
The Economic Importance of Alaska's Wildlife in 2011

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Appendix M: Survey Comments

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Planned bear viewing flight from Kodiak cancelled due to weather. Great guide present on the M/V Tustumena (AMHS Aleutian service) introducing us to Alaskan wildlife and more. Visiting from Switzerland.
2011 trip was to Ketchikan. Was third trip to SE AK. Stayed in bed and breakfast. Flight see trip to Misty Fiords. Sea kayaking, ocean salmon fishing, trout fishing on Ward Lake, birding, photography, hiking were key activities. Fabulous experience. We plan annual trips to the great state of AK. This June 2012 we visited Homer AK. Another fabulous experience.
A Bear cross the road right in front of our RV on our way to Denali.
addicted to ALaska...last year it was a friends boat on Prince William Sound out of Valdez for 6 days!! Amazing place, gorgeous, gorgeous!! caught an 80 lb halibut, still seeing the chiropractor. salmon, otters, black bear, eagles, seal, sea lions, ice from columbia glacier for our coolers...not sure how we'll top this one but somehow each year we do!!
Alaska is a wonderful place to visit and I intend to come again with the SOLE purpose of viewing wildlife.
Alaska is one of the most beautiful parts of the world. I enjoyed to be there and would like to come back
Alaska is the most beutiful place I have ever been. I particulary love seeing the bears and moose. We also had a great time fishing and cannot wait to do it again. We plan on taking a driving/camping trip there afer I retire and have the time to do it.
alaska wildlife and wilderness is amazing! it was an experience that change our life and our way to travel
All of my Alaska experiences have been outstanding.
Always nice!
Amazing et unbelieve!!!!
amazing two weeks in Alaska. We will come back as soon as possible
Amazing.
Awesome - like a zoo; but only without barriers.
Bear watching in Haines, Alaska when the salmon are running. We normally just to to Skagway or Haines but I have done the Dawson City, Chicken & Tok loop. I love you State and the people who live in it. Ken Putnam Whitehorse
Best experience was in Denali Park; other opportunities were limited. Truly regret not ever having opportunity to hunt in Alaska. At this stage of my life, age and physical ability seriously limit any chance and cost is absolutely prohibitive.
both trips in 2011 were for the purpose of fishing with professional colleagues. wildlife viewing was ancillary to that such that if wildlife appeared while fishing then we would watch - that did not seem to be the focus of your survey. I intend in the next 3 years to come up for the expressed purpose of touring and viewing.
bought a lot on POW island in 2010. Wildlife viewing is just part of the AK experience we sought to enjoy. Hope to build a cabin and move out of the Winnebago soon....
Bus tour through Denali, Too long for our group
Came in for business, but had a great time driving south from Anchorage on the Seward Highway down to Alyeska and back.
Combined trip cruise, visiting family, exploring Alaska from Seward to Fairbanks.
Coming from NYC, we were amazed to see brown bears and moose outside in their natural habitats. Alaska was thrilling and beautiful.

Denali National Park was the best experience we had for viewing wildlife. Second best would be our trip to see the whales, but I can't remember the name of the place we went.
Denali Wildlife Tour and Kenai Fjord Wildlife Tour were absolutely fabulous. Saw all the various wildlife groups and had perfect weather and had great guides who were very knowledgeable and very willing to answer any and all questions. These 2 tours were definitely the highlights of our trip.
Did not see much wildlife in the interior. Saw marine mammals from the cruises ship.
Didn't see much, a moose, some dall sheep on a hillside, one eagle from a distance, Some dolphin and whale along the side of the ship.
Don't penalize guided halibut fishing trips. O.K. with one per day but any size ..
Driving the Denali National Park road during road lottery is such a unique experience, and it is special adventures like this that keep us coming back to Alaska.
Due to the versatility in wildlife viewing this was the most enjoyable experience we could have hoped for. We saw wildlife from the ship, the train, the bus, it was amazing!
During my trip to Valdez I was able to spot a bald eagle in flight. In addition, there were three eagles (two bald and one golden) that were nesting in some trees near the Totem Inn. I was able to take some excellent pictures.
Encounters with grizzlies fishing in the river at Haines.. Trekking encounter with Grizzly in the Yukon.. Humpbacks along the inside passage.. Fantastic black bear sightings in Juneau(with cubs) whilst trekking.. bald eagles
Enjoy visiting Anchorage and driving to other areas. Goodnews River Lodge is a wonderful fishing experience for a week. Seeing the grizzly bears and youngsters roaming the river and hills was exciting as was other water wildlife.
ENJOYED SEEING BEARS, EAGLES, WHALES
Enjoyed seeing sea lions
Enjoyed the scenery.
Enjoyed thw wilderness, purity and opportunity to see wildlife in their natural habitat.
Even from the deck of a big ship, the views in College Fjord were splendid. We had taken the 26 glacier cruise 3 years before and were impressed and, frankly. were surprised that the views from the large ship were very good.
Everywhere we went, with the exception of Anchorage, we saw wildlife.
exceptional watching the different wildlife - nice part of the country to visit.
fantastic
Fantastic close encounters of Humpback Whales, Orca pods, Brown Bear & Grizzly bear to name only the most spectacular. Due to remoteness of location, very few people and excellent guidance because of small ship cruising and local knowledge.
fantastic, beautiful scenery and friendly people
Fished the Situck and lost river Yakutat. Also flew out to fish one day
Fishing was the primary reason for the trips to Alaska, the wildlife viewing seemed an unexpected bonus as it is plentiful.
For me, the major reason I bought property in Alaska and why I spend so much time there is because of the presence of wildlife and the unspoiled environment. Hope it doesn't change due to development and poor decision-making regarding habitat preservation.

For someone from the East Coast like me, Alaska presents the utter majesty of the Northwest. The mountains bring you so close to the heavens you can smell the change of air and from these towering peaks, you can be cradled by the flow of the waters below. Opalescent glaciers jut out of serenity, hot pink fireweed lines the rivers and dales and the daylight reluctantly gives in to dusk...Through all this daily imagery you must add the plethora of birds that are nascent to the South Central region of Alaska, the meandering moose and the chance to spy one of the bears of the region. The mix is a paradise of sight and of sound and every day is a surprise as to what we may see, but see we do!
Good kayaking - whales, sea otter etc.
Got to get up close (25 yards) from a mother moose and her calf.
great
great experience
Great fishing and viewing of bears, marine mammals, eagles, sea-birds, deer
Great nature, panoramas and great opportunity to see wildlife unforgettable trip
Great time, good weather and a wonderful place to visit.
great vacation, would love to return soon for a longer period of time.
Greatest experience was to watch grizzlies feeding on salmon.
grizzly bear in denali whales on boats from whittier and valdez and seaward
Had a great time whale watching in Juneau. Experienced bubblenet feeding. Wished someone had told us to take the longer tour into Denali instead of the tour that is included with our Princess package. Group that took the longer tour saw lots of wildlife, while we only saw a moose and her two babies.
had fun fishing & sightseeing but had bad weather
Had some great encounters at Gates of the Arctic NP. Canoeed the Alatna River and it was my 14th time in Alaska. I keep coming back unless this precious spot will be spoilt.
have done Chilkoot Trail
have hunted Dall sheep, grizzle, moose, caribou.....Last 7 trips have been guided fly-out fishing trips
Have three children who live in Alaska. Have hunted and fished all over the state. Had great experiences with my kids and grandkids. One owns a large construction firm in the Ank. area. One is a teacher in Wasilla, one a lodge owner and guide in Coffman Cove.
I actually saw more wildlife in one day trip to the Yukon than in Southeast (as far as large mammals are concerned).
I am a bird watcher and I added 35 to my life list! It was fantastic. We were on a Princess Cruise and then a land tour, driving to Prudhoe Bay on the Dalton Highway. Back at Anchorage, we flew to Nome and drove the 3 roads out of Nome. Back to Anchorage and drove the Kenai Penninsula, both to Seward (where we took our Nat'l Park Marine Tour) and on over to Homer and back to Anchorage. A beautiful state and a good time we did have. (18 May - 13 Jun 2011)
I am not a very outdoorsy person, but I have enjoyed the bus through Denali many times.
I am preparing my notes, that I kept, to attempt to write a book about our travels and how wonderful they were.
I am too busy to relate the joys of seeing whales, sea otters, eagles, seals, and other marine mammals on the trip. We saw moose, bears, and mountain goats and multiple species of small mammals and birds in Denali Nat'l Park.

I am very interested in wildlife and its conservation but this survey is really not designed for my visit. I was travelling through on my way from Whitehorse to Prince Rupert and while the remoteness and the wonderful scenery and knowing that there was wildlife in the woods, ocean and other habitats was very important to me in my decision to visit the area, I cannot really say I went out specifically to view wildlife. I had great difficulty deciding which category to think about in the screen that talked about side trips or whole trip. I nearly decided not to do the survey and I am surprised you got as many as 500+ respondent. Similarly I already contribute to and belong to several wildlife conservation organizations and for that reason would not be interested in a new fund. The financial information is quite onerous to compile especially at this time after the trip and I believe I already gave more detailed information in the survey I completed at Ketchikan ferry terminal. Did you try out the survey on a few visitors first and get their feedback? I understand why you would like the information but I think you should consider whether this particular survey is the best way to get it. Having said all that, I did love Alaska and I would like to return for a longer visit and go to some of the other areas. I hope it does not get overdeveloped; I am particularly concerned about oil and gas exploitation and the associated infrastructure. Thank you

I appreciate seeing wildlife in their natural habitat. But it is their habitat and do not want to intrude on their domain. If I can watch them from a distance, I am satisfied. Appreciate viewing the natural beauty of Alaska with or without the animals. Only the humans spoil the view with their noise, crass commercialism and pollution.

I came to Alaska as a result of a last-minute decision to escape my college classroom and see mountains again. I am from Seattle, WA and transferred to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2010. I missed the ocean, forests, and mountains, and decided a week before fall semester started to look for an internship in Seattle, until it occurred to me that if I could go anywhere, why not somewhere else? I kept randomly running into people who had been to Alaska, and hearing great things about it. So I decided to start researching places offering internships. I ended up contacting a non-for-profit organization who hadn't even advertised for an internship, and ended up getting a call back from the director saying they'd love to have me. It was a great opportunity and I will never forget my experiences in Alaska; the people were welcoming, the food was amazing, and the scenery was wonderful. I'm itching to come back for another visit, and am seriously considering applying for a job for after I graduate next spring. I won't ever forget the amazing journey up, nor will I forget the time I spent there. Thank you!

I come to Alaska since 25 years, every year for fishing, animals and nature. I had the chance to see brown bears, black bears, moose, caribou, wolverine and wolves and many other animals and birds during my fishing trip. Live among these animals is a wonderful experience. I love this country and I love the people who live in Alaska. I have loyal friends of the Alexander and Kodiak and they also come some time in France. I hope your country will long as it is. It is our duty to preserve him for the future.

I come to Alaska to "Fish".

I come to Alaska to see my kids and grandkids. But also to photograph wildlife. Some of my photos are hanging in the Ted Stevens International Airport. I have had photos published in national magazines. Alaska has some of the best scenic and wildlife areas ever. Where else can you get a photo of a large black bear standing on a soccer field in front of the net. You can go to my web site to see a sample of my work. www.bearfootimages.com

I didn't see as much wildlife as I wanted to. Neither did I get as far from town (populated areas) as I would have liked. I plan to visit Alaska again and with the possibility of living in Alaska.

I enjoy to take photos of nature, especially wildlife-animals.

I enjoyed being able to view birds, land mammals, and aquatic wildlife.

I enjoyed viewing numerous bald eagles while I hiked around Valdez last year. I also observed some Ptarmigan, a mountain goat and several species of songbirds, terns and waterfowl. Unfortunately I had hoped to see wolves, and maybe a Grizzly. I only saw signs that a grizzly had been present in the area of the archaeological inventory I had to conduct. Maybe I will see them next time. :-)
I go to fish, but I also enjoy the whales, otters, birds, and bears.
I had a fantastic time fishing at Thorne Bay Alaska
I had an incredible whale watching experience outside of Juneau. Also saw 2 bears up close in a friend's yard, 2 deer standing by the road on Old Glacier Highway as I was walking to the Chinese restaurant, and 5 black bears on the East Glacier Trail at the Mendenhall Glacier and brown bears at the counting weir on the Chilkoot River in Haines.
I had been to Alaska previously, many years ago. We returned, with family, for a fishing trip and spent time also hiking/backpacking in order to see some of Alaska's beautiful scenery and to hopefully see some of the wildlife. We will return to Alaska in the future.
I have been since 1982 devoted to Humpback Whales and have been a strong supporter of research focussed on Mother & Calf Humpback Whales both in Hawaii and Alaska - Alaska is vital it is one of the few surviving places where man's influence has not destroyed habitat to the point of behavior avoidance by the Whales, the waters of Alaska must be protected and managed very carefully to allow this to continue for future generations. My experiences have been unforgettable I would come back every year if I could.
I have been to Alaska several times and never been disappointed
I have been to several famous national and state parks, but the wildlife experiences in Alaska during my five weeks are by far the best: Saw between 90-100 bears mainly in Kodiak and Denali, and four wolfpacks. And most importantly was that most sightings were from foot during hiking. I plan to come back next summer/fall!!! /P-O, Sweden
I have been traveling and visiting Alaska for the past 21 years; I live in Whitehorse Yukon and access to Alaska is easy. Alaska is one of my favorite places to visit for the scenery, remoteness, wild life, photography, and the uniqueness of the environment. Alaska is a place I will never get tired of visiting.
I have visited Alaska many times, primarily for work, but have been able to enjoy many wildlife viewing and fishing experiences. My (and my wife's) most memorable experience was getting a permit for the McNeil River Brown Bear Sanctuary and spending a week with the bears. It was an amazing trip and one that will be difficult to top. It was difficult to respond to some of the questions as my most recent trips to Alaska have been primarily for work.
I live in Yukon, Canada and enjoy the ability to enter Alaska to see wildlife not present in my area. This typically includes marine or riparian wildlife. I appreciate the value Alaskans place on the conservation of wildlife and their environment. I do not mind spending time and money to view wildlife that is not accessible anywhere else in the world.
I love the last frontier and wish Alaska could stay as remote as it is with just less hunting.
I loved the wildlife bears and salmon and other animals like moose ... I was always a person that liked shooting was a law enforcement person working very rough areas and always dealing with hardened criminals ... in my old age now I can't stand hunting ... hunting and killing these animals should be forbidden.. and yes I know all the arguments for hunting .. ppl want to hunt go hunt some bad guys .. not animals ..
I loved to watch the sea otters in College Fjord and Glacier Bay. I have had many more experiences with wildlife in Yukon, however as I live in rural Yukon.

