



~BROWN & BLACK BEAR HUNTS~

Thank you for choosing us for your Alaskan adventure. Below is a list of recommended gear to help make your hunt as comfortable and successful as possible.

We will be hunting in the **Tongass National Forest**, the largest national forest in the United States—and the wettest. Proper gear is critical. **Layering is essential**, as we spend a lot of time sitting in skiffs and on beaches glassing for bears. Expect temperatures ranging from the **mid-30s to low 60s**.

What I Typically Wear-

- Polypro long johns (top & bottom)
- Light fleece pants under my waders
- Fleece sweater or jacket (depending on temperature)
- Light weight puffy
- Simms G4 Guide waders with Simms over boots
- Rubber raincoat

This system keeps me warm in the boat and allows me to shed layers during a stalk. Last season I also tried the new **new boot foot Simms waders** and liked them as well. Below are recommended wader options.

I recommend **warm, comfortable layers**—wool and fleece work best. Bring both a **baseball cap and a stocking cap, buff, warm waterproof gloves, and comfortable shoes** for relaxing on the boat. Casual comfortable clothes for relaxing onboard. If you are on a mixed company trip, we ask proper attire (no long johns) in public areas aboard the boat.

RAIN GEAR (CRITICAL)

- Quality rain jacket (rubber or breathable)
 - **Top Affordable Pick:** Helly Hansen- [Helly Jacket on Amazon](#)
 - **My favorite-** [Kuiu Gale Force](#)
 - Synthetic puffy jacket (for layering)
 - Kuiu Super Down Puffy – <https://www.kuiu.com/collections/insulated-jackets>
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WADERS (CHEST WADERS REQUIRED)


- Breathable chest waders (Gore-Tex or similar)
 - **Guide Choice:** boot-foot waders (all-in-one system) [Simms Boot Foot Waders](#)

DO NOT BRING:

- Neoprene waders
 - Heavy boot-foot duck or fishing waders
 - Felt soles (ILLEGAL in Alaska)
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CLOTHING & LAYERS

- Synthetic or wool long underwear (top & bottom)
- Fleece pants
- Fleece jacket or sweater
- Additional insulating layer (synthetic or down)
- Ball cap
- Stocking cap/beanie/buff
- Warm waterproof gloves
- Comfortable shoes for relaxing on the boat
- Casual, appropriate clothing for dinners & mixed company
(No long johns or pajamas at the dinner table)

 Avoid cotton clothing or jeans under waders—it gets cold and clammy

ACCESSORIES & ESSENTIALS

- Binoculars (with lens covers)


- Headlamp
 - Waterproof daypack- [Kuiu Dry Bag](#)
 - Sunglasses
 - Sunscreen
 - Personal toiletries
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FIREARMS & AMMUNITION

- Scoped rifle (properly sighted in) Suppressors welcome.
- Two boxes of ammunition
 - Black Bear: **180 grain or heavier**
 - Brown Bear: **250 grain or heavier**
- Scope covers
- Dry rag or chamois for cleaning optics

Minimum Caliber Requirements (MANDATORY):

- Brown Bear: **.338 Magnum minimum** (**✗** NO .338 Lapua will be allowed)
- Black Bear: **.300 Magnum minimum**

 Alaska law states that a **wounded bear is a tagged bear**.
Be confident shooting out to **200 yards**.

 If caliber requirements are an issue, **we can supply a rifle**.

ARCHERY HUNTERS – ALASKA LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

- Bow meets minimum draw weight:
 - 40 lbs (black-tailed deer, wolf, black bear)
 - 50 lbs (mountain goat, brown bear)
- Arrows:
 - Minimum 20 inches long
 - Minimum 300 grains total weight
 - Fixed-blade, replaceable, or mechanical broadheads (non-barbed)
- Bowhunter education certificate
(*Required if born after January 1, 1986*)