established" connotes permanent camps as opposed to temporary camps. The impacts of outfitting for hunting when a camp goes up with the client and down with the client, or when a camp goes up for just several weeks, are not necessarily less than those of an established camp. It has been our experience that the duration of the camp does not, in itself, distinguish between guiding and outfitting. It is the actions of the operator and the management of the camp that makes the distinction.

It has not been our policy to allow outfitting for hunting in the Alaskan national preserves. Unlike many government agencies, we do have the discretion to determine if a commercial activity is both "necessary and appropriate" relative to the purpose of the area. Our current stance will allow any private individual who has the knowledge and expertise to provide his own camp and hunt without a guide. Unguided persons may still rent equipment and charter an air taxi service to transport them to the field, but should be completely self-sufficient in the field. We feel those individuals who are not capable of taking care of all their needs in a wilderness setting are a risk to themselves and to others and probably should hire a registered guide to provide the needed services.

In addition to our concerns for visitor safety, we feel authorization of outfitting of hunting parties within a registered guide's area could have a significant negative impact on that guide's operation and the resources in the unit. Uncontrolled outfitting could lead to overharvesting of game within a guide area. The incentives to practice good game management are less for outfitters than for guides since it is the guides

who have a long-term stake in a guide area. When the game is depleted in an area, the outfitter simply moves on; the guide cannot.

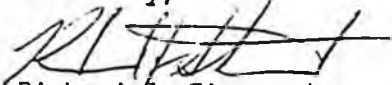
Another issue of concern addressed in the bill is on page 2, lines 16 and 17, whereby it is unlawful for "a person to compensate or agree to compensate another person for guiding..." without being validly licensed as a guide. It seems unrealistic to expect the consumer to be knowledgeable of AS 08.54.210 (a)(9). Keep in mind one of the reasons people hire registered guides is for their knowledge of the game laws. If consumers are duped into believing they have contracted with a legitimate guide, should the state hold the consumers liable?

One last item of concern centers around pilots knowingly dropping hunting parties off in areas closed to hunting. The addition of a statement such as the following would place accountability on air taxi pilots: "It is unlawful for a person to aid and abet a hunting violation by knowingly transporting persons for the purpose of hunting, into areas closed to hunting."

After discussing the various issues and possible resolutions, with our staff and several guides, it seems a simple and viable means to control the conflicts between outfitting and hunting would perhaps be the reinstatement of the transporter license. We found the transporter license to work well with our system of permitting commercial activities and would support its return.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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Regional Director

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March 16, 1987

The Honorable Ben Grussendorf
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
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Dear Representative Grussendorf:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (commission). This bill offers revisions to improve the state's proposed underground injection control (UIC) program for injection wells related to the recovery and production of oil and natural gas (Class II wells). It also reinstates statutory authority for affiliation with the Interstate Oil Compact Commission, conforms certain sections of AS 31.05 to the revised criminal code, and amends the provisions of AS 31.05 relating to the confidentiality of oil and gas well data.

In 1984, CSHB 680 (L&C) was enacted (ch. 91, SLA 1984). It authorized the commission to "take all actions necessary to allow the state to acquire primary enforcement responsibility under 42 U.S.C. 300h-4 (Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 300f-300j), for the control of underground injection related to the recovery and production of oil and natural gas." AS 31.05.030(h). Under this authority, the commission prepared an application for a state UIC program for Class II wells, which has been submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval.

In their review, EPA staff identified certain provisions in AS 31.05 which could be amended to improve the state's proposed program. The amendments are being proposed under the terms of a memorandum of agreement between the commission and EPA, Region 10.

Amendment of the criminal provisions of AS 31.05 is recommended by the criminal division of the Department of Law. When the comprehensive rewrite of AS 11 and AS 12 was undertaken in 1981 and 1982, it was determined to be too great a task to attempt amendment of the state's other criminal provisions, scattered throughout the Alaska statutes, at the same time. As this bill amends AS 31.05 for other reasons, I believe it appropriate to take advantage of this

opportunity to "clean up" the criminal provisions of AS 31.05 as well, in order to make them consistent with AS 11 and AS 12, as revised.

Amendment of the confidentiality provisions of AS 31.05.035(c) is recommended by the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. The proposed changes are described in detail below.

The amendments to AS 31.05 in the bill are as follows:

Section 1. AS 31.05.027 is amended to eliminate state statutory limitations on the commission's jurisdiction over land of the United States.