<p>I only visited Alaska (2) in the past several years on cruises from Seattle. I did thoroughly enjoy tours where we went on whale watching tours. Also, when going to and from the tours I was thrilled seeing Eagles and other occasional wildlife!! My purpose on visits was scenic and historical aspects, not wildlife! Please, I am not wanting to leave the impression I did not enjoy seeing the wildlife but my purpose was not to hunt or see wildlife! I thoroughly enjoyed Alaska and hope to return again!</p>
<p>I rode the al-can to Kodiak and back on a motorcycle. I viewed wildlife evrywhere. People tell of the people they saw i tell of the animals I saw.</p>
<p>I saw a lot of great wildlife on a Kenai Fjords boat tour as well as some excellent whale sightings. Overall, pretty awesome!</p>
<p>I saw mt goats, caribou, dolphins, whales, eagles, moose and many, many land and sea birds. The scenery was awesome. The wildlife was seemingly just part of the scene. I loved seeing animals at peace in their environment, untouched by man.</p>
<p>I spent my entire trip in a mechanical equipment room making an istall.</p>
<p>I think, Alaska has one of the most beautiful wildlifes in the world, because many areas are untouched by human. And I hope, it'll stay this way, because seeing all this free wildlife is just amazing.</p>
<p>I traveled to Alaska (Frairs Bank) from the Dominican Republic. Therefore I have never had a such interesting's experience with big wild animals. Moose and caribeau are a good representation of Alaska wild's attraction. In addition, Alaska State has an extensive zone with almost no people which allow the wildlife to develop properly.</p>
<p>I visit Alaska approximately 6 times per year and love it! However, I am only there on business. I did, however, enjoy seeing a mother and baby moose in March 2012 eating along 6th street!</p>
<p>I visited my brother in Sitka: a family wedding, but we would not have gone except for the Alaska outdoors. We stayed several nights at a remote Forest Service cabin. Wonderful! We also love to fish. All gear was provided by my relatives. We did take substantial fish home to Colorado.</p>
<p>I was in Alaska for a week on business, related to sustainable fishing of Alaska Pollock, which is wildlife, but not really what your survey is aimed at, I think. I hadn't anticipated actually looking at pollock, but I did visit a salmon hatchery. I took a brief 3-hour side trip on one of the days to cycle down a trail, hoping to see moose, which I did. Your survey sadly lacks 'back' buttons, so when I made a mistake earlier in this, I couldn't go back to correct it.</p>
<p>I was in Kodiak, AK for fishing in August 2011. As part of that trip, we viewed bears on multiple rivers and it enhanced the experience.</p>

I was lucky to have a friend that lives in Anchorage and is a native to show me around - I may not have known about the Seward Highway and the parks that I visited and how much more wildlife I would see - compared to others I met on my flight home that had spendt thousands of dollars on cruises, plane rides, etc. and didn't see any wildlife at all. My first 'viewing' day I saw eagles and a black bear. My second 'viewing' day I was fortunate to see a herd of moose and males fighting, a baby moose, and many beautiful birds - all for the cost of a tank of gas. I think you can still profit from those of us in my 'pay range' by marketing the Seward Highway and the many parks with walking trails - because my 'group' comes already prepared and brings our own gear and we get what we came for - the scenery - but choosing to drive and park and hike (vs. the expensive cruises and plane rides), it leaves us a nice chunk of change left in our budget for parking pass, good Alaskan food, souvenirs and that donation.... It also gave me a chance to meet the natives and local store and restaurant owners - something I would have missed out on riding on a boat or plane. And let me tell you, when you meet a store or restaurant owner, you tend to spend a little bit more... I love Alaska and have returned twice already this year. I have shared my experiences with others that have said "I can't afford to go to Alaska". Yes they can - please show everyone, of all pay ranges, how. It would be a shame to miss this. Thank you for what you do - Alaska changed me.

I was unprepared for how beautiful Alaska is. The expanse of the state, the vast sky, the purity and unpolluted-ness were so enjoyable and refreshing. Someday I would love to return for another visit.

I went for business and unfortunately didn't have a lot of time to sight see. I was driving a lot so I enjoyed seeing the Moose. I also pulled over a few times to look at several different birds. If I could go back I would definitely like to go on my own time and enjoy the wildlife much more.

I went Whale-Watching on a boat, it was a half-day trip. I went walking around the Mendenhall glacier area near Juneau, I saw bears there in summer.

I would have been very interested in participating in a survey that would provide insight into our choice to FISH Alaska's fisheries... Having worked, visited, toured Alaska's resources for several years I was extremely turned off by this survey...

I'd love to hunt. I hunt in Alabama for white tail deer about 45 days a year. Would love to hunt moose, sheep, or other horned animals in Alaska. My primary purpose in coming to Alaska is to visit my son's family. He, his wife and my three grandchildren live in Fairbanks. This last trip to Alaska was my ninth. Visiting with my Grandchildren is my highest priority.

Im a Ph.D. student from Hungary and I travelled to Alaska because a study trip at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. I spent 3 beautiful weeks in this state with a great professor (Falk Huetzman) who showed me a lots values of the alaskan flora and fauna. It was an unforgettable experience for me. I hope in the future I could go there again!

Im from the contenantial divide area of Colorado. Alaska was very nice but very similar to where I live.

In Denali National Park, we were fortunate enough to see a grizzly bear. The ranger thought the bear had newly come out of hibernation. We were on a sightseeing bus and the bear came right down to the road, alongside the bus, then ambled on down the road before going off into the wild. Amazing...and some wonderful photos! Also particularly enjoyed the amount of wildlife we saw on a boat excursion in the Kenai Fjord area.

Incidental viewing, basically came to Alaska to Fish.

InnerSea's Discovery Cruise. Best vacation we've ever had!

it is always amazing to see any part of alaska!

It is fascinating to see a lot of different wildlife than at home. Especially the bears and whales.

It was a big dream to go to Alaska, to see the scenery en the wildlife. It was a really great experience!

Alaska will be in my heart forever! One day I'll come back.

It was a great experience, with so many awesome, strong animals so different from here (europa). I liked most the bears, the moose and the bald eagle.
It was a once in a lifetime trip. I saw many animals.
It was a trip of a lifetime. I am especially glad we took the flight-seeing trip around Denali, otherwise clouds would have obstructed our view.
It was beautifull. We were in Valdez and saw the ice sea, in Skagway we went up the mountains. It was great/ We are thinking to come back to Alaska in 2013.
It was great for us and specially for kids to have the opportunity to see wildlife (black bears, mouse, eagles, whales, etc.) they will remind those experiences for the rest of their lives.
It was great to see moose and their young. I have never been close to wildlife like moose in a city setting and thought it was neat that wildlife was somewhat integrated into smaller towns as it is. I was also privileged to see a bald eagle right outside the window of our house in Eagle River, AK.
It was great. We will come back some day.
It would be interesting if contributions made to American wildlife could become tax deductible in Canada.
Juneau.... took a 2 or 3 hour cruise out to see whales and saw LOTS of whales... amazing.
Just love seeing wildlife in their natural habitat.
Kayaking out o Sewardbird watching in Homer. Of course saw much more & did much more during 25 years we lived in Nome.
Kenai Fjords National Park Cruise Denali Tundra Wilderness Tour Tracey Arm Fjord Cruise - all gave us lovely wildlife experiences.
loved alaska. thrilling. willing to donate to help preserve but dont want to say at this time loved seeing the fox the most.
loved all aspects of the trip so much we moved here 1 month later and have been loveing it ever seince
loved our trip, though for the US thought that it was expensive and would probably only do it once in a lifetime. The trip to denali park saw many animals that day, though the bus ride was a bit scary at times
loved seeing the eagles and moose.
Loved the ability to do so many different things in Juneau! We hiked the glacier, went camping & fishing, and zip lining. We loved our Alaskan vacation! Keep up the good work!
Loved to see the whales and sea lions. Unfortunately the timing in Denali didn't allow us to see and bears. However, see the eagles almost made up for it.
Many people don't realize that Alaska is a FANTASTIC diving area. I was in the Navy, and have dove all over the globe. Alaskas diving was EXTREMELY unique, and I would promote that. There are a lot of people who dive out there, but Alaska doesnt seem like a good spot when you think about it. Promote the diving. It was incredible.
marvelous experience
Mendenhall Glacier was one of the most wonderful places I've ever been to. We stayed by the waterfall for a couple of hours and watched the birds hovering in the spray. Seeing Bald Eagles on a hiking trip in Juneau was really great. I also enjoyed the ravens just around town. They are not native to my hometown, so it was fun to hear the different sounds they make, even though they seem to be a common city bird there. We saw a small black bear on a neighbor's porch - that was exciting. The nature views were spectacular from the very grand to the very minute details, but this survey is regarding wildlife, so I'll stick to that. We saw signs of humpback whales while out on a cousin's skiff, but never got a really good view. But we were just on a little skiff, so maybe it's best that we didn't get too good of a view!
Mostly marine mammals on a charter boat. Also saw eagles, wolves, bears. Loved it all

Mostly travelled Alaska to see the scenery and meet the people.
My answers to the survey may seem a bit odd, but that's because I was in Kotzebue on a mission trip. I was with a team there to build a youth camp on the tundra, and while seeing wildlife would have been really neat, it was not my focus for the trip.
My co-star is from Alaska and my brother lives there, too.
My husband and I are from Alberta, Canada and we enjoyed our trip from Anchorage Alaska last August, visited up to Fairbanks, went to Yukon, and then down to Skagway to catch the cruise ship back to Vancouver, BC. We loved the bald eagles, brown bears, the caribou, the dogsleds with dogs. We saw whales on the way back from our cruise ship. Alaska is beautiful, even if our warmest day was 15C in August. We loved the friendliness of the people also.
My most significant wildlife-related experience in Alaska during my summer visit in 2011 was witnessing 2 bull moose relaxing and eating while I backpacked Crow's Pass with a friend of mine who currently lives in Anchorage. We also spotted a black bear as well as ptarmigans. This truly was the Alaskan experience I paid to witness and it was virtually free, aside from flying/driving myself to the trailhead. I wish my mom and sister, whom I had traveled to Denali with earlier in the trip, could've had this same experience.
My primary objective was to fish, secondary to enjoy the scenery. The fishing wasn't very good as the commercial guys were fishing very hard the area we were in. The questions asked if I would be willing to pay a small fee to see wildlife and I answered "no". However I would be willing to pay a hefty amount for an out of state fishing licence that would give me the rights to catch the "same limit as an in-state resident". How about \$500 for an annual resident non-resident license. Big money from big time fishermen. The fishing pole and reel I use cost more than \$500 and I spent around \$2200 on fuel for the boat in 2011 so more money for a better license would be a good thing.
My trip in 2011 did not include the type of wildlife experiences you were hoping I would participate in. A former resident of /s
My trip was not primarily for wildlife viewing, but as I spent most of 10 days in areas where wildlife is present, I expected to see a greater diversity of birds and other animals than I did. I'd like to bring my wife to Alaska for the spectacular scenery, but the high cost of lodging, meals, and transportation gives me pause. Alaska is in competition with other destinations that also provide excellent wildlife viewing opportunities. We may spend our dollars on trips to Latin America instead of Alaska because we get a much better value per dollar spent.
My trips to Alaska are to visit my family and hometown. Wildlife is pretty much irrelevant, so my survey response may not be useful to you.
My wife and I belong to the wildlife sanctuary on Turnagain arm and have for a few years
My wife enjoyed the grizzly bears the most. In addition to the animal viewing, I particularly enjoyed viewing and studying the flora and the dramatic climate change from one area to the next. I got some very good photos of fungi and insects. Insects are not often thought of as wildlife, but I enjoy them.
No, too difficult in english. We had a cruise with 5 days cruisetour followed by 3 days on our own. I couldn't tell you the right amount of \$ what we have spent for that what you asked for.
none
None.
Observed bubble feeding saw Orca.
Once in a lifetime visit. Loved it.
Or stay inside Denali National Park was fabulous but quite expensive.
Our fishing trip included the opportunity of seeing orcas and other sea creatures.

Our fishing trip on the Little Susitna was incredible. Great guide, beautiful weather, wildlife abound & we both caught King Salmon.
Our son was hiking in Alaska and was attacked by a grizzly bear. But he chose Alaska to visit at least partly because of the kinds of wildlife there -- and for how wild your state is.
Our trip was the trip of a lifetime! It was wonderful! I have recommended to many people the Alaska Ferry Tours, and the Adventure Alaska Tours which we used.
Really enjoyed the trip. The trip was billed as a cruise, but was only 3 days on ship and 7 days on land. We may return and spend more time doing fishing and specific sightseeing.
Really experienced close -up viewing of all the wildlife listed earlier, and saw the most amazing vistas.
saw a bear climb a tree - better than disney
saw animals on the Denali tour that bus driver said he hadn't seen.
Saw both brown bear and her cubs within 100 yards which was good. I was disappointed in not being able to see a bull moose.
Saw lots of marine life on a day cruise in Seward.
Saw lots of whales
Saw several bears, and also watched the seal eating salmon at the fish ladder in Skagway
Saw so many animals. Loved Denali, loved the whale and bear excursions, loved the native people.
Saw the majority of wildlife in Denali. And, that was not a lot.
Seeing a humpback whale swimming around our fishing boat was the highlight for me.
Seeing hump back whales in their natural enviroment has always been a dream and to be in a boat with them all around us was a dream come true. to see them blow and to see their huge tails as they dived was incredible. Seeing sea otters floating on their backs, totally ignoring our cruise ship, seals and sea lions basking on rocks were all magical moments. Brown bears, caribou and reindeer and eagles soaring above us while on the land portion of our trip were unforgettable.
seen some moose going to the chenna hot springs
Several of the people (Firefighters) who I used to work with both active and retired, fish in Sitka every couple of years. Our group ranges from 15 to 50. We all bring friends, family, etc. to experience the wonderful fishing. My son and I have been coming to Sitka for 7 years and have always enjoyed it very much. Prior to going to alaska, we fished in Canada. However, we like Sitka much more. Thanks for the opportunitie to provide this feedback. Ken
Seward Beach - we`ve seen a Male Moose very close.Seabears, Salmons,...
Sharing a stream with Grizzly Bears, viewing eagles fishing,watching moose with their calves,seeing Whales in Cook inlet, experience's are so numerous. While visiting Alaska for us is about being with family and friends there is so much to see that every trip is wonderful whether summer or winter.
Since I made a motorcycle trip I had not the time to look for wildlife
Some Towns and Landsscape are interesting
Surpassed my expectations!
The bears are awesome
The best wildlife experience was in Denali National Park, during the bus trip to the heart of the NP and then during three days trekking in this region. Really nice feelings "to be lost" in the wildlife!
The bus trip into Denali Park was extremely interesting and we saw a lot of wildlife. Wildlife in its naturally habitat is much more interesting than in a zoo.
The entire trip was one surprise viewing after another, whether it be a bear on or along the roadk a herd of bison by the Alaska Hwy, mountain goats south of Anchorage, birds near Homer or glaciers and mountains everywhere. Every turn of the road held us in suspense, awaiting the vista or creature which would open up to us.

