

## 2006 Newsletter

Well folks, the 2006 hunting was great. Our spring bear season ended up with our hunters taking 6 nice grizzlies. Two of the hunters have even re-booked for 2007. The bears averaged between 8 1/2 - 9 1/2 feet. Probably the most unique part of the hunt was a 9'+ grizzly that was up a spruce tree about 25 feet. That's right.....up a tree! We were as surprised as anyone. But after one shot by Rick Beeman of Dallas Texas from a .416 in the neck, that bear came down head first like a lawn dart. It took us about 20 minutes to dig him out of the snow. So if anyone ever tells you that grizzlies don't climb trees, don't believe them.

Our fall hunting season was outstanding on bears and a little slow on moose due to unusually warm temps. There were plenty of blueberries and a strong salmon run, both of which kept the bears busy eating and getting fat. Out of 14 hunters they took 11 bears in addition 5 nice black bears were taken. The grizzlies ranged from 7ft to 9ft 6in and the black bears measured 6 to 7 feet. Two of the 14 hunters have booked again for next fall. There are lots of bears in this area and we'd really like to thin out their numbers to improve the moose and caribou population.

Three moose were also added to the harvest list. They ranged from the low 50s to low 60s. There were lots of moose that I saw from the air this year but warm temperatures kept them from moving very much. One big bull that had to be 70"+ never moved more than several hundred yards in 2 1/2 weeks. He had 2 cows, plenty of food and water and lots of dense cover.

We also took a few wolves, which is always beneficial to the moose and caribou population. In fact, we encourage all of our hunters to take as many wolves as they can (\$30.00 tags required in Unit 17; no tags required in Unit 19).

For the 2007 hunting season we only have two spots left for spring bear(at press time). We only take 6 hunters in the spring and only 3 in the field at any time. Our new camp will be located in the very center of the best bear hunting in the area. Just as a point of interest on the spring grizzly hunts, our hunters have taken 7 of the top 10 SCI grizzlies. Not a bad percentage when you think about it.

For the fall season, we've put together a great 2-on-1 combination grizzly, caribou, black bear, wolf, and wolverine hunt. At \$6,800 per hunter (plus tags, license, etc.) this is a bargain on a highly successful hunt. We also have a couple of our 2 on 1 hunts where one hunter can hunt moose while the other goes for grizzly still available. Now, if the moose hunter also wants to take a grizzly, he can for a trophy fee (and tag) only. And if the grizzly hunter wants to take a moose, he can for just a trophy fee (plus tag) only. And if either hunter wants to take black bear (3 maximum) or caribou (1 only), they both can for free, plus tag(s). These hunts are great for man & wife, father & son, father & daughter or just two hunting buddies. Not only is the cost per hunter a great bargain, (\$8500.00 per person) so is the extra animal, even at a trophy fee. Do the math and compare the cost to other outfitters.

If you're interested in some serious fishing either during or after your black bear hunt, let me know. There are some honest 25 to 30 inch Rainbow trout on the Nushigak River you can have a lot of fun with. Catch and release only on Rainbows. You won't be able to hunt black bears and fish at the same time on the "Nush" because the brown bears chase the black bears away during salmon season.

**That's about all I can say about the 2006 season. We're planning for the 2007 season now and look forward to seeing a lot of new and familiar faces in camp this next season. Contact us for a current list of references on our hunts.**

**Best regards,**

### **SHOWS**

**If you have the opportunity to visit either of the following shows, stop by our booth and see some great mounts of animals our hunters have taken and watch a video of some of our hunts. We'd like to meet you and talk to you about our hunts. Dave Dunn, one of our guides and a great taxidermist [www.davedunntaxidermy.com](http://www.davedunntaxidermy.com) will have some of his mounts on display for you to drool over.**

**FNAWS Show  
Salt Lake City, UT  
Jan. 17- 20, 2007**

**RMEF Show  
Reno, NV  
Feb. 22 – 25, 2007**