Federal law requires that state UIC programs apply to underground injection occurring on property leased or owned by the United States. 42 U.S.C. 300h(b)(1)(D) and 300j-6. However, AS 31.05.027 presently provides in part:

The authority of the commission. . . applies to land of the United States or to land subject to the jurisdiction of the United States only to the extent that control and supervision of conservation of oil and gas and prevention of waste by the United States on its land fails to carry out the intent and purposes of AS 31.05.005 -- 31.05.170, and otherwise applies to federal land so far as an officer of the United States having jurisdiction, or an authorized representative, shall approve any of the provisions of AS 31.05.005 -- 31.05.170 or orders of the commission which affect land.

The jurisdictional limitations of AS 31.05.027 first appeared as territorial legislation enacted in 1955, when Alaska's relationship to the federal government was far more subservient than after Alaska's acceptance into the Union. As a state, Alaska's potential jurisdiction over oil and gas activities on federal land is limited only by constitutional restrictions on the exercise of state police powers. See Myers, The Law of Pooling and Unitization, sec. 11.04 (2d Ed. 1984). AS 31.05.027 asserts less jurisdiction than is now constitutionally permissible, and would be amended by this bill to remove this potential impediment to the commission's regulation of oil and gas activities on federal land.

Section 2: AS 31.05.035(c) is amended to restrict its application to exploratory wells and to limit the period of confidentiality for reports and information from wells on private and federal land to two years. .

The existing language of AS 31.05.035(c) requires that certain reports and information from oil and gas wells be kept confidential for two years after submission to the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, and for a longer period if authorized by the commissioner of natural resources. The primary purpose of this subsection was to protect the confidentiality of exploratory well data gathered in preparation for the Beaufort Sea joint lease sale. As that sale had been postponed a number of times, oil companies interested in bidding at the sale indicated their need for a legislative provision ensuring the confidentiality of their data until the sale was held. The commission believes that no purpose is served by applying the extended confidentiality provisions of this subsection to development wells. Furthermore, the retention of confidential data from development wells, which consists in large part of core samples, uses up a substantial amount of storage space, which is in short supply and costly. It is anticipated that oil companies will not oppose this change.

AS 31.05.035(c) authorizes extended confidential treatment beyond the initial statutory period of two years for reports and information from oil and gas wells based on a determination of the commissioner of natural resources. Under AS 38.05, the authority of the commissioner is restricted to state land. Presently there is confusion as to whether the commissioner may view confidential data from wells on private and federal land for the limited purpose of making an extended confidentiality determination under AS 31.05, notwithstanding the commissioner's inability to have access to those data under AS 38.05. Amendment of the subsection would clarify that the commissioner's determination under this provision is limited to state land. The amendment would also eliminate the possibility of extended confidential treatment for well data from private and federal land. This latter amendment was proposed by the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission based on its belief that extended confidential treatment beyond the automatic statutory two year period for reports and information from those wells serves no useful purpose.

Section 3. AS 31.05.070(a) is amended to eliminate the "transactional" immunity provided as a result of a person being compelled to testify or produce documents before the commission or a court, and to make its provisions consistent with the revised criminal code.

As it now reads, AS 31.05.070(a) affords a person transactional immunity if compelled to appear as a witness under that statute. This provision could preclude effective enforcement of the state's UIC requirements if it were to be applied to compel testimony of a witness, and consequently foreclosed subsequent prosecution of that witness for violating a requirement of the state's UIC program. The provision is also inconsistent with the immunity provision of AS 12.50.101. The amendments eliminate the immunity provision. Under new language added to AS 31.05.070(a), a witness who asserts his or her privilege against self-incrimination may be granted immunity and compelled to testify under AS 12.50.101. The immunity will be immunity from the use of his or her testimony and any evidence derived from it. Language that disallows self-incrimination as a ground for excusing attendance, testimony, or production of books and records, is also deleted. That language is potentially unconstitutional, and is unnecessary.

AS 31.05.070(a) also provides that a compelled witness is not exempt from prosecution and punishment for perjury committed while testifying. This provision would also be repealed because it duplicates provisions of the criminal code.