The landscape and wild life was awesome ! We loved it !
The others in my group were more interested in seeing wildlife. I loved the shallow glacial silt rivers in the interior, learning more about the 1964 earthquake that I'd only seen photos from, and I took 500 2MB photos during our 7-day cruise of the glacial-silt-colored water of Glacier Bay, the beautiful rock formations near the glaciers, and the incredible sunsets on the ocean. I loved the cruise ship itself, and, being married to a man who served 4 years in the Navy, we both loved Holland America's Zaandam. My profile photo on Facebook is me on the Alaska cruise. But wildlife isn't as important to me as geology and taking great photos are. I took 1200 and have kept more than 1000 photos from those two weeks.
The primary purpose of our first trip to Anchorage area was for our son's wedding. The purpose of our second trip was to visit our son and daughter in law before they deployed to Afghanistan.
The questions in this survey are not well thought out, phrased or posed. They are also too numerous. Questions regarding expenses should not be asked a whole year after the event. People forget!
the scenery was magnificent, BREATHTAKING. very cool
The wide open, undeveloped areas were wonderful to view.
The wildlife viewing is a bonus, while fishing is usually the main focus of my trips to Alaska. The focus shifted somewhat on a kayak trip daughter and friend(who both worked in Sitka for the summer), to see sea life up close. There have been other related trips in the past that have more relevance to wildlife viewing, but I know that most people have the thought of seeing alot of varied wildlife while travelling to Alaska, because that is the portrait that has been painted to the outside of Alaska. Maintaining this will continue to be a larger challenge as the general population increases. There is no one area of exposure that is going to cause issue other than the whole of all of them together. As a hunter I know that most other hunters recognize the value of maintaining the species and the influx of tourism, wildlife viewing guides and tours may do as much harm if not more over time. The satisfaction I get is seeing the wildlife in a natural setting not surrounded by throngs of people and as large as Alaska is, the fact that most of the vast regions are not easily accessed, means that there is a larger concentration of humans in one area. But with all of that said, Alaska still has the best oppourtunity to enjoy a great deal of wildlife.
this was my second trip, much better than the first but both were beyond words had a great time, will concider another trip in a few years
This was our 2nd trip to Alaska both being cruises. We absolutely loved it. We hope someday to extend our stay with a land, sea and air package. It is an amazing state!
This was our first trip to Alaska and it was awesome, and will not be our last. The photos of landscapes, wildlife and marine life were unsurpassed, the splendor magnificent and a memory of a lifetime. We actually took residence in Alaska after and at the conclusion of the trip. We have traveled in many Countries and so far this has been the best of the best and we continue to inform others and to show photos wherever we are. Perhaps to show off our photography but most of all to give others the chance to see, know and want to go to Alaska and seek out and behold the beauty awaiting them.
Took a boat trip and saw brown bears from quite close, and eagles in numbers that were thrilling.
Unfortunately we didn't have any this last trip. I did however spend a few of my teenage years there growing up. Other than seeing whales, eagles, salmon, and a wolf, that was the extent of my wildlife adventures.
unique!
VERY NICE AND INTERESTING.
Viewing otters, puffins and brown bear with cubs.
Viewing wildlife and scenery was an exhilarating experience. Saw Polar Bears, Lynx and Grizzly Bears from close by...really close by.

Visit friends in Sitka every year. Part of the fun is watching the musical programs there, the young people building musical skills and friendships is another perspective of wildlife viewing. Very enjoyable.
Visited Danalie (sp). Great
Visited Denali as a side trip after attending a conference in Fairbanks
Visited relatives that work at a fish hatchery. Saw bears, otters, eagles whales. Went to museums, cruised, dined out. Will visit again soon.
Wanderfull landscapes, nice people, lots of water and kingdom of nature
Was a great time. I am from New Jersey which is a total dump compared to Alaska. However, was disappointing to see some locals not care about their environment.
Was a great trip, Salt water halibut restrictions are a reason we may not return , unless they are changed.
was great and beautiful
Was in Alaska for a wedding. Took half day trips for kayaking and flightseeing in Misty Fjords
Was there primarily for a guided fishing trip in the Kenai and surrounding area. Wanted very much to see a variety of wildlife not typically found in the lower 48 at the same time, e.g., wolf, grizzly, caribou, moose, etc. Did get to see some grizzly along the river and lots of black bears roaming around the hills on the lake. Very likely this will be a once or twice trip we'll ever make but would certainly love to go back again.
We (me and my wife) had a great trip. The trip to Alaska was on our list of "priority trips" for years - and we made it!!!! Our memories will last for long... :-)
We (wife and myself) enjoyed very much our trip to Alaska....It was a "once" in a lifetime experience. However, we may plan another trip if financial able. We certainly hope to!
We are already booked to come back to Alaska in 2013 as we love the scuba diving there. The bonus for us on a diving liveaboard is that we get lots of wildlife experiences without having to take specific day trips. We would love to do a bear watching trip as an addition, but have found it to be very expensive when compared to what we pay for a diving holiday package just for a few hours watching bears, we have the money to pay for it...but do not consider it to be good value for money.
We are keen hikers and enjoyed long lonely hikes in the Nabesna Valley. We travelled in a RV rented in Whitehorse and spend 2.5 weeks in the Yukon, 10 days in Alaska
We are not coming this year due to mimanagement of the King Salmon. This was an issue while I lived their for 10 years and most certainly an issue now with the closures due to the mis-management.Would consider the Halibut fishing but too expenive to travel to Alaska for one halibut per day with the new rules in areas I used to fish. Bad deal as I loved Alaska and understood the tourist dollar value per fish. I never fished with less than six people, friend or family from the lower 48 that also can no longer justify with the poor fishing that Alaska in known for..
We backcountry camped in Denali for 3 days sleeping in tents for 2 nights that we carried in in our backpacks. We also ate food that we carried in or picked (lots of blueberries. We had a very close encounter with a grizzly cow and her 2 partially grown cubs on our way out). They were all three on their hind legs looking at us as we backed slowly away together as a group before they all three ran off the other way. From our car near Manley Hot Springs we saw a black bear cow and her triplets and later that day a moose mother and her twins. Several years before I stared down a lynx on a trail in Denali.
We came with a in a RV and we traveld through Canada and into Alaska. We had 3 weeks. In Skagway we took the ferry to Prince Rupert. We had a great time, we saw a lot of wildlife also on the culturel level (native art). Which we find also very important (you too?). 20 years ago we where also in Alaska (6 weeks) and returning back to some plces was great fun.

We did a lot of driving, and I really enjoyed seeing wildlife as we were traveling along. It was great when we could spot something off the side of the road. Alaska has the most beautiful expanse of natural beauty and it was great to see animals in their natural habitat.
We did not see much wildlife, but really enjoyed our time there. On our tour out in the wilderness, there were 2 women from Switzerland with us, and they really wanted to see a black bear. For their sake we hoped we would come across one, however, we did not. I think our lower level of interest in wildlife viewing stems from the fact that we live in B.C., in the country and frequently see all kinds of wildlife, so it is not a unique experience for us. However, it is something we treasure and respect.
We enjoyed a side trip in Skagway when we saw bears along the Highway eating dandelions and also the Mountain goats that were up close. Some animals in Denali were just too far away to see clearly on the bus full of people
We enjoyed all the wildlife in Denali, Anchorage, Yukon and Canada.
We enjoyed our cruise/trip to Alaska in 2011.
We enjoyed our trip to Alaska, unfortunately, we were unable to see much active wildlife during our trip. According to our ATV guide, we had seen bear tracks that may have contributed to our lack of animal sighting. I had wished to see so much wildlife, but we had only a few encounters, most of which occurred in the zoo. If we travel back to Alaska we will take a longer trip and plan to see Denali, and likely more animals.
We enjoyed seeing the beautiful Eagles in the tops of the trees. Enjoyed whale watching. We wanted to see bears but only saw where they had fed on fish recently. It was all a wonderful experience! I would do it again in a heartbeat, if finances permit.
We go for the remoteness of forest service cabins and the great fishing. We've been going for 11 years and had great experiences in Alaska.
we go to Alaska to fish
We go to an isolated place in SE Alaska via float plane from Sitka. We use a US Forest Service Cabin. We celebrated our 22nd consecutive year trip to the same location. We hope this valuable experience can continue for another 22 years.
We had a great time with the entire experience of visiting Alaska.
We had a wonderful experience, animals in the wild, nature taking care of itself. We remember every turn was a WOW..animals and the wilderness. We have a blog about our experience at travelswithjohnandjanice.wordpress.com if you want to see what we thought as we traveled..
We had such an amazing time last year in Glacier Bay Alaska with Alaska Mountain Guides, we're returning to repeat the trip ourselves in two weeks. We can't wait!!
We have been on safari in Africa and found it to be more luxurious than our travel in Alaska. Perhaps it was the more exotic (to us) atmosphere in Africa compared to the fact that Alaska is part of the US that influenced this comment. Also, we are much older now than when we traveled the world (as we did while employed) and nowadays in retirement look for more conveniences.
We have driven to Alaska two times to visit relatives and our joy was seeing all the wildlife while we were driving.
We have very similar wildlife in Norway, where I come from. But I love the wildlife in Alaska. It's like a different world. There seem to be many more bears, eagles, whales and salmon. I'm not used to seeing bears crossing main roads like we did on a few occasions on our trip(my group). I would love to come back.
We liked the bald eagles in Ketchikan.
We love Alaska! it is expensive to travel there, sadly. But we go when we can. It's the trip of a Lifetime!

We loved brown bear viewing on the Admiralty Island. We also spotted moose in the area close to Glenallen and Copper Center
We loved seeing a mother moose and her calf walk across the field.
We loved to see the whales in the Kenai Fjord just as much the Grizzly Bears in the Denali National Park. It was such a great trip !
We loves the glaciers and saw a blue whale while kajaking!
We mainly went there to salmon fish,saw beautiful brown bears, crains ,eagles,goats, gheese and more at the fishing sight and while traveling to and from our fishing area.
we saw every kind of animal except a polar bear.
We saw Grizzly Bear, Whales, Eagles, Mountain Goats....fished and caught a Halibut.
We saw more Black Bears in Ketchikan our first day than i had seen my whole life.
We say a raft of sea otters, did not know a pack was called that.The jet boats are a blast and the duck boats are really cool
We say a three legged bear at Denali.....We read just a few weeks ago about this same bear on the internet.
We spent a lot of time at an animal reserve just watching and learning.
We surprised a mother black bear and her cubs in the city of Valdez. She growled at us! Saw many animals in Denali, great trip!
We took the Denali all day trip. We saw all we expected to see and then some. It was a great day in the park. However, when we received our dvd of our day's visit it was defective. I attempted on several occasions to attempt to obtain a good copy (even to the point of returning the defective one) but never received a good copy of the dvd or a refund of the purchase price.
We very much enjoyed the Kenai Fjords Cruise out of Seward. We saw many beautiful species of birds, mammals and whales. This was a breath-taking experience. We also enjoyed the Tundra Wilderness Tour in Denali, more so for the absolute beauty of the area and Mount McKinley. We did see some wildlife, but it was not as important to us, being from Alberta Canada. We have seen this type of wildlife many times in our own country.
We went fishing with a guide who supplied all necessary equipment in Prince William Sound. It was a day trip and we had a great time. We caught the limit of rockfish and halibut and many cod. We were very pleased and felt we definitely got our moneys worth. The guide was very capable and did his best to get us in the right area to catch the fish we were wanting to catch. The scenery of the area and the weather contributed to an awesome day. We also had a great experience on the trip we took into Denali. We took the 12-14 hour tour which went back to the Kantishna Lodge. Our guide was very good, pleasant, great driver, friendly but he was most amazing in his knowledge of the area. He knew everything from the flora and fauna to animals, etc. He could drive and explain like no other I've ever seen. Altho we did not see an abundance of wildlife, we did see quite a bit. The scenery was magnificent. The highlight was a grizzly we came upon that was digging ground squirrels for his breakfast. He was just a few feet from the bus and put on a national geographic moment!!
We went mainly for the scenery & the fact that it was a well organised tour. The wildlife was unfortunately just coming out of hibernation. We did ,however, see some black mother bears & there cubs, & were able to learn about the amazing salmon fishing/fisheries. Once again to early to see the salmon & the catching thereof from grizzlies, black bears etc. Also saw the occasional moose. If we had delayed our trip by another month we would I am sure seen more.
We went on a whale-sighting boat trip. It took three hours. We saw three tails disappearing in the distance. Very disappointing!!

