





Hunt ID: AK-BBearElkBDeerDuck-Kodiak-Shannon

## The Kodiak Brown Bear

Kodiak Brown Bear are the world's largest carnivore due to the almost unlimited volume of salmon to feed on and have long had the respect of seasoned international hunters. There are high volumes of large Kodiak Brown Bear throughout Afognak Island's lush habitat

"Fair Chase" is the hunting-style throughout Alaska so hunters need to be in good shape for a confident advantage. We do use warm comfortable cabin-cruisers to spot a large portion of the wildlife so those hunters who aren't as rugged as they once were also do very well on our hunts. This adds to the adventure as much more wildlife (including assorted marine-mammals) is seen, compared to sitting/glassing/hiking on a grassy hillside much of a day.

No special bow-hunting season is necessary here as there's no crowded hunting conditions. There are enough grassy meadows & long beaches, in strategic places, for our bow-hunters to have ample opportunities for getting good shots off. Our outstanding guides can usually get you comfortably close and they back you up with a large caliber rifle.

## **Your Hunting Guides**

Your eagle-eye guides, who've lived in the heart of this lush wilderness year-round for the past 2 - 4 decades, know every nook & cranny. They've provided many a thrilling hunt for both rifle and bow hunters, with many repeat & referred hunters who barely need an excuse to return.

Hunters just need to bring their weapon of choice, extra clothes, quality optics, personal items and a good attitude. We provide everything else including a 90% success-rate, spanning nearly 4 decades on north Afognak Island. For foreign hunters, we provide gratis rifles during your hunt to avoid customs and airlines hassle.

Note: Alaska Standard Time is 4 hours behind Eastern Standard Time. Noon in the east is 8am in Alaska. If our radio-phone is temporarily out-of-order, our emergency backup satellite phone is turned on. Email is the most reliable means of communication.

By law, all bear hunters must be guided. We take no more than 2 bear hunters at once, each with a separate guide & cabin-cruiser. There are 4 Spring & 3 Fall 10-day guided hunts. Also, by law, no flying & hunting are allowed on same day so you must arrive one day prior to your first hunting day.

10 Day Guided Hunts: For these 10 day guided hunts, we take only 1 or 2 hunters at a time, each with their own guide and cabin-cruiser.

Hunting dates are:

Spring
April 6 - 15
April 16 - 25
April 26 - May 5
May 6 - 15

Fall:

October 25 - November 3 November 4 – 13 Elk, Deer & Duck Hunting Elk Hunting

Roosevelt Elk originated from a transplant of 8 calves captured on the Olympic Peninsula of Washington state in 1928 and moved to Afognak Island in 1929. They are larger, slightly darker in color and have shorter, less symmetrical yet more massive antlers than the Rocky Mountain elk found east of the Cascade Mountains in Canada and USA.

Bull elk on Afognak Island are estimated to weigh up to 1,300 pounds.

Cow elk are similar in appearance but are smaller and have no antlers. The rut occurs in September through mid-October.

Afognak Island was originally set aside as a National Forest by President Teddy Roosevelt so it was fitting that the elk named after him would reside in this lush environment.

Elk hunting season is September 25 - November 30, with one Elk/hunter. We suggest a 6-day hunt but more days can be added. Elk hunting season is divided into Permit-Draw and Registration (over the counter pickup) hunts, as follows:

Permit-Draw hunt: September 25 - October 9 AND October 8 - October 22

Reservations should be finalized with us by April 30th and then we take care of the paperwork.

Registration hunt: October 23 - November 30

Reservations can be finalized with us on short notice and you must pick up your permit in Kodiak.

Sitka Deer Hunting

Sitka Blacktail Deer are native to the wet, coastal rain forests of S.E. Alaska but were transplanted to Kodiak & Afognak Islands circa 1930. They are smaller & stockier with a shorter face than other members of the black-tail group. Typical bucks range from 120# to 220#. Normal antler development is 3-4 points/side with very few scoring more than 110 points in Boone & Crockett record book.

With the first heavy frost, many deer in the high alpine and sub-alpine descend to the upper forests. With snowfall, usually in November & December, they move down to the coastal fringe and beaches. Rut occurs during late November.

The season is between August 1 and December 31, but the best hunting is during November and December. You are allowed 4 Deer per hunter and they can be hunted at the same time as Elk, Bear and Ducks. We suggest at least a 4-day hunt but you are welcome to come for any length of time.

Guided Deer hunts include all first-class accommodations, meals & all-day guiding from a cabin-cruiser.

Unguided Deer hunts include all first-class accommodations & meals, with morning drop-offs & evening pickups, in productive areas. A packed-lunch is prepared for your backpack, we give you an overview of area via maps and, for your safety, and we provide a hand-held 2-way VHF radio.

# **Duck Hunting**

The season is from October 8 to January 26. The major species available are:

**Green Winged Teal** 

Pintail

Merganser

Harlequin

Golden Eye (Barrow's, Common)

King Eider

Buffelhead

Mallard

Scoter(Common, Surf, White Wing)

**Old Squaw** 

Others 10-Day Guided Bear Hunt \$18,000 Hunting

dates are:

Spring

April 6 - 15

April 16 - 25 April 26 - May 5 May 6 - 15 Fall: October 25 - November 3 November 4 - 13 November 14 - 23

12-Day Guided Mixed-Bag (Bear, Elk, Deer, Duck) \$23,000 Hunting Dates Oct 23-Nov 3 Nov 4-15

6 Day Guided Roosevelt Elk: \$8,000

Trophy fee \$2,500

The season is between September 25 to November 30, with one Elk per hunter. Six days are recommended but length of hunts are often customized.

Guided Sitka Deer Hunt \$750 per day per hunter Unguided Deer Hunt \$450 per day per hunter

The season is between August 1 to about December 31, but the best hunting is during November and December. You are allowed 3 Deer per hunter and can be hunted at the same time as Elk, Bear and Ducks.

Duck Hunt \$750 per day
The season is from October 8 - January 22

### Non-Hunters

Many hunters are pleasantly surprised at how comfortable & attractive our facilities are and comment that THIS is a place to which they could bring their spouses... and do. Your friends and family enjoy everything you do and are often the ones doing the filming.

Our non-hunter rate is \$350 per day

Additional Costs Non-Resident Aliens Brown Bear Tag \$500 \$650 Elk Tag \$300 \$400 Deer Tag \$150 \$200 2 Bush Flights \$920 \$920 CITES Permit N/A \$150

#### Deposit

50% of Lodge fees plus 100% of the additional costs are due within 15 days after reservation is made.

# **Cancellation Policy**

We accept

Full refund is given if cancellation is made 90 days prior to Deer, Duck, and registration Elk hunts and 6 months prior to drawing-permit Elk and Brown Bear Hunts. Otherwise, deposit is forfeited.

If you are successful in drawing a Kodiak Brown Bear or Roosevelt Elk permit and then cancel, you have forfeited your deposit. Therefore, it is wise to buy travel insurance, which is available through travelagents, the Internet, and directly below.

If you are not successful in drawing an Elk or Brown Bear permit, you can either:

Receive a full refund (except for your hunting license: \$85/US residents or \$300/aliens)

- (a) Wait to see if there is a cancellation so you could move up on the Alternate List (for bear hunters only)
- (b) Roll your deposit over and we will re-apply for you the next season.

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