Section 4. New AS 31.05.141 would be placed in a "miscellaneous provisions" article in AS 31.05, to reinstate express authority to affiliate with the Interstate Oil Compact Commission (IOCC). The new statute is patterned after Vt. Stat. Ann., tit. 29, sec. 565 (1983). Section 15, ch. 40, SLA 1955, which created the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, authorized affiliation with the IOCC. After statehood, sec. 15 became AS 31.05.130 and 31.05.140. Section 2, ch. 247, SLA 1970, repealed AS 31.05.130 and 31.05.140, purging AS 31.05 of that authorization. Of note is the fact that the state is still a dues-paying member of the IOCC.

Sections 5 and 6. AS 31.05.150(a) and (b) are amended to eliminate the "wilful" standard from consideration in the imposition and recovery of civil penalties; to increase the civil penalties that may be imposed; to make sec. 150's

provisions consistent with the provisions of the revised criminal code; and to establish criminal liability for violations of the commission's regulations and orders.

AS 31.05.150(a) currently imposes civil penalties for wilful violations of AS 31.05 or regulations or orders of the commission. However, there is no indication of the type of wilfulness required.

Use of the term "wilfully" in criminal statutes has traditionally required a showing of bad intent. Although evidence of bad intent is generally not required to impose civil penalties, amendment of the statute to eliminate the term would remove any doubt as to the ability of the state to impose civil penalties in the absence of evidence of bad intent.

The amendments would increase the amount of civil penalties imposable under AS 31.05.150(a) from "not more than \$1,000" to "no more than \$5,000 per day for each day of violation." The \$1,000 amount, which was first established in 1955, is now inadequate to deter violations. The increased penalty would more effectively accomplish that.

The bill would amend AS 31.05.150(b), which imposes criminal liability for falsifying records and committing similar offenses, to make the description of those offenses consistent with AS 11.46.630(a)(1) -- (4). The class A misdemeanor penalty classification raises the possible maximum term of imprisonment to one year but the amount of the fine is unaffected.

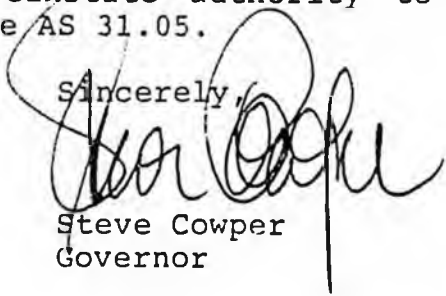
Section 7. AS 31.05.150 is amended by adding a new subsection (f), imposing criminal liability on a person who knowingly violates a regulation or order of the commission.

Section 8. This section identifies a somewhat unusual adoption of a court rule. It takes a cautious approach, to assure compliance with art. IV, sec. 15, of the Alaska Constitution, regarding legislative change of a court rule. Although Rule 732 of the Uniform Rules of Criminal Procedure (promulgated by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in 1974) does not appear in the publication of Alaska Court Rules, it was adopted by the Alaska Supreme Court, under its constitutional rule-making authority, in State v. Serdahely, 635 P.2d 1182 (Alaska 1981). A Superior Court judge has held that a legislative change of the substance of that rule requires the same procedures as for a legislative change of any other court rule.

Thus, sec. 8 of this bill cites the court rule and describes the change, as required by Rule 39(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature. Also, in compliance with that legislative rule, the title of the bill mentions the court-rule change. If this bill passes but the section making that change does not receive a two-thirds vote in favor of it, and the amended statute is challenged in court, the Alaska Supreme Court will, of course, have the final word on whether those procedures were necessary.

I urge your prompt action on this measure to strengthen the state's UIC program, to reinstate authority to affiliate with the IOCC, and to update AS 31.05.

Sincerely,



Steve Cowper
Governor

STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

FISCAL NOTE

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REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. :
 Title : An act relating to the Alaska Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
 Sponsor : Governor
 Requestor :
 Date of Request : 11/24/86

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected : Natural Resources
 BRU :
 Components :

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES : (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
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POSITIONS :

FULL-TIME						
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ANALYSIS : Attach a separate page if necessary This bill amends the statutes governing the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. Only Section 2 has any affect on the Alaska Department of Natural Resources.

However, it places no new requirements on the department, and therefore requires no additional funding.

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Requestor: Steve Cowper, Governor

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BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 186 (Resources)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Alaska Oil and Gas Conserva-
7 tion Commission; changing a court rule, Rule 732 of
8 the Uniform Rules of Criminal Procedure, adopted by
9 the Alaska Supreme Court under its constitutional
10 rule-making authority; and providing for an effective
11 date."