<p>We went to Brooks Falls to see the brown bears "fishing" for salmon, went fishing for halibut in Katchemak Bay, spent a day visiting Denali National Park, and also went on a cruise in Kenai Fjords National Park. We saw animals at each of the national parks and had a lot of fun fishing for halibut.</p>
<p>We were extremely fortunate to see a variety of wildlife, both on tours and just out on our own. It costs a lot to get to Alaska and to stay there - it is so nice to have something to do (wildlife viewing) that doesn't have to cost anything more!</p>
<p>We were impressed with the viewing of wildlife in such beautiful scenery (Denali) and that the park was natural with no human intervention or manipulation. We like the remoteness and vastness of the scenery and undeveloped regions.</p>
<p>We were pleased by the number of different species we saw while in Denali, but were disappointed by how far away the sheep were.</p>
<p>We were pleased to see such a diverse amount of wildlife</p>
<p>We were surprised at what wildlife we were able to view, without getting too remote. We had a lot of great, memorable experiences. I wonder about your questions about donating to funds to preserve wildlife habitat. I would want to know where the money was going, and what happened to the animals.....I would certainly donate to preserve species from slaughter. But I would not donate to protect species for the next hunting party to come along.</p>
<p>We were there (for the second time) to visit our daughter in Craig, who is with the USFS. Any wildlife watching was secondary to the visit, though much enjoyed, both on the island and on the Alaska Marine Highway Ferry to and from Ketchikan. We did see black bears - with the potential for more of them at her back yard stream.</p>
<p>We were thrilled at the strong focus on protecting wildlife over the tourist dollar. That said, we would have been much happier if we had seen more wildlife in natural habitat. We actually saw very little.</p>
<p>We were thrilled to see a grizzly bear eating salmon in a river about 300 yards from the road. At Mendenhall Glacier a black bear was strolling very near the tourist trail --- a ranger was keeping an eye on tourists to make sure they didn't do anything stupid. We also went out on a whale watching boat and saw humpbacks and a few orcas.</p>
<p>We were walking on a trail after riding the tram in Juneau. We saw a brown bear across the valley from where we were walking. We saw a beautiful bull moose in Denali, as well as a herd of caribou. We saw numerous bald eagles, many marine animals, and a little arctic hare. While on the cruise in Glacier Bay, we saw a mother bear and cub playing on the beach. We also saw dolphins, whales, and many sea birds. Alaska is by far our favorite place to visit.</p>
<p>We will come back but it WILL NOT be in the snow and ice of March. We loved watching teh Kodiak cubs playing in the snow at the Wildlife Conservation Center and the musk oxen at he Musk Ox Farm and the animals at athe Reindeer Farm.</p>
<p>We would have had to spend a lot more time (and transportation-) money to increase the number and depth of wildlife viewing significantly, and as such we are quite content with what we saw and experienced. GKI.</p>
<p>Went charter fishing for four days.</p>
<p>Went on fishing vacation with Kingfisher Charters,out of Sitka,Alaska,our Skipper Kieth was very keyed into the wildlife.He pointed out the bears ,otters, eagles,whales,goats,deer,seabirds,and found exceptional fishing for us everyday of the trip.The staff back at the lodge cared for us like royalty</p>

Went to Juneau last July for a photographic tour to photograph the humpback whales and Tracy Arm's glaciers as well as stuff around Juneau. Stayed at Auke Lake B&B which was an amazing area on its own! Saw plenty of whales and ice and with nice weather so made for a really awesome trip and hopefully I'll be able to afford a trip back up next year to Kodiak or the Hall Road for more photographing!!! Love Alaska!!!
Whale watching in Resurrection Bay... fantastic
Whale watching. Glacier viewing (includes birds and fauna). Birdwatching.
whales as close as 30 ft.
Whales from the public ferry Bears along the Alcan highway and flightseeing
Whales, Orca, Eagles, Bear and more. What more could you want? So different to our wildlife, but all part of the same world. An amazing experience. Thanks, Alaska!
What makes Alaska great is un-manged wildlife viewing.
When I came to the Alaskan Border Station at Poker Creek, a porcupine crossed the street just in front of me. - One evening I sat on the veranda of my cabin in Trapper Creek when a polar fox appeared and sat down immediately close to me. That encounter lasted about three minutes, then it disappeared again.
While in a B&B in south-central Alaska after a long day of driving we were sitting in our ground level room and from behind the blind we saw four legs. Upon opening the blinds we were amazed to see a cow moose with her nose pressed against the window looking down into our room. I scrambled for my camera and was able to take a few blurry photos before she ambled off into the woods. The pictures don't do the memory justice.
While in Alaska visiting grandchildren, we went fishing at Nanilchik. We caught our limit, but the fish were smaller than when we fished there 20 years ago!
Wildlife and scenery was spectacular and I am glad we made the trip.
Wildlife watching in Denali Park and 2 cruises out of Homer and Valdez.
Wonderful
Wonderful
Wonderful... Looking forward to another one.
Wonderful combination of mountain and sea experience. Wolves, bears and others in Denali and Humpbacks near Kenai.

Appendix M2: Comments from the Visitor Hunting Survey

2-Times in Alaska and will return with my family of 6 for sure.
2011 I hunted in bne for brown bear and see on but got 2 black bears. I went back and tried for a griz. We didn't see one again. We Hunted hard. We had a great time but a great costs for a brown bear.
2011 was fantastic hunting out of Kotzebue until Alaska Air cancelled our flight because it was not full, causing us to airship our meat home and making us reroute to CA for a 10 hoour layover. All total we were 2 days late getting home. No reimbursement for any extra costs.
2011 was my second trip to Alaska. The best thing about hunting in Alaska is the lack of civilization. A 65" moose with a bow! my dream hunt of a lifetime since age 10. Terrible weather, but tht that made the hunt more memorable.
A great trip. I am returning to Alaska in 2012 for Salmon fishing.
AK is a great place I love the people and the Hunting and Fishing.
Alaska is a great experience.
Alaska is an incredible state to hunt and enjoy the outdoors in. However, the licenses to hunt big game are overpriced. Also Alaska does not allow non-redidents to hunt brown beat, mouuntain goat and doll sheep without having a guide. Therefore, these hunts are very expensive and many not0residents won't pay the high prices, or they do it one time, then never do it again. This causes less revenue to go to the already underfunded Alaska Department of fish and game.
Alaska is the last great frontier. The scenery is spectacular, wildlife is abundant, and the services are first rate.
Alaska is too expensive for middle class person including myself
Although I did not harvest a grizzly bear on my 2011 Mouse/Grizzly Hunt. I did see two grizzly sows with cubs. The beauty of these bears and the remoteness of the area greatly enhanced the enjoyment of the hunting trip. Alaska is so awesome!
Although our main quarry *Blear bear and wolf) were not taken; it was still a fabulous adventure. Saw plenty of bears, caught coho & halibut. Fished for crab and shrimp (yes we caught some). Scenary is always unparalleled. Outfitter was the best food was great, company exceptional, just encountered terrible weather before we had a chance at a "shooter" Bear. Killed a brown Bear with the same outfitter in 2004(Alaska Costal Outfitters). WOUld go again, but thinngs are reall escallating in cost.
Always have a great time while there including during inclement weather times. Great town - Petersburg - great people there - would love to live there - but not my wife.
As a former wildlife commissioner here in CO. I was greatly impressed with your friendly and helpful staffk, the cost of licensing is reasonable, the fishing is beyond compare, and the scenery is unbelievable.
As you mentioned 2011 I will briefly tell you about it,although I have been to alaska several times before and will be back Sept 9th this year. In 2010 I made the trip to Kodiak for brown bear, I had planned for 5 years. We began hunting April 15th and at home in Louisiana the BP. Horizon well blew up and the hunt was cut short. The guide allowed me to come back next year 2011 if I covered the cost. So in April 2011 I wa sback for a shor time to hunt Brown Bear this time an A fognak. Hopefully one day I may get back again.
August 2011 was my first trip to Alaska. I did a Dull Sheep hunt in the Wrangilos, I was lcky to harvest a ram the 3rd day others hunted 10 with no legal sheep soon. I was also able to go fishing out of homer before leaving, what little I was able to see of Alaska has me planning a return trip in 2013/14. Trolly one of th most beautiful places I have hunted.
Awesome Trip - Killed a Real nice blacktail!
Awesome!

Bad contour drawing of a fish
Bear hunting regulations on Prince of Wales Island are punitive to "do it Yourself" nonresident hunters and the new lotter for tags (bear) requires such a long lead up that one cannot plan that far ahead. You should just have a regular lottery for each year and limit harvest that way and let people hunt how they want. Keep your money and improve the management policies
Beautiful Country, enjoyed the scenery.
Beautiful County Beautiful People Beautiful Wildlife Killed 53" Moose Watched schools of Salmon Beautiful hunt are a in ANWR. Few animals. shots. Great company. Poor camp spotter- lots of trouble getting in and out of camp.
Best Alaskan Trip Ever through cange Bay Outfitters. I hope to go again.
Best trip ever! 9' Griz first day of hunt in wrangles, nice moose 3rd day, beutifull weather. Great guide and outfitted can't wait to go back.
Camped in shadow of Denali on a clear day!- Highlight zero opportunity on sheep/bear/ Previous hunt in 2008 disrupted by usaf construction of communication tower in violation of land use permit-frustrating.
Campedat Fuller Lakes for 10 days killed black bear. Went to cold bay was very expensive and was disappointed at the waterfowl Numbers. I have waterfowl hunted across the world and on a scale of 1-10 I would rate cold bay as a 2 with 10 being the highest.
Claude (54) and son Keith 22 years visited oldest son Kevin (27) in Kotze bue. We flew to a mountain top to hnt for 8 days. After 5 days my 3N # brothers joined us. We had 2 caribou down and 1 bull moose. It took us 5 days to quarterand pack meat and antless to plane site. We had tags for 7 caribousand only scored 2 caribou. Big disappointment to us. Each tag cost \$350 total \$2450 and it cost more for the private plane flight that it did for the comercial flight: Hunt was very dissappointment. We have more game in new hampshire.
Don't change a thing!
Enjoyed it very much, hope come back in 2013 to sheep hunt. If I would have come up there twenty five years ago I would not be in Texas today, see yall in 2013. May god bless your state and your people.
Even though we knew it was a over the counter permit area and we were flown in to the back country I was amazed the number of people that were there. Seemed crowded. That's why I wanted to go to Alaska to get away from crowds.
Every time I have hunted in Alaska I have had a wonderful time. The outfitters that I have been with have been professional and well apt to produce trophy hunts. Some of my favorite hunts have been in Alaska.
Every trip(5) has been great the people fish and game stores incredible country. My Fear is you may let a lot slip way by benign neglect. One example: recycling?
Expenses were very low due to the fact we stayed with a family friend who lived in Cordova. Had an excellent time. Very beautiful and lots of game. I love Alaska. Fished out of Chignik in 2010 and am heading up Sep 1 2012 for a caribou hunt out of Kotzebue.
First trip to Alaska. Having hunted Texas, Africa Alaska is hands down the most challenging. I shot my Mountain Goat at 285 yards. He is the trophy I am most proud of.
First trip, loved the beautiful country, friendly people. I will return many times for hunting and family touring. Mother nature at it's best.
Go to hunt something at least every other year, often more. We had bad luck last year regarding animals - no big deal. Going again this year.

Good time. Saw several moose in the 45-50" range with only 4 brow hines too difficult to tell if it was 50". Would like to see it go back to be 3 brow rules
Great can't wait to come back
Great caribou and wilderness experience. Brooks Range Aviation always does a fantastic job of helping coordinate. Fairbanks is always fun toursit.
Great Scenery, great time very little game ie (caribou and black tail sitka deer) Poor hunting for 4 days very good fishing for 4 days.
Great time spent. Hope to make a trip with my son-in 2013 if friends available.
Great time would love to make several more trips
Great trip! Will return again!
Great visit with old friends and new friends at kodiak Adventure lodge- Weather was challenging but the deer and Halibut were there. Wonderful facility and family running it.
Guide had too many hunters and not enough game to cover.
Had a friend up there with a boat. Lived on the boat for 8-9 days - crusing shoreline for black bear. Use a dinghe to get to shore and stalk bears cooked and slept on the boat. Awesome time. Fished one day - good weather mostly.
Had a great guide, good weather and had a good hunting experience.
Had a great hunt and experience. Plan on returning in 2014.
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Had a great tim hunting in ALaska. Absolutely beautiful area in and around Juneau. People were friendly and helpful. Looking forward to my next trip.
Had a great time - Beautiful state
Had a great time can't wait to bring the family back!
Had a great time hunting with my son who lives at the Wally Newen Beng Hatchery. Caught some Halabut, artic har gragling, and silver salmon, my son got 2 caribou an the north slope had a trip of a lifetime Hope to do it again.
Had a great time on POW Island. It's a shame there no longer will be over-the-counter out of state bear tags available. I feel this will discourage many hunters from visiting the area who look forward to a great opportunity.
Had a great time trip of a lifetime!!
Had a great time, always enjoy time spent in Alask. Only problem was that the airline lost guns and bow for 2 memebers of our party(including mine). Didn't find them until the hunt was almost over. Also, consider puting a point restriction on deer on POW Island. Most hunters were killing juvevile Deer, limiting the number of bucks reaching a mature age class. Only allowing the harbtest of bucks with at least 3 points on 1 side would greatly increase the age structure and trophy quality. Thanks!
Had a great time, didn't kill anything but would love to go back again some day.
Had a great time, hunt of a lifetime. Took a moose with a bow.
Had a great time. Probably once in a lifetime chance due to the cost to hunt in Alaska.
Had a really good time
Had a wonderful Caribou hunt and it was a huge success.
Had an awesome time in Alaska. Beautiful scenery an abudance of wildlife. It was an epic trip. Coming back again this year.
Had an opportunity to visit a friend and see new country. Got to hunt dear, ducks a lttle as well. Great experience.

<p>have been hunting in Alaska for the past 15 years. I consider it a priveledge to be able to do so. It is such a special place and has so much going for it. I have hunted brown bear, moose carribou and fished. The time I have spent there each year helps me make it threw the rest of the year working with all the stress and changes in our world today. The only regret I Have is that I wish I would have started hunting, fishing, and visiting Alaska sooner, Alaska is the greates place on earth.</p>
<p>Have been hunting in Alaska Several Times the most wonderful place, the only thing I have the most problem with is that some of the areas that we hunted before is now closed to non-residents, places we could get more Remote plus have to spend more money to get there.</p>
<p>Have hunted many times in Alaska since 1996. Mainly have hunted moose but in 2009 I hunted and harvested a really nice dall sheep. In 2011 went out to Kodiak Island where my friend drew a Brown Bear tag after 26 years of applying. He got a bear the first day then we deer hunted which was a blast. Got stuck out in our ten for 5 extra days because of the weather. But I go up to Alaska almost every year for hunting or fishing. I can't get enough of your wonderful state. But our winters in WI aren't as bad or long as yours. I'll be back as many times as I can because I love it up there. But I think you shouldn't make it necessary too have a guide for nonresidents for sheep, goat and grizzly. Should be able to hunt them on your own as well. That's my opinion. Thank you.</p>
<p>Have never hunted anywhere but my own backyard Michigan until 56 years old and again at 60, both times have been in Alaska. Absolutely the most wonderful placce I've ever been. Do whatever is necessary to protect this land for the future I hope I will be able to afford to return and hunt again someday, before age restricts.</p>
<p>Hunted 2011 and 2012 southeast for black bear got two nice bear over 500 pounds eat crab took pic loved it I live it I will be back for goat and a small cabin some dday soon.</p>
<p>Hunted Black Bear - > Petersburg to Juneau - > Keegan McCarty was guide. Petersburg Festival was fun. Scenery Amazing. Wonderful Hunt. So Breathtaking that I hope to take my boys there someday. So fortunate to have the experience. Hope to come back to hunt Brown Bear and sheep.</p>
<p>Hunted Black Bear out of Thorn Bay very cool place. I shot a very nice Bear. I was the only one out of five hunters. Only saw a few bears cabin was top notch that we rented.</p>
<p>Hunted Grizzly and Mt Goat with lonsome Dove Outfitters out of Cordova Alaska. Great hunt, good time, would go back when I save enough \$\$</p>
<p>Hunted in Alaska 5 times lastly in 2012. Beautiful unspoiled countryside. Wish there was less rain. Hope to return again to hunt and cruise with spouse.</p>
<p>Hunted kodiak 2s; had a great time. Good guide. Beutiful scene and got lucky c shoot on brown bear.</p>
<p>Hunted with Lonesome Dove Outfitters in Cordova Alaska. We hunted for Brown Bear and Sitka Blacktail Deer. On Hingin Brook island, didn't see any bear, but I killed two deer.</p>
<p>Hunter with Dennis Horns on Kodiak, best hunt of my life.</p>
<p>Hunting black bear in POW was awesome! There is still confusion regarding harvest tags. Someone needs to grab that bull by the horns and fix it. Otherwise an enjoyable trip. Both my hunting partner and I harvested a nice bear!</p>
<p>Hunting experience was excellent. Quality of hunt including game numbers - awesome. Umiat is remote area that the outfiter knew well. Fish and game has apparently managed animal harvests in the area well. My son harvested old bear grizzly. - please have fairbanks G&G forward the info to him as to age and anything they discovered.</p>
<p>Hunting in Alaska in 2010-2011 was a life changing experience!! I have always dreamed of hunting in Alaska but didn't think I could afford it. We found an excellent guide with reasonable pricing. I had planned a hunt for 2012 but cannot go due to health issues concering a family memeber. Will miss Alaska this Year! I have already booked for 2013!!</p>

Hunting in Alaska is way overated - I think Canada is a much better place for quality and quantity.
Hunting in Alaska was my ultimate Dream Hunt shooting a 66" Bull Moose was the best thing ever I love Alaska and keep up the good conservation I'll be back some day!
Hunting with the Randall's on Afognak Is. Was a great experience. I plane to return!
I always love getting to see all the different species of wildlife. The wildlife coupled with the scenery always make a visit to Alaskaagreatexperience.
I am a non-resident and have hunted Alaska many times with a friend who is a resident. My two complaints are: that you don't have a reformance point system as I have applied many times for certain tags and could never receive one while others have gotten several. My other complaint is that I'm not allowed to hunt several other species without hiring a guide (an expence that I can not afford)
I am extremely disappointed in the quality of one of the wildlife troopers. It is my understanding that the district attorneys office is also having problems with them. We received a fine for failure to completely salvage the meat. Even the trooper said it was extremely questionable whether he could write the ticket. He also said he would hold the antlers and return them if it was ok with the court. The court could not believe he gave us a ticket and greatly reduced the minimum fine and appologized for the actions of the trooper. The guys with me has said they will hunt in Alaska again.
I booked a dall sheep hunt for the brookes range and my wife and my mother-in-law booked a cruze up the insido package hoping to meet up with me if I harvest a sheep in the first week. I did so we rented a car and visited seward and Kenair etc went fishing had a great 6 more days before flying home to PA.
I come to Alaska once a yea, for something - hunting fishing etc. I love it. People are nice! Thats where I'm going to retire! "Drill more oil!"
I couldn't have chose a better place to celebrate my 40th Birthday. My Brother and I had an experience of a lifetime and cherish the times we had while in Alaska. All the travel was well worth it in the endy. The scenery and the wildlife viewed was truely unbelievable. A trip I will never forget!
I enjoy the hunting/fishing in Alaska. Also the natural beauty and nature experiences keep me coming back year after year.
I enjoyed the scenery very much as to the hunt, poineer outfitters "master Guide" Terry Overly was the biggest disappontment of any hunt-guided or self-guided I have ever been on.
I got a 350 19 7/8 skull black bear from prince of Wales Islands on day 3 of my hunt with 4 friend we saw about 25 bears great place to see and visit. I would love to come back to Alaska some day Thanks trey and on g.
I got a great blacktail deer. 9 points largest in camp; very wide and tall. Scored around 115-120. Also got a pair of barrows goldeneye (male and female) and a very mature whitening. Which I needed all 3 for my collection. All being mounted.
I got a moose and love Alaska it is my favorite place to hunt/fish and vacation!!!
I had a great dall sheep hunt in 2011. I opted for a cheap backpack tent hunt. Just me and the guide. This wasn't a Trophy area, but I knew that ahead of time. I got a really nice 7/8 curl ram (8 Years old) and spent the rest of my hunt hiking and hanging ut at camp. I've also been on (2) moose hunts, rafting trips in the past. These were both (D.I.y) huts, with 3 friends both times, and we went 3 for 4 on each trip. I'm looking forward to returning in the future. If I don't get priced out! - I really couldn't justify what I spent on my "sheep hunt", but it's just something I had to do!
I had a great experience! the wildlife was abundant. I didn't expect to tire of seeing bald eagles.
I had a great hunt in large part to a very good and well organized Mountain Guide, Mr Don "Smokey" Duncan.

<p>I had a great hunt. I got a Nice black bear I had it check in at fish and game in Plamen. But its of to date I have not received the age report of this Bear.</p>
<p>I had a great time hunting deer on Kodiak last Nov with 2 good friends (AK citizens) one of which I filmed shooting a beautiful Brown Bear. The second and thankfully last show was at about 20-30 yards.</p>
<p>I had a really good time hunting moose in the ferry creek area. But as a non-resident being restricted to 50 feet 4 brow tine bulls, while residents could apply and get any bull tags made no sense to me. If you are trying to make a trophy hunt why shoot all the bulls. It should be the same for everyone, can't expect non residents to spend that kind of money and not have the same opportunity.</p>
<p>I had a very wonderful and memorable trip while hunting in Southeast Alaska with Bruce Packer of "Pacific Guide Service." Bruce run as a top notch operation and is an excellent guide. Although my want wa expensive it was worth every peeny. I am returning in 2014 to hunt brown bear with Mr Parker.</p>
<p>I had a wonderful time visiting family and hunting in Alaska. The unspoiled remote wilderness is amazing. I do plan to return to visit and hunt again. One recommendation ~ simplify all the hunting licenses and tag regulations of all the states and counties I have hunted and traveled Alaska is the most complicated and confusing!! Alaska would benefit (as would hunters) if your tag system and regulations were simplified and easier to understand!</p>
<p>I had a wonderful trip last fall. Beautiful scenery, lots of moose and caribou (we saw several hundred caribou nearly every day of the trip - 20 days). All in all we could not have had a better hunt. I hope to return again soon. My only complaint was with Interior Alaska Fish Packing in Fairbanks who lost/stole both of my moose loins.</p>
<p>I harvested my first sitka blacktail with a recure bow and arrow. I shot a nice 4 pt buck that stored in the Pope and young club. We also made a show of our hunts. It turned out good. You can watch it (Intrepid Outdoors) on and plays on the nbc sports channel 4:00 AM saturday mornings.</p>
<p>I Have been coming to Ak for over 25 years I've seen tons of wildlife - harvested a few moose I must like it, I keep coming back!!!</p>
<p>I have been coming to alaska for 20 years. I usually come if in August and September. Two years ago I bought a cabin located in the Claistochina Glacier dranage it's about 40 miles from where we park. We ride 6-wheel to the cabin I'm only allowed to hunt if I get picked on the special drawing hunt. I won'te be allowed to hunt this year but I'm looking forward to going anyway.</p>
<p>I have been hunting for twelve years in Alaska, mostly twice each year. In that time I've harvested only one animal but paid for at least fifteen tags. I would like to see more opportunities for bowhunters who don't always go home with game. Most states show favor towards the bow hunting community but not Alaska. I'm not complaining or i wouldn't keep coming back.</p>
<p>I have been hunting in Alaska 4 times and I have shot 2 bear. The last one was a really good interior grizzly (28). He was worth all the time, but would not have been dissappointed in my Alaska experience if I had shot nothing. It was a great adventure andd I even got to do a little hunting between rain squalls.</p>
<p>I have been to many hunting Destinations. Alaska is the best, but you need to Keep it affordable. Guide use area change is a big mistake. I believe it will drive small outfitters out of business. Results will be higher pries. Alaskawas not meant to be a rich man only state. Regards John H</p>
<p>I have friends that live in Delta Junction. I love the interior, but am looking forward to visiting the costal region. We spent about 25 out of 30 days in the woods. I found controlled use areas very difficult to define. I saw a great deal of wildlife and evidence of wildlife that I did not see! Cannot wait to return!</p>

I have had better hunts in the past. This is the first time my hunting equipment was bumped by the airlines from Anchorage to McGrath. The airlines should be adding additional flights during hunting seasons to accomodate additional freight weight caused by hunters. This year my first year my hunting log was bumped twice. Often than the above. The guide wanted the game to be 350 yards before a shot on Mouse 100 yards on bears. The eligible moose kept out at 400 plus yards would not come closer. Saw no Bears.
I have hunted and fished every year since 1915. I have taken moose, dahl sheep, caribou, deer, walrus, black bear, brown bear. I have a bhlein got from Ben Umogosik eskimo. Very proud to have friends in Alaska. I have hunted with Tory Walker, a very valued friend.
I have hunted at Rohrer Bear Camp Kodiak Island Alaska 6 times and always great fun.
I have hunted in Alaska 6 times. Each trip has been special. This last trip was a brown bear boat hunt and my wife got to go along, trip was great. Hope to be in your state in a couple ears. Thanks.
I have hunted in Alaska for the past 3 years. We hunt on birch Creek. We take 7 days to float and camp and hunt. It is the best trips I have ever been on in my life. You have one of the most beautiful states in the country. Love the place.
I have hunted on taylor highway. North of tok, non-residents have a disadvantage on moose hunting. Residents take anything we can only take 50+ /4 drop. Moose can get any size. Can't this be changed so everyone must take 50+/3-4 drop
I have traveled to Alaska to visit a high school friend and hunt 7 times. Every other year we meet somewhere in Alaska to try a new hunt. We typically pay a bush pilot for a drop. I find some of the regs to be stressful and difficult to keep track ofso many units with different rules. The 50" moose reg kept us from harvesting a moose over an 8 day hunt 4 years and yet we saw dozens of bulls. I love coming to Alaska and I will come back as many times as possible. However, some aspects of AK don't feel "out of state" friendly.
I helped sponsor three critically ill children on a Black Bear Hunt. All three left with a black bear. I had a brown bear tag but saw a 500 lb black bear the final day and killed it.
I hunt Alaska as much as possible, it is like a magnetic North draw, just keep me coming back!
I hunt with friends that live in Fairbanks. We are planning to move to that area in 2013. I worked on a charter fishing boat out of Valley there summers in the last 10 years and hunted there almost every year since 2002.
I hunt worldwide. This was my first hunting trip to Alaska. I have fully engaged the experience on my mountain goat hunt. I was so impressed with the remoteness, virgin wilderness, vast areas undeveloped, the presentation of native, etc. That I have booked a fall hunt for brown bear on Kodiak, having sucessfully drawn a tag. I will be hunting in Alaska for many years to come.
I hunted hard for 8 days. I saw 1 cow moose, 1 brown bear, 1 rabbit, and a bounch of gouse. I was very disappointed to have traveled so far to see so little wildlife. But I truly enjoyed myself and Alaska's scenery! PS see you in septemeber. I'm coming back to try again.
I hunted with 7 friends on the Dalton hwy north of Happy Valley. THE trip thru Alaska from Wasilla to our Caribou Camp was the experience of a Lifetime. I intend to come back ASAP and do more Alaska Exploring. You have a great state and I hope you can continue to manage it as well as you have. Thanks Charles Culver
I killed a 110 BC Blacktail 4X4 son in law killed 109 5/8 BC Blacktail 4x4
I lived there 30 something years ago. That is my home. No matter what. I also made a trip in 2010 that was also a very good trip for 2 wheels. And then made another trip to go fishing in 2012 also for 2 weeks was the bestest.
I love Alaska Hunted and fished many times. Wish it was cheaper I'd come more often.

I love Alaska! keep it wild and undeveloped as much as reasonably possible. Have been to Alaska Southeast, Interior, Southwest and North. Will visit again next year!
I love Alaska. I have been on several fishing and hunting trips to Alaska and each time is more memorable than the last. I will be making more trips to Alaska in the future.
I love hunting in Alaska Cole Kramer is a fantastic guide.
I loved the trip! Hunted near Arniat and saw Grizzly bear - 2 wolverines and a plentiful number of Carobou. Harvested a beautiful Caribou, which I will always treasure. I plan to come back to Alaska soon!
I mostly enjoyed the scenery and the visit with my relatives. I like to hunt even though we got no bear. I'll be back maybe in another year from now. I would like to hunt a moose sometime. I enjoyed a visit to the airforce base in anchorage being an old airforce vet myself.
I scheduled a Brown Bear hunt out of Sitka, AK for out state closed season in until but made the best of the trip with my wife and two daughters. We saw plenty of coast scenery while we duck hunted and fished. Still had a great time.
I travelled fromAfghanistanfor my leave to participate at this hunt. The tag bear canned two gease. The weather was cold, very cold,windy the Kodiak scenery absolutely beautiful. In Short I can't wait to go back.
I want to buy some land there and move, there in 18 years and retire there and hunt all the time.
I was on a blacktail beer hunt out of Sitka. We were hosted by raven guide service and it was a great experience. The scenery was beautiful and the hunt itself was top notch. Hopefully I'll get to return to hunt in alaska for beer and/or other species.
I was with AK master guide #197 and had a very memorable trip with two other hunters. . .one a close friend and a German national who was very good companion and an accomplished WORLD hunter who held the polar bear record for several years. Sorry I can't give you better \$ amounts.
I'm not impressed with your regulation books, or your department of fish and game. I felt that we were mistreated and taken advantage of since we were out of staters!!! It seems like Alaska is more worried about the \$ instead of the public, in educating the sportsman, from what I seen you have to walk on egg shells around Alaska instead of enjoying it. I DOn't know if we will ever com back or suggest any one else ever going there.
In four days of hunting I saw one moose cow and one calf! very little wildlife seen. Saw more wildlife patrol officers than moose!!
It was a trip of a lifetime. Very remote and beautiful country.
It was day 3 and I have not got my bear yet. I wanted my friends to take there bear's first. Things did not work out on 3 bears we spotted and stocked. So I was getting ancy and wanting to harvist a bear and put some meat in the freezer so we went to a spot saw 3 bear in the back of the bay. One was a nice big bore I hiked 600 yards to the back of the bay and the bear was on the other side off the river so I took the 100 yard shot and crossed the river and retrived my good 6'-10" Black Bear with rubbed feet. That's okay with my.Great shoulder mount!
It's great to get up there and hunt with good friends and family. Love to watch natures beauty and not have any other human contact.
Its always great to hunt in Alaska. Please keep the tags and license fee the same so we all can afford to continue to hunt Alaska.
Keep remote area remote. Limit access

Last year after floating a short stretch of the niger River I landed on shore just before running into a grizzly. He ignored me but got the adrenaline going! Then while hiking back to our hunting camp and had a wonderful sighting of a wolverine bounding across the tundra - captured on video as well as my memories forever!
Late winters are making the spring hunts difficult because most of the bears are not out of hibernation. This could affect booking spring hunts.
Like being in the bush. Just the sound of the wind and the rains.
Lots of Black Bears. Fair amount of Grizzly Bears. Not the Moose as we seen in past years! Not to happy with commercial airplanes if they don't want to go because theres not enough people they wait till next day! We miss 2 days of hunting.
Love AK - was my 5th trip :)
Love Alaska. A friend lives in Fairbanks and we hunt "do it yourself" up north. Been 3 times, will go every 2 years if possible.
Love Alaskan Hunting
Love hunting in Alaska really appreciate the over-the-counter tags.
Love hunting in Alaska, try to get these every year.
Love your state. Wish I lived there!!
Loved it. Great adventure
Lucky for me I have good friends in Alaska. This makes hunting and fishing affordable for me. Its a non residenet I think your fees are fairly priced for a blue collar worker like me. Through the last few years I have been able to harvest 3 black bears, 1 moose, a couple deer, more salmon than I can count. Thank you and I will be back.
Moose season too early (pre-rut) + 50" minimum unreasonable. Chance of seeing a trophy bull (50" min) Prior to rut is very slim. We hunted hard for 8 days and saw I marginally legal bull over a mile away. Too many hunters and all squeezed into a very short season. Will not go again if season is not lengthened into the rut.
Moose/caribou hunt - drop camp with forty mile air had a blast got 1 moose and passed 7 others (too small) no bear problems - good weather will be back 2013
Most awesome state - place in the world! wild and beautiful!
My 2008 and 2012 trips will be my most memorable ever. 2012 was black bear hunting on PWS. and to think I didn't believe Alaska could get any more beautiful than I thought it was. I was dead wrong. The sea life and animals are truely great to see. I was fortunate to harvest my bear on day2. then spent the other 3 fishing rock fish. Even though mother nature only allowed 5 days on the water, it was an unbelievable adventure. So my so, my uncle and his son did the same trip with my cousin this spring. My bear looks great nesxt to my '08 haul road caribou in my stairwell.
My 2011 Caribou hunt was a disaster. Everything went wrong mainly because a friend made promises he did not keep. But that will not keep me from coming back to the best hunting state there is and next time I will pay for a fly in drop off hunt for caribou.
My 4th Brown Bear Hunt only harvested one bear on first trip other 3 hunts just as enjoyable, especially this last hunt with my 2 son's
My 4th trip was as good as the first!

My brother lives in Homer, works on the slope and has his own charter fishing service (In2fishin). He, I and 2 of his freinds camped just south of coldfoot on the Tim River and were Bow hunting for moose. Loved the scenery and remotness of the area. Drove my brother back to work at dead horse so I got to drive the entire dalton Hwy. Also spent time in homer and had 3 successful fishing trips. Didn't get a moose but came back to Delaware with a box full of fish. A lot of new acquaintances and wonderful memories of a once in a lifetime trip!

My Cousin and I called out a beautiful Moose at dawn one morning and he came out onto a tension line right of way. We were very close but with my out of state license I could not determine if he was 50" or not. One side had two brow tines but he wouldn't turn his head so I could not see the other side. I feel he was over 50" but not by much so I didn't shoot. I'm not sure 50" is a good way to classify these animals for harvest if a person is not trophy hunting.

My dad, brother, 2 friends and myself were out moose hunting one evening and when we returned to camp, our can of cooking spray was sprayed all over the kamp kitchen and the can missing. The next day we learned who the culpret was when we found four long claw tears in the bestibule, obviously made by a black bear. Later in the week, our 75 year old dad shot a 53" moose in front of us all. I can't wait to get back to beautiful wild Alaska.

My dad, uncle, and buddy from college harvested 4 nice black bears on a transported boat hunt in Nuka Bay area. What a blast! and he scenery alone was worth he trip. A very enjoyable experience; one I hope to take my own sons on some day...

My experience as a non resident was not very pleasureable. Locals have a week of hunting prior to non-residents and then non residents restrictions are very hard in the field. A local can shoot any bull moose and a non resident paying 10 times more has to shoot a 50 or 55 inch bull. I will save my money and hunt other states or canada for moose.

My first time ever black bear hunting. Did this with son who has lived in Alaska for about 5 years. 2 of his friends shared the blind and bait in the trap. We only got to the tree stand 3 days other things intercepted these hunts. Traveling- sightseeing, shopping etc went fishing for salmon 3 times. I time was a pros guide. Visited Denali Park and took the bus tour. Spent approximately 3 weeks there in Alaska with my wife, visiting son and wife I had previous hunts for caribou got a nice one above the artic circle. My first excellent salmon trip was on a river little susitna 50 pounds 52 inches.

My Friend and I did an 8 day fly in Caribou Hunt from Bettles, AK. Just the two of us and we each took a nice bull. Saw hundreds of animals each day and had clear weather. Enjoyed the remote area and beauty of the arctic!

My friend and I purchased an unguided moose hunt for 2 at a Rocky Mt. Elk Foundation Banquet (a 12 day hunt). The weather was good for the first 6 days, then, temps dropped and wind blew abpit 40 mph for next six days. I passed on a 50" Bull on day 10 (have a 56" canadian moose on the wall at home). My friend was not with me that day because of bad feet walking on the Tundra. He would have taken it! I am a retired Illinois DNR Wildlife biologist and absolutely love Alaska. We say plenty of wildlife and will be back. This was my 3rd trip to Alaska, but the 1st hunting trip.

My future son-in-law and I traveled to Alaska to Hunt Carabou. We met a friend I have hunted with before, and drove from wasila too ponduo Bay. This was a bery interesting trip before and after our Hunt. This was his first (but not last) trip to Alaska. IT was my fourth we hope tocome back again in the near future.

My hunt in Alaska is trickey the best experience overall I've had. My college roommate invited me to moose hunt with him and a close friend. They both harvested moose and bear. I enjoyed being part of the hunt emency eventhough I did not have an opportunity to harvest a trophy moose but came very close to shooting a 48" bull. Maybe next year!!! I love everything Alaska!

My hunting trip and my wife's sightseeing trips were, at the least, the most memorable trips we have ever been on. Your state is full of gods majesty. If business stays good, and god willing. We will be back. This space does not give me enough room to expound fully on the good points and a couple of the disappointments of our trip. All the best John Hopkins.

My son and I (he lives in another town) have taken 2 self guided black bear hunts to Prince of Wales Island (last one in 2012) each time we had an adventure not just a hunt. We both were successful in harvesting a bear each time. The folks on the island were friendly and very helpful. My only concern is the new lottery. If we decide to go again we may not get a ticket at all, or one of the two of us may not get one. I did not include my son's expenses in this survey, but I know he spent at least \$3500 in Alaska.

My son has a blyng business in Fairbanks. I have hunted with him for many years. I keep all my hunting gear stored in the hanger that I own and he rents. Thats why some of the answers don't add up.

My son is a wildlife tropper in fairbanks@ I retired in august 2011. This was my retirement hunt plus visit family. My son had to work first 2 days of the opener of 40 mile Caribou herd so we Hunted 3rd day. Hunted zone off Steese Highway. The herd was there the first 2 days but moved on by the time we got to go. Did see 2 Bulls but could't get to them. We hunted moose in unit 20B my son shot a bull 1st day of residents opener. He went back to work so his wife and I cut moose up (2 Days). I then went back and set up my camp and hunted for 7 days but only saw cows and calfs. My son hass since moved to Honies. I plan on going to see them 2013 for 2 month a Hunting trip is being planned. I love the wild and open places.

My trip was with Dale Adams out of Sitka for Blacktail. I purchased it from a FNAWSauction in 2006. It was postponed till 2011 due to severe winter of 2008. A 7 Day scheduled hunt was boat based off chichagof island. Very few deer seen on first 3 days. Only one small buck (2 pt) was shot by myself. Day 4 the outfitter Dale Adams suffered from acute appendisites and the hunt had to be aborted to Rush him back to sitka for Emergency surgery. 3 Hunters on trip one fork horn buck killed. Only buck seen!!

My two sons and I went bear hunting 1 hour north of Eagle River on a rever we could see Mt McKinley from the area we hunted. Did not kill anything but it was wonderful just to be in the Alaska wilderness. I will be back.

My Wife and I both harvested a Moose. Hers was a 52 inch and mine was a 50 inch. We hunted out of Bethel. On a Do it yourself hunt. We had a great time and saw lots of Moose. A total of ten different Bulls. We shot number 9 or 10! out hunt was near the Russian Mission. We both feel Alaska Fish and game are doing a great job in the area managing the moose Herd!

No Bear, no fish great time.

Normally I live for hunting season at home in Montana and escaping on an occassional Cruise. This Southend adventures black bear hunt included it all! The scenery from Erin (Johnsons)'s boat about melted my camer. Seeing deer, whales dolphins, eagles, even in rain, was a constant treat. Spotting, stalking and shooting a trophy black bear became almost a bonus!

Our family lived in SE AK from 1991 to 2003. My son, daughter, son in law and two grandchildren now live in Fairbanks area. Since leaving AK in 2003 we have visited familiar friends hunted many times. In 2011 we visited Sitka for one week to fish and visit. We visited Fairbanks in Sept to hunt to visit and I accompanied an AK resident friend on a brown bear hunt to Kodiak Island in November. AK is our second home and will be our primary residence when I retire in 2 years. Please keep AK wild and don't drive me away with high fees and prices.

Our group of 4 did a do it yourself archery only Caribou hunt new Prudue Bay. We harvested 2 Caribou and had a great time

Our outfitter was a major disappointment
Our son and his family live in Homer as part of our annual visit, he and I try to go on a hunting trip. In 2011 we hunted black bear near Homer. We had a wonderful trip and wer fortunate enough to havest a bear. In 2012 we are planning a moose hunt.
Our son, daughter in law and 5 grandchildren live in AK. We go every summer. I shot my first grizzly in 2011 and my wife shot her first black bear.
Outfitter definitely did not deliver the service that he promised. We sat in one spot the entire time and never moved to spot game. Then he took another hunter to a location where they saw game-just as he got off the plane arriving.
Please do not make hunting regulations so that people from out of state have to use a guide. That will drive up the costs so that people with ordinary incomes will not be able to come to Alaska and hunt, thanks.
Please note: I served 3 uscg tours and fixed on Kodiak aft and uniform 1974 through 1996; I returned to Kodiak for I last blacktail hunt. It just about killed me to buy a deer tag when I used to get from 4 to 7 free! oh well. Thanks.
Rafted 100 mi down the lbyshak River looking for Caribou only saw small bulls, Grizzly, and Dall sheep - Fished for cher and grayling (caught some). Over all a bit gruling for a 15 year old but enjoyable.
Saw 11 bears in 30 hours! saw a pod of 7 whales. Seals, sea lions, sea otters, puffins, ducks. Got stuck in Glacial salt (mud flat) as tide came in. Made it out in time - scary. but great story and pictures. Wonderful time, awesome state!
Scenery alone worth the trip!
Successful Hunt Flew to Anchorage then went to Mulchatney River Area- Float to camp - 3 hunters and guide. Youngest and most fit of the group. Away. Contractor died of a n attract about 4 miles north of camp, the ollowing process of my hunting companion and I given general directions to walk back to camp. SOS sign of gamebags and radio calls brought 3 phone in hrs. Body was in rigor when loaded into cub - I was flown out before wave.
Thank you for the oppportunity to hunt in your beautiful state!
The 10 day hunt was during the full moon; moose were active at night but not during the day and did not respond to calling until after dark. It was warm and bulls were not active in rut so only checked out the call sites after dark. The pilot reported that of the severed groups on the river, only one bull moose was taken and that was one that was observed and stalked. Suggest that the season be held during the dark of the moon in future years.
The Bald Eagles where Amazing!
The best hunting trip ever! my hunting party purchased a school bus and drove it up the haul road and hunted the tundra around pump station#2. Saw around 800 caribou on the north slope. THE land was so beautiful through-out the trip from Anchorage all the way up to where we hunted. It's my favorite state. Will be back-up to hunt caribou again in Sep. 2012, can't wait to live it all again. PS I sold my first car of 21 yrs to help pay for the trip, best choose I made = priceless trip :)
The experience was good - weather was nasty. Lots of High winds, rain, skeet, snow, no quality animals were seen, no animals were shot - Good trip just hard to wallow when spending that kind of money and waiting 4 years to go. Will I do it again no. Cannot jusify the expence from the family budget - That was almost 10 months ago - Perhaps I could give more exact cost info if you sent this sooner
The experience was unbelievable. Alaska is great everything is so big I know the moose was they are unbelievable animals to get to see Alaska and hunt it was dream come true.
The guide was unprepared. Had not been to the hunt area for 2 years.

The Hunt was ok. Not as many deer as they said at the wildlife biologist quotes scenary good - lot of work climbing the mountain!
The hunt was the bet of my life moose and bear are huge. Adams guide service is the bomb.
The other hunter shot at 500 yards and wounded one goat and was unable to retrieve it. He then proceeded to kill another (could even be the same animal I chose not to shoot the previous day). I like to know is it legal for the other hunter to do so. I think it is not.
The trip of a lifetime! cannot wait to do it again. The most beautiful place I have visited. I would have never been able to experience hunting black bear if I had not made this trip.
The trip was incredible but mad possible because we had a friend living near Fairbanks with vehicles and gear. Otherwise our costs would increase by \$2000. He has moved and we are saving.
This is a terrible survey. This trip was 1 year ago! I can't remember expense breakdowns. Plus, the wording of some questions is bad. For example 318. Why not say if the cost (uparrow) \$125 instead of referring me to the previous question and asking me to do the math! Looking forward to my next AK hunting trip.
This was my 17th consecutive excursion to the arctic. Alaska has so much to see and do, recently purchased land will help us to do all that we dream about. Nothing better than spending time in Alaska with family and great friends. Creating memories that will last a lifetime. The animals and harvesting them is always a bonus, but the nostalgia of Alaska is the true Gem! Thank you for allowing me to share these memories.
This was my 5th trip to alaska hunting. THis was the only time I was dissatisfied. I did not get a brown Bear two out of three times but still left satisfied. I have always had good luck fising. In 2000 on a fall Brown Bear hunt I stopped a full on charge at 5 feet with a handgun. It was the most excitement I have had in a long and exciting life! I did not realize how much money I spent on this trip until now. Average people can barely afford an alaskan hunt now days.
This was my fifth trip to Alaska. 2 Hunting trips and 2 fishing trips, one cruise, probably my favorite place I've ever been. Only wish I could afford to go every year. I will be back.
This was my first time in Fairbanks Alaska. I hunted moose and was successful. I truly enjoyed the beautiful country, all the wild game we saw while hunting I had my moose head mounted so I can cook at it everyday and respect on all the memories. I plan on hunting again it the future.
This was our 2nd trip. I enjoy the lack of people, the weather can be challenging. I have killed many Elk! moose are big I love the open space. The survey was confusing to me. I filled it out as a party of 3.
This will be my 5th ear in a row bowhunting moose and caribou in Alaska. I love the option of having a fiace to go on unguided hunts. I wish Alaska Would open up non-resident bowhunting for bear and sheep without requiring a guide. I love my Alaskan adventures and I hope to have the oppportunity to hunt there for many years.
Took a great dau sheep outside of Cantwell. Lots of hiking and mountain climbing but at the end of the rainbow was a great trophy scoring 162 5/8. Fantastic scenery and great local people.
Transporting meat out of Alaska is experience - I recommend putting out information on how it can be donated in Alaska. I also used a transporter service on my bear hunt and recommend none detailed information on what transporters can and can not do. I had a great experience overall.
Traveled to Africa this summer and took 12 animals and total cost was \$8000 less
Trip was very enjoyable, always wanted to go up to Deadhorse. Drove from Soldotna up. Great weather and beautiful scenery.

