

Alaskan Brown Bear Equipment List

SE Alaska Hunt Specific

If you are booked for a coastal SE Alaska brown bear hunt this equipment list pertains to you and it is important to remember that you are restricted to 75 pounds maximum on your fly in equipment including your rifle or bow. I strongly urge you to pack and weigh your bags before you leave home. The air charter pilot will make you discard equipment if you come in over bag weight limit.

- **Sleeping Bag** – You will be staying in a wall tent or Alaskan bomb shelter tent with a cot provided. We recommend you bring a sleeping bag that is comfortable and has a comfort rating of at least zero degrees.
- Compact sleeping pillow and inflatable sleeping pad
- **Daypack** – we recommend the Eberlestock X1 pack with rifle boot (www.eberlestock.com) - bow hunters the X2 is w/o gun boot – the Eberlestock packs protect your rifle from banging in the boat, plane, and keeps salt water spray off the gun.
- 10x42 or comparable binoculars – this is a glassing intensive hunt – bring good glass and be ready to use it
- Digital camera w/ 8GB minimum memory card + extra batteries – take 300+ photos! (and share them with us upon your return!)
- Back pack gear - fixed blade knife, flashlight & head lamps with extra batteries
- Paperback book in zip lock bag
- Lightweight cordura chest waders – hodgman waderlite waders – with boots
These are critical, look for reinforced knees and crotch
- Two sets of base layer clothing – Under armor recommended
- Ten pair of socks – quality socks required
- Gloves
- Filtered Water Bottle
- Head net and Lethal brand bug repellent – spring hunters need these items!

- **Sunglasses** (polarized for water and effective on snow)
- **Rifle .300 caliber magnum minimum 200 grain bullet...** We recommend the .338 with 225 grain bullet or the .375 H&H magnum with 300 grain bullet. However the .300 Winchester magnum with 180 grain bullets minimum. Shoot good bullets – Barnes X – check out Corbon DPX and T-DPX – buy them online at www.corbon.com - new for 2010 we are requiring high quality bullets only ... in the past hunters have shown up with poorly constructed bullets and we have had a few bears wounded and lost. You must have a bullet capable of breaking the shoulders of a bear. Barnes X, Swift A Frame, and similar bullets... we recommend the Corbon DPX which is a hopped up Barnes X bullet load. Sight in dead on for 100 yards – most bears are shot at under 100 yards.
- **Bow hunters** – We require at least a 65 pound draw weight with fixed blade broadheads that have no less than 1” of cutting diameter.
- **Outerwear** – we recommend you dress in layers so you can be out in any condition:
 - Jacket – a high quality waterproof fleece jacket like KUIU is recommended
 - Mid layer – we wear a vest or fleece pullover as a mid layer if it gets cold
 - Pants – if you are on the fall salmon stream hunt you will be in waders all day, but bring one pair of fleece hunting pants just in case... you can always wear them around camp
 - One light weight rubberized rain jacket for down pour days.
 - WADERS – we recommend a chest wader to keep you dry, allow you to step out of the skiff in waist deep water, and be comfortable.

We highly recommend that all of our hunters wash their clothing in CAMO RESTORE – this is a special detergent that takes water proof or water resistant material, like a hunting jacket and pants, and restores or improves its ability to repel water. In Alaska rain is a reality on most hunts. You need to be prepared for it and Grangers has really made a difference. It also removes scent from clothing which helps since a bear’s top sense is his sense of smell. You can buy Grangers on their website at www.camowash.com ... buy this wash and use like a regular detergent.

Communications: The guide most likely will have a satellite phone for check ins and emergency communications. However it is not for client personal use. We recommend that you purchase a DeLorme inReach for text/email two way communications with home and office if needed as well as emergencies. <http://www.inreachdelorme.com/> We have access to DeLorme inReach products at SOA.