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

13 * Section 1. AS 31.05.027 is amended to read:

14 Sec. 31.05.027. LAND SUBJECT TO COMMISSION'S AUTHORITY. The
15 authority of the commission applies to all land in the state lawfully
16 subject to its police powers, including [. IT APPLIES TO] land of the
17 United States and [OR TO] land subject to the jurisdiction of the
18 United States [ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF
19 CONSERVATION OF OIL AND GAS AND PREVENTION OF WASTE BY THE UNITED
20 STATES ON ITS LAND FAILS TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT AND PURPOSES OF THIS
21 CHAPTER, AND OTHERWISE APPLIES TO FEDERAL LAND SO FAR AS AN OFFICER OF
22 THE UNITED STATES HAVING JURISDICTION, OR AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTA-
23 TIVE, SHALL APPROVE ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER OR ORDERS OF
24 THE COMMISSION WHICH AFFECT LAND]. The authority of the commission
25 further applies to all land included in a voluntary cooperative or
26 unit plan of development or operation entered into in accordance with
27 AS 38.05.180(p).

28 * Sec. 2. AS 31.05.035(c) is amended to read:

29 (c) The reports and information required in (a) of this section

1 must [SHALL] be kept confidential for 24 months following the 30-day
2 filing period for all stratigraphic tests and exploratory wells unless
3 the owner of the well gives written permission to release the reports
4 and information at an earlier date. If the commissioner of natural
5 resources finds that the required reports and information from strati-
6 graphic tests and exploratory wells drilled for oil and gas contain
7 significant information relating to the valuation of unleased land in
8 the same vicinity, the commissioner shall keep the reports and infor-
9 mation confidential for a reasonable time after the disposition of all
10 affected unleased land, unless the owner of the well gives written
11 permission to release the reports and information at an earlier date.
12 Well location, depth, status and production data and production
13 reports required by the commission to be filed subsequent to the
14 30-day filing period are [SHALL BE CONSIDERED] public information and
15 may [SHALL] not be classified confidential. Production data, as used
16 in this subsection, means volume, gravity and gas-oil ration of all
17 production of oil or gas after the well begins regular production.

18 * Sec. 3. AS 31.05.070(a) is amended to read:

19 (a) The commission may summon witnesses, administer oaths, and
20 require the production of records, books, and documents for examina-
21 tion at a hearing or investigation conducted by it. [A PERSON MAY NOT
22 BE EXCUSED FROM ATTENDING AND TESTIFYING, OR FROM PRODUCING BOOKS,
23 PAPERS AND RECORDS BEFORE THE COMMISSION OR A COURT, OR FROM OBEDIENCE
24 TO THE SUBPOENA OF THE COMMISSION OR A COURT, ON THE GROUND OR FOR THE
25 REASON THAT THE TESTIMONY OR EVIDENCE, DOCUMENTARY OR OTHERWISE,
26 REQUIRED OF THAT PERSON MAY TEND TO INCRIMINATE OR SUBJECT THAT PERSON
27 TO A PENALTY OR FORFEITURE.] This section does not require a person
28 to produce books, papers, or records, or to testify in response to an
29 inquiry not pertinent to some question lawfully before the commission.

1 or court for determination. If a witness claims the privilege against
2 self-incrimination, the commission may request the attorney general to
3 apply to the superior court under AS 12.50.101 for an order compelling
4 testimony [A NATURAL PERSON IS NOT SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OR
5 TO A PENALTY OR FORFEITURE FOR OR ON ACCOUNT OF ANY TRANSACTION,
6 MATTER OR THING CONCERNING WHICH, IN SPITE OF OBJECTION, THAT PERSON
7 MAY BE REQUIRED TO TESTIFY OR PRODUCE EVIDENCE, DOCUMENTARY OR OTHER-
8 WISE, BEFORE THE COMMISSION OR COURT, OR IN OBEDIENCE TO ITS SUBPOENA.
9 HOWEVER, A PERSON TESTIFYING IS NOT EXEMPT FROM PROSECUTION AND PUN-
10 ISHMENT FOR PERJURY COMMITTED IN SO TESTIFYING].

11 * Sec. 4. AS 31.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 ARTICLE 2A. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

13 Sec. 31.05.141. AFFILIATION WITH THE INTERSTATE OIL COMPACT
14 COMMISSION. The governor, in the name of the state, may join with the
15 other states in the interstate compact to conserve oil and gas, exe-
16 cute agreements to extend the expiration date of the interstate com-
17 pact, and determine when it is in the best interests of the state to
18 withdraw from the compact and take the actions necessary to effect the
19 withdrawal. The governor, or the governor's designee, is the official
20 representative of the state in the interstate compact, and shall take
21 whatever action is considered appropriate in connection with that
22 position.