<p>Was disappointed in my outfitter. I'm a very experienced hunter, with numerous guided hunts. Jason Wallace was lazy (slept too much), Food was bad and not much of it. Saw no legal Rams and no grizzlies. His effort was very minimal and we never climbed any mountains to look for sheep.</p>
<p>Watched Caubow for drive on Kobuc River Fished and caught quayling. Visited Kiuna trip of a lifetime.</p>
<p>Watching Caribou 10 ft from my son and I, eating the berries and watching the sunsets.</p>
<p>We are looking forward to going Caribou hunting again with my girlfriend.</p>
<p>We climbed from sea level to about 1800 ft., a good five miles from the skiff. I shot my buck shortly after daylight and then spent the next several hours dragging the deer 5 miles back. When we got back, the skiff was high and dry in lowtide. To say I worked for my deer would be an understatement! TIt was a great experience that I am glad I did. I would love to do it again someday. Beautiful scenery and great friends!!</p>
<p>We flew into Anchorage and were impressed to not get the hapeful and indifferent attitude from airport and airline personnel like we have in other airports when walking through with rifle cases and hunting gear. My hunting trip was eleven days of excitement, physical chanllenges and wonder at the natural beauty of your state. I was able to fill my black bear tag, fished and caught halibut out of homer and fished for salmon. I bought boxes of game and fish home. I was impressed with the opportunity, from a regulation standpoint, to be able to ship the game hope through the airport. I was surprised that governmental intervention has not ruined hunting opportunities in Alaska.</p>
<p>We had a great caribou archery hunt on the North Slope there were 8 of us from Montana and Wyoming and we harvested 4 caribou. Saw 5 grizzlies and had a good hunt along the pipeline.</p>
<p>We had a guided Hunt from Pioneer outfitters, Take their guide license away. Worst hunt ever. Horses and guides were too hot. Extra guides quit. They didn't pay other help. Never hunt there again. Scale of 1 to 10 on hunt, 1 maybe. Take their license away!! Don't ruin anyone else's hunts!! please</p>
<p>We had a wonderful time on South end Aventures. It truely was much more than a bear hunt. I was unsuccessful in 2011 but I returned in may of 2012 and got my bear.</p>
<p>We have hunted Alaska every couple of years for awhile now. After all the cow and any bull tags tags planted over area got so crowded all we see is people and assistant guides every year here "Its nuts!" the dynamics of our hunt have gone from an experience of wonder to dismay. Moose numbers are way down.</p>
<p>We hunted black bear south - we seen a lot of bear but couldn't get to any of them. The scenery was breathtaking then we drove to deadhorse and hunted caribou in the tundra. The caribou hunt was successful it and it was brutal! I plan on another hunt for 2013- for moose and black bear.</p>
<p>We hunted the north slope for caribou- archery. We only saw 10 animals total. It was very frustrating.</p>
<p>We took a boat upstream from Circle Alaska camped on an island in the yukon river. About a week into our trip a Cow Moose and Calf came onto our island. We watched them graze for about an hour before they moved on. We had a great time and will do the trip again this year.</p>
<p>Weather was awesome had a great guid and had the time of my life.</p>
<p>Went sheep hunting with my son who is a resident of Alaska. I am 60 years old and we did a walk in hunt. The hunting was fabulous the scenery was also. Keep up the good management for all who desire the prestine setting and opportunity to have such a hunt. Thank you, Sincerely Mike Pinkelman</p>
<p>Went to Brooks Range - caribou seen more 300 yards + away saw 3 small herds at long distance. Much difficulty walking on Tundra at 78 years. Camping was nice, saw bear tricks.</p>

What a wonderful experience. We hunted and fished out of Whittier, AK. by son-in-law's boat. Spot And stalk black bear hunting. What a beautiful and peaceful experience that I will never forget. I love your state! I deeply respect AK fish and game for regulating your salmon fishery (opening and closing as needed) keep up the good work! Don Timm

What I loved was seeing the bear close up and the wildlife. I would certainly love to hunt in Alaska again.

While in Alaska I experienced adventure beyond anything I could have hoped for. Anything from camping in the remote wilderness with just a friend and a plan to harvest a moose to crossing rapid, cold rivers that were high from rain to climbing mountains to glass for moose The adventure and the people were way more than worthy the trip than the cost and expenses. I would do it again in a minute if I could afford it. Getting a 50 inch moose was a bonus but all in all an experience I will never forget and recommend to any one I talk hunting stories ever with.

Will never hunt with a guide half my age again.

With the four Tine or 50" rule for now - residents we become spectators which residents took moose we could only watch. It was very difficult to determine the status of the animals (legal or not). We passed up several that residents Took! I have been a guide and outfitter dower here for 35 + years. Texas, Wyo, NM, Mont.

Wonderful Trip - Bad weather. Will try to go again.

Wonderful trip, we were in Alaska about 60 days total from the Arctic Ocean to Prince Rupert.

Would have done online but could not get through all of the codes.

Wright Air flew our group of 4 intodrop camp for 10 day Moose hunt. What a great flight in and out they are great pilots. We saw game every day,lot of moose several wolves and lots of sand hill cranes which squaked all night long. Selecting a moose of leagle size was most difficult,and you have to be sure. Two large grizzlies shared our hunting area but gave us no trouble. One of my Partners did get a nice big bull moose so we all had meat to share. I would very much liketomaku this trip again. We had a wonderful hunt.

You just cut 1/2 the amounts of trips you could make maybe 1 every two years instead. You do what you can do. There is a limit but don't know what that is.

You need a friggin lawyer along with you to make evaluations on the legality of every little thing. This aspect of hunting in Alaska sucks for Locals and visitors!!!

You need to cut the wolf population. I have paid big bucks to hunt dall sheep twice and never saw a legal ram. The numbers are wa down. If you don't fix it I will hunt in Canada.

2011 was my second trip to Alaska. Both trips have been amazing experiences and I'm looking forward to going back, hopefully next year. That said I have one major complaint: I don't like the was the regulations are weighted against non-residents especially the guide requirement. I would probably hunt Alaska every year and spend the same or more money than I detailed in this survey (minus the guide fees) if: 1) There was no guide requirement for sheep, grizzly bear and mountain goat 2) There were more zones without 50" restrictions 3) There were more caribou hunts open to non-residents in southcentral If I could hunt Southcentral for any species I wouldn't go anywhere else to hunt. After my last experience I WILL NEVER AGAIN HUNT WITH A GUIDE and I think Alaska's protection of the guiding industry is akin to extortion. If guide requirements are expanded to include anymore species I will probably not hunt Alaska again. In terms of money, I'm sure it would be more beneficial to the local economy if I hunted every year without a guide than once every 3-4 years with a guide, which is about what I can afford. I'd probably spend \$3k a year IN ALASKA if I could hunt more species without a guide.

A great experience. We were airflighted behind the migrating herd, so the number of animals was disappointing and quality was very low.
A great overall experience . I would love to return someday.
A great trip in a great area. The spring Brown Bear season on Kodiak is too early. Our trip was the first of the year, and only a few animals had emerged from the dens. Please consider moving it to later in the year.
A once in a lifetime experience.
Alaska
Alaska has always been the Last Frontier. It still is. Please don't let that change. To me, the Last Frontier means remote, natural and undeveloped. That is what attracts me to the state. Other states have game animals to hnt, but not in a remote setting like Alaska. I first visited Alaska on my honeymoon and spent time learning the area and talking to Game & Fish employees. My trips back since then have been to hunt, camp and fish this great state. I know that natural resource development is importatnt to the state economy, but so is hunting and fishing. Please continue to protect that part of the tourism portion of your economy. Thanks for the opportunity to provide my input.
Alaska has the best big-game hunting I've ever experienced. The halibut fishing out of Homer is top-notch and we make the trip at least every other year. I hope to make it back to Adak Island next summer for some more caribou hunting.
Alaska is "THE" ultimate hunting destination for myself personally. Some answer the call to the African or Asian continents. Myself- give me the "Great Land" every time!!
Alaska is a wonderful experience and I will return many more times
Alaska is beautiful the hunting was great. I would live there if my wife would move. My whole experience was great, except for a little disagreement with my guide about my sheep hunt. I did not really get to sheep hunt, but I think that has been worked out. I will find out before long.
Alaska is by far the best value in outdoor vacations, including both hunting and fishing. At this time I travel to Alaska once per year for either hunting and fishing as both the cost and quality of the experience is unmatched vs. other places I have been.
Alaska is heaven on earth. The scenery is second to none and the people are friendly, down to earth and hospitable.
Alaska is like no place else on earth! Once you have seen it, it is all you think about when you dream of a place to visit or hunt. This was my second trip. I will return again in 2014.
Alaska is my favorite place to hunt, I will return. My guide Burr Henrickson really degraded the trip. His guiding skills are second to the MONEY. I will find another guide with the help of the locals,we have become to know.
Alaska is the greatest place in the planet
Alaska needs to be acutely aware of how it's non resident hunters are treated in order to keep their allegiance. Many hunts in Alaska are now more expensive than hunts in Africa, and hunters are making the choice to travel to foreign locations where they get a greater bang for their buck.
Alaska was bigger and more beautiful than i could have ever imagined. I can't wait to return with my kids.
Although my hunt was unsuccessful, I found the experience worthwhile. Whether you're talking about the scenery, the wildlife, the people or the general lifestyle, there really is nothing quite like Alaska. It's a wonderful place to visit. Truly, our last frontier.

<p>although my trip was a success (harvested a beautiful black bear)was able to visit my brother, I was very disgruntelled at the licensing process. Upon purchase I was surprised at the cost, much less than expected, so 3 times over I asked the salesperson if this was correct upon being reassured I went ahead a purchased an additional fishing license. When I took my bear kill in I was told that i did not have proper paperwork and was told authoritys would be called. after a day of trip was wasted driving around, making calls, harvested meat getting warm and lots of frustration things got taken care of. I was still worried though because none of my dates of purchase, kill, ect. matched and I neverwould have purchased the fishing license,which was only suppose to be for a week not the year that they sold me.</p>
<p>Always great, will be back Sept. 12,2012</p>
<p>Amazing trip!!!! Some of the most beautiful country I've ever had the pleasure of exploring.</p>
<p>Asq a matter of fact I went fishing and not hunting</p>
<p>awesome</p>
<p>awesome Hunt I was lucky enough to get a 67" Moose.</p>
<p>Awesome state. Too difficult to get to remote areas though. Outfits like Penn-air are worthless. ERA is ok. They airlines are the biggest problem that I encountered in trying to get around. Penn air will only fly if their planes are booked full. I understand they are trying to make a profit, but then I get to sit and wait for days at a time when the weather is decent on both ends of the flight. I get to pay for hotel rooms and taxis while I wait for them to fill the flights. Penn Air turned me away from hunting the peninsula for moose. If I have to use them I will find another area. I am hunting out of Anchorage this year to avoid Pen air. That is ridiculous.</p>
<p>Awesome!</p>
<p>Awesome!</p>
<p>Awesome...I've lived here since 1992 and don't think I'll ever leave. It is the whole experience I am looking for not just trying to kill an animal. I hunt with a longbow, therefore I do not always succeed in harvesting an animal, and am perfectly fine with that.</p>
<p>Beautiful country!</p>
<p>Beautiful county.</p>
<p>beautiful scenery!!</p>
<p>Because we were not notified by our transporter that we needed a registration permit for the area we hunted, we were cited and fined. That put a damper on an otherwise wonderful trip to Alaska.</p>
<p>Best trip I ever went on</p>
<p>Bow hunted Brown Bear and Moose for 14 days. Warm weather proved to be the limiting factor for moose hunting. I only saw one moose in 14 days - but that is hunting. Brown bear sighting were average but no trophy bears were spotted. Beautiful scenery and great learning experience. FYI - Two years prior to this hunt I booked a hunt with Alaska Trophy Hunts - Tom Shankster Master Guide License 148 - owner. Mr. Shankster took 10K of my money for a moose hunt while I waited in a hotel in Anchorage for him to pick me up. He never showed. I have never seen any of my money since. Horrible experience. I really wish Alaska Fish and Game would crack down on outfitters such as this one that steal money from out of state hunters.</p>
<p>Brown Bear hunted with Alaska Coastol outfitters and had a great trip even if I did not Harvest a animal. I am planning on coming back this September.</p>
<p>Bruce Parker provided a superb experience.</p>
<p>Came looking for Moose, took a few thousand pictures, Drove my boat up the Yukon, Chena and from Haines to Skagway and back. Had a lot of fun. Drove the haul road to Deadhorse, and down to Valdez. Still need to come back for that Moose.</p>

Can't wait to d it again. Great people, great hunting, great country.
caribou hunting on the alaska north slope was terrific. flying in to prudhoe bay being picked up with a charter and then a tundra tire equiped piper cub into camp. was awesome. best remote experience ever.
Charters were not supportive moving locations due lack of caribou in area.
Close encounters with wolves, moose, black bears, griz, flyfishing, photography.
Come to Alaska at least once a year to hunt or fish. and will continue to do so. Great state and for the most part great people.
Denali Park was awesome! We saw more than a dozen grizzly bears, half a dozen caribou, dahl sheep.
Didn't hunt in 2011. Hunted in 2010, while I didn't get a caribou, I loved the trip and am considering a trip in 2013.
Do I get bonus points for filling this in?
Drew sheep tag DS260 after applying for 13 years. Great hunt, lots of sheep and some awesome rams... just couldn't close the deal.
Enjoyed a self-guided trip into the Brooks in 11' for Moose. Our party of 2 went 100% and had a great experience. We both enjoyed everything about Alaska and what is has to offer.
Every Day in Alaska is a great day and some are even better.
Every trip we have taken to Alaska has been exceptional in nature. Always nice to be in Alaska on a hunting trip.
Everything about Alaska was beautiful, awesome, gorgeous. We will be back!!!
Everything exceeded my expectations except my outfitter. The state of Alaska does an excellent job regulating game and making sure hunters are taken care of. I will be back God willing!
Everything was great except the outfitter. 10 day hunt and he asked how long I planned on staying. Hunt was a gift so I did not complain. Rushed and shot a 8 1/2 was told 9 1/2 prior to shot. Outfitter just wanted us gone. My dangerous game hunt experience? 2 trips Yukon, 2 safaris Mozambique and 2 safaris Botswana. Need a leopard and will have completed big 4. I'm not a tape hound, more interested in the hunt than the tape/kill. Rainbow Bay Lodge was location of my AK hunt. I will say it was the most "country club" hunt I've ever been on. I'd rather hunt hard 10 days for a chance at a huge bear than shoot average in 3 days. I've left a moose in the Yukon and a leopard in Mozambique with no complaints.
Everything was great except the ticket I got for not having a harvest tag. I hunt all over the lower 48, and when I purchase tags online, I always get a list of things I need from game&fish (Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, NM, etc). When I got the packet from Alaska, it didn't mention ANYWHERE in the information sent that I needed a harvest ticket. The extra \$160 I had to pay for the ticket really spoiled the last days of my trip. Put a notice in the information you send out such as "before you go into the field, you must obtain a harvest ticket". Now that isn't so hard is it? Don't assume we will read a 200 page book of regulations. Even the DOW guy thought the ticket was on the bogus side (though not enough to keep from writing me and my friends one). In the future, I'm just going to hunt in CO (home state) and Wyoming.
Excellent hunt with Jake Jacobson. Kotzebue isn't a very nice town!
Excellent trip
Experiance was that of a life time, outfitter was terrible. Basically lied the whole trip. seen one total black bear on the trip. Gateway Guiding and Outfitting should be barred from alaska
experience of a lifetime small number of game animals at hunting site, but worth every penny for the outdoorsman

Extraordinary adventure for an overseas visitor. Greatest trip I've done and coming back in 2012. Love the way you manage the game and enforce the regulations.

Fascinating experience. I hope to do it again soon.

first time in Alaska. Drove from Soldotna to the Yukon river and floated for five days to get to the Koyukuk. Stopped in Galena for fuel and in Tanana for repairs to one of the boats. Motored up the Koyukuk to the Kateel river where our hunt began. I would come back for just the travel part of the trip. The moose hunting was great we saw lots of moose. I hope to return with my son in a few years.

First trip bear hunting in Dillenger range 23 days Spring hunt walked same river bed 20 days got 3 days in spike camp. Got 2 black bears but felt master outfitter was trying to screw me out of my money. he offered me a chance to come back after brown bear in fall. Moose hunt then get my brown bear off moose carcass. Booked 16 day hunt and he was over booked so I sat in camp 12 days finally flew me out with other client to spike camp and told guide and client to shoot first (did not tell me) just tried to screw me out of my money. Very unhappy with this trip, he even sent me out on my own for 3 days knowing I wanted a brown bear. Very unethical outfitter with only money in mind. Would sue him if I could.

first trip to alaska seen 9 moose 3 wolves 0 bear be back this year

First, the regulations are too complicated. Second, if the regulations must be as complicated as they currently are, better detailed maps and information should be made available on the alaska website. Even with high resolution printer and magnifying glass, it was very difficult to ascertain regulation boundaries. The only way was vague descriptions of streams, landmarks, etc that mean almost nothing to a non-resident. A detailed map is crystal clear to anyone picking it up, resident or non-resident and would take much confusion out of the process. NTM it would be simple to post on the website. Third, the non-resident big game tags are prohibitively expensive and too much compared with the resident pricing. The hunting pressure from the residents was so extensive that it negatively impacted our ability to be successful. An increase in the resident pricing and decrease in the non-resident pricing would result in less hunting pressure, more fair and balanced pricing, and more opportunities for non-residents. For all of these reasons I did not come back in 2012 to repeat the hunt.

Fished near Cooper's Landing for five days and the moose hunted near Tok for two weeks. Saw no other hunters and 20+ bulls. Hunting partner took B&C bull. I passed on several small ones and could not get in bow range on two big bulls.

Flew from D/FW to Anchorage, then to Kenai. Spent night in Kenai. Flew out the next day with Alaska Air west to camp across the Cook inlet. Spent the night in tent with registered guide. Next morning, 1st day of Brown Bear season. Snow shod several miles and reached a high vantage point. Glassed from several spots and found a brown bear that had killed a bull moose and was feeding on him. We got as close to the bear as possible. Shot and killed him with one shot. Skinned him, ate lunch and loaded his hide and skull in a small sled and snow shod our way back to camp. Spent that night and then flew back to Kenai during the day-- making two trips, including myself, the guide and all our hunting and camping equipment.

Found out after the hunt, this area had a large hunter kill in a late season for numerous years, so we did not see very many animals.

Get rid of the non-resident guide requirements. The high cost of the guide service restricts a typical non-resident's ability to make a trip to Alaska. As well as reduces their spending cash for the remainder of their trip. I would love to make a return trip, but it will be a long time before I can afford it.

Getting in and out was difficult because of wind going in and a broken plane coming out. It was a lot of money and time for 3 days of hunting. However, it was a one of those once in a lifetime experiences.
Goat special draw hunt in 2011. Hard to get from beach to goats. Rough water on the beach.
got stranded had to walk out to Amos Lakes hired private pilot to come get us the hell out of there. Alaska is a fantastic place with a lot of so-called outfitters to take your money
Great
Great adventure...will do again!!!!!!!!!!!!
Great but difficult trip hope to return soon.
Great experience, but high costs.
Great experience, guide, game, and land
great experience. My son was our hunter for a Brown bear. On the 7th day he took his 8' male bear. We struck out on a 2010 bear hunt south of Cordova by Tsiu River. Tickled to see my son so happy.
Great hunt for Kodiak Brown Bear at Karluk Lake!
Great hunt lots of bears. My guide made a poor choice and had me shoot a sow. The downside to that is his mistake cost me to have to wait four years to return and hunt for the bear I wanted. I have now made two trips for brown bear, I have spent around \$30,000 dollars and still no bear for my trophy room.
Great hunting and improving in quality / population, just do not understand why it seems wildlife management is being conducted by politics rather than biologist. Laws are starting to get too restrictive even with an increase in population and thus one reason I will no longer hunt Prince of Wales in the SE. Yet another change in the bear hunting laws and going to a draw system that will leave the non-resident with little choice but to hire a guide if they draw. With the change in the laws for POW Bear, we have changed areas to the central and it is getting far more expensive to hunt Alaska. Hate to spend my money in Canada, but it seems like the State is out pricing itself and not as non-resident friendly as it once was. Hate to see Alaska lose out, but fact is with the increase in cost, the increased restrictions just do not make this trip a good value for a non-resident as it once was. I agree that EVERYTHING cost more, it just seems Alaska, along with many of the outfitters have not only outpriced the market, but made it almost impossible for a non-resident to hunt at a reasonable price. It seems the Alaska F&G is starting to go the same way as the F&G departments in the lower 48 where the residents have primacy and the non-residents pay the price as at the rate it is going, only residents or wealthy non-residents will be able to hunt. Good luck in the future Alaska, you are pricing yourself off the market.
GREAT PEOPLE GREAT COUNTRY GREAT HUNTING
Great place
GREAT PLACE TO COME TO AND GET AWAY.
Great time except for alcoholic guide
Great time, went King Salmon fishing and experimented with some black bear hunting but were not successful. Really fun though, Alaska is beautiful!!
Great to see such a wide variety of wildlife wherever we went.
Great trip, able to harvest both animals we came for.
great trip. I also returned for another hunt in 2012.
Had a fantastic time on the North Slope...saw beautiful scenery, plenty of wildlife and took nice caribou....I'll be back
Had a good bear hunt. Friend shot a grizzly bear. Saw moose, caribou, and sheep.
Had a good time

Had a great hunting trip with my son even though we did not harvest a bear. Hope to repeat the trip in the future.
Had a great time
Had a great time but could not find a legal moose in our area. But a bad day hunting in Alaska is better than a good anywhere else in the world. Mark R. Smith MD
Had a great time fishing. Halibut limits were too restrictive.
Had a great time in Alaska will be back in 2013 to try and get a Moose.
Had a great time in Prince William Sound. Saw lot of bear but no deer
Had a great time no people lots of Game
Had a great time seeing the bear, moose, and sheep. The country was the beautiful and more than I could hope for. I am trying to save enough money to come back with my children to hunt and fish, maybe even live.
Had a great time while on my Brown bear hunt. The bear raided our camp but for his folly he paid a high price and now he is a Clifornia resident.
Had a great time, Brother lives there and heading back this sept
Had a great time, saw lots of sheep. The people were great, Cole Ellis and family were very hospitable. I enjoy the wilderness and the beauty of the country. The Fish and Game officers in Glenallen were very nice and helpful checking my sheep in.
Had a great time. Can't wait to go back.
Had a great trip. Got a nice dall sheep and saw grizzlies, caribou, eagles. Wanted to shoot a wolf and see a wolverine. Will come back soon to fish for salmon and halibit.
Had a really great time! It was quite an adventure for me, as I had never really camped out in the wild in a tent. We were so impressed with the scenic beauty, especially the fall colors around Fairbanks. I was very glad to get a moose, and we are really enjoying the meat. We also enjoyed visiting with family members in the area. It was a trip of a lifetime which we will never forget - especially with the moose antlers mounted on our wall.
HAD A TON OF FUN ENJOYED THE SCENERY AN HUNTING EXPERIENCE READY FOR NEXT TRIP
had an amazing trip. This was my 15th trip from New Zealand to Alaska. I have hunted on just about every single trip and certainly enjoy Alaska as a destination.
Had an outstanding trip. Me and 2 of my buddies enjoyed a 1x/lifetime remote float moose hunt in the Brook's Range. We floated 60+ miles in 13 days, took 3 bull moose and 2 wolves. We put a lot of planning and preparation into the hunt. We had high expectations, but our expectations were exceeded.
had the time of my life and never took a shot. alaska was a dream come true for me and my buddy. plan on returning with my wife to enjoy the siteseeing, in the near future. just a little disappointed in the hunt, but the rugged beauty of alaska made every penny worth it. the wildlife is unique and so was the experience.
Half of the fun of hunting is seeing the animals in their habitat. From bear baiting to sitting and waiting for moose, the peace and quiet that goes with it only increases the pleasure. Saw a sow and her cub exploring our bait stand and enjoyed watching them.
Harvested a record book Brown Bear. Very good hunt with Lance Kronberger, outfitter.
HARVESTED A SPIKE FORK BULL, WAS AWESOME EXPERIENCE FOR A FIRST TIME TRIP TO ALSAKA. WILL COME AGAIN.
Have a great time. Weather was good. Saw plenty of caribou. The outfitter we used was excellent (70North). Could not have asked for a better time and time.

<p>Have been bear hunting in Alaska the past 4 out of 5 years from Southeast to Peninsula and have had nothing but outstanding experiences on all accounts, hope to be back soon for more hunting and adventures throughout this great state.</p>
<p>Have taken over 20 hunting and fishing trips in Alaska. About 3 were guided, the others were unguided. I love the state and appreciate the work going into keeping the herds in good shape and giving people the opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and harvest the game they can.</p>
<p>Harvested a full curl Dall Ram in the Cugach mountains</p>
<p>Having lived in AK and worked at the Alaska Native Hospital I have traveled and hunted/fished alot in AK. I have very good friends who take very good care of me when I come to hunt. If not for them I don't know that I would even go back and hunt. they are my family and make the trip twice as much better. I love AK and Love my extended family, a beautiful match both ways.</p>
<p>hunted and fished on Prince of wales island. Rain'd a lot but had a exhalant time fishing. Hunting was a hard hike to the high country but very rewarding once their. Harvested a nice buck deer. plans to go back this year, planing to bring our boat and truck and drive & ferry up with two more guy's two cut the cost down and add more time.</p>
<p>Hunted Gustavus, only 4 kills that week by locals who already had every moose staked out. Almost an impossible hunt for a bowhunter</p>
<p>Hunted moose east of kotzabue. Flew in super cub for hours on several days. Saw 61 grizzle bears, 2 small bulls and not one legal moose. You have a problem in this area.</p>
<p>Hunted moose the previous 3 years and loved it can't wait to come back next year. I'd love to live there but couldn't afford to.</p>
<p>Hunted out of Kotzebue. Had a great and enjoyable trip. Can't wait to go back.</p>
<p>hunted sheep and bear by horseback in a beautiful wilderness seting</p>
<p>Hunted the Yukon River area around the Yukon-Charley Rivers area. Was very beautiful and met other hunters whom we enjoyed a camp fire with. Over all had a great time with my brother as he is a resident and appsed up some animals just to see them was really amazing.</p>
<p>Hunting Afognak Island elk is like no other. Second time for me and I will cherish the memories forever.</p>
<p>hunting deer, ducks, ptarmigan, and fox on kodiak island; hunting moose, sheep, grizzly, and wolf on the mainland.</p>
<p>Hunting experience was more than I could imagine in concerns to quality. The scenery was out of a painting. The prices of Hotels were over priced. The people at the hotels were very hard to deal with. Alaskans were very friendly. I am planning a trip to come back in 2013!</p>
<p>Hunting in Alaska is an experience my family and i cherish. Anything the Alaska fish and game can do to enhance wildlife numbers by predator control is greatly appreciated and will ensure my continued support of hunting and visiting Alaska for years to come. thank you.</p>
<p>Hunting in Alaska is wonderful, this is why I have invested so much money in the State. I HATE YOUR HUNTING REGULATIONS; they are written by lawyers to the extent that this agency can support itself writing NONSENSICAL citations to people trying to put meat in their freezer. Shame on you!</p>
<p>Hunting in Alaska provides an incredible outdoor experience in some of the most beautiful scenery in the world.</p>
<p>Hunting regulations have become so burdensome that it feels like you need to have a lawyer with you just to keep from inadvertently violating one. Sometimes I wonder if the goal of ADF&G is make criminals out of all of us hunters in the hopes of finally eliminating hunting altogether.</p>
<p>Hunting was awesome and rewarding and scenery beautiful but very eeire and isolated but everlasting memories</p>

I always hate to leave.
I am a level t2 paraplegic and I was on a hunting and fishing trip. I had an awesome time and would love to return if I could find another outfitter, ours went out of business. I had a great time fishing and shot a Boone and Crockett black bear. This is my second trip to Alaska, I was on a moose hunt once with the Paralyzed Veterans. I love AK!! Thank you, Dennis Knox
I am happy with my hunting experiences in alaska except for the current draw system. I believe we need a point system here that rewards people for the number of times you have loyaly applied for the diffrent hunts. I don't believe a new comer should have the same chance to draw a hunt that I have been appling for 13 to 22 years. Where is the benifit for loyally appling and a new guy scoops up a tag his first draw chance then moves out of the state 4 years later.
I arrived here in the army over 40 years ago and have hunted almost every fall moose season since. I raised two boys on harvested moose, caribou, sheep, and goat meat and sport caught fish. For the last dozen years, I have hunted north of Fairbanks with friends from Fairbanks and every year one of us manages to get a moose which we share equally.
I come to Alaska every other year for a Moose hunt. