

Boat Based Alaska Black Bear Hunts

Suggested Equipment List for Boat Based Hunts

This is only a suggested list but has been put together over many years of experience.

- **Sleeping Bag** – The boat has beds for all hunters – however a sleeping bag and pillow are required
- **Daypack** – we recommend the Eberlestock X1 pack with rifle boot (www.eberlestock.com) - this keeps the gun out of the salt water spray and your hands free during any hiking or walking.
- 10x42 or comparable binoculars – this is a glassing intensive hunt – bring good glass and be ready to use it – Check out Steiner Predator series optics.
- Digital camera w/ 8GB minimum memory card + extra batteries – take 300+ photos!
- Backpack gear - Fixed blade knife, flashlight & head lamps with extra batteries, and head net and Lethal brand bug repellent.
- Paperback book – put in a zip lock bag!
- Sunglasses, sunny days on the water will hurt your eyes
- Baseball cap and a stocking cap
- Deck Shoes for wearing on the boat, slip on Muck or other brands recommended.
- Hip Waders – getting into and out of boats, walking shorelines, etc... We actually recommend fly fishing style waders – they help keep you dry but hip waders at a minimum.
- Two sets of base layer clothing – Under armor recommended
- Ten pair of socks – quality socks required
- Gloves

- **Rifle** .30 caliber minimum 165 grain bullet.... We recommend the .30 caliber guns with 180+ grain bullet. Coastal bears are tough! Shoot good bullets – Barnes X – check out Corbon DPX and T-DPX and Swift A Frame – buy them online at www.corbon.com - Sight in dead on for 100 yards
- **Bow hunters** – We require at least a 60 pound draw weight and we prefer fixed blade broadheads that have no less than 1” of cutting diameter or the best brands of expandable broadheads.

Outerwear – we recommend you dress in layers so you can be out in any condition:

- Jacket – a high quality waterproof breathable jacket like KUIU or Stormkloth is recommended
- Mid layer – we wear a vest or fleece pullover as a mid layer if it gets cold
- Pants – If you choose to not bring waders to hunt in you need fleece pants to match jacket – two pairs – and knee high rubber boots.
- One rubberized rain jacket that comes down well past your waist for downpour days.

Remember, when choosing your weapon, that a wound and loss policy is in effect on all of our hunts. So if you hit a bear and do not recover it, you punch your tag. So bring good, high quality equipment and be proficient with it.

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 CAMO RESTORE on their website at www.camowash.com ... this replaces your 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/> Or stop in Anchorage and rent a satellite phone before going into the field.