23 * Sec. 5. AS 31.05.150(a) is amended to read:

24 (a) A person who [WILFULLY] violates a provision of this chap-
25 ter, or a regulation or order of the commission adopted under this
26 chapter, is liable for [SUBJECT TO] a civil penalty of no [NOT] more
27 than \$5,000 per day [\$1,000] for each day [ACT] of violation [AND FOR
28 EACH DAY THAT THE VIOLATION CONTINUES], unless the penalty for viola-
29 tion is otherwise provided for and made exclusive in this chapter.

1 * Sec. 6. AS 31.05.150(b) is amended to read:

2 (b) A [IF A] person who, for the purpose of evading this chapter
3 or any regulation or order of the commission adopted under this chap-
4 ter, knowingly commits any of the acts specified in AS 11.46.630(a)-
5 (1) - (4), is guilty of a class A misdemeanor [WILFULLY MAKES OR HAS
6 MADE A FALSE ENTRY IN A RECORD, ACCOUNT OR MEMORANDUM REQUIRED BY THIS
7 CHAPTER, OR BY A REGULATION OR ORDER, OR WILFULLY OMITTS, OR CAUSES TO
8 BE OMITTED, FROM A RECORD, ACCOUNT OR MEMORANDUM, FULL, TRUE AND
9 CORRECT ENTRIES AS REQUIRED BY THIS CHAPTER, OR BY A REGULATION OR
10 ORDER, OR REMOVES FROM THE STATE OR DESTROYS, MUTILATES, ALTERS OR
11 FALSIFIES SUCH RECORD, ACCOUNT OR MEMORANDUM, THE PERSON IS GUILTY OF
12 A MISDEMEANOR, AND UPON CONVICTION IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT MORE
13 THAN \$5,000, OR BY IMPRISONMENT IN JAIL FOR NOT MORE THAN SIX MONTHS,
14 OR BY BOTH].

15 * Sec. 7. AS 31.05.150 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

16 (f) A person who knowingly violates a regulation or order of the
17 commission is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of no more
18 than \$5,000 per day for each day of violation.

19 * Sec. 8. AS 31.05.170 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

20 (15) "exploratory well" means a well drilled

21 (A) in search of a new and yet undiscovered pool of
22 oil or gas; or

23 (B) with the hope of extending the limits of a pool of
24 oil or gas that has been discovered or developed.

25 * Sec. 9. Section 3 of this Act has the effect of changing Rule 732 of
26 the Uniform Rules of Criminal Procedure, adopted by the Alaska Supreme
27 Court in State v. Serdahely, 635 P.2d 1182 (Alaska 1981), by changing the
28 immunity granted a witness for compelled testimony from "transactional"
29 immunity to "use" immunity.

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* Sec. 10. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

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REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.:
Title: An act relating to the Alaska Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
Sponsor: Governor
Requestor:
Date of Request: 11/24/86

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Natural Resources
BRU:
Components:

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES : (Thousands of Dollars)

Table with columns: OPERATING, CAPITAL, REVENUE and rows: PERSONAL SERVICES, TRAVEL, CONTRACTUAL, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, LAND & STRUCTURES, GRANTS, CLAIMS, MISCELLANEOUS, TOTAL OPERATING.

FUNDING : (Thousands of Dollars)

Table with rows: GENERAL FUND, FEDERAL FUNDS, OTHER, TOTAL.

POSITIONS :

Table with rows: FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, TEMPORARY.

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However, it places no new requirements on the department, and therefore requires no additional funding.

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Agency Affected: Comm. & Econ. Dev.
BRU: Oil & Gas Conservation
Components: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
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EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
REVENUE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

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Table with 7 columns: OPERATING, FY 87, FY 88, FY 89, FY 90, FY 91, FY 92. Rows include PERSONAL SERVICES, TRAVEL, CONTRACTUAL SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, LAND & STRUCTURES, GRANTS, CLAIMS, MISCELLANEOUS, and TOTAL OPERATING.

Table with 7 columns: CAPITAL, FY 87, FY 88, FY 89, FY 90, FY 91, FY 92.

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FUNDING : (Thousands of Dollars)

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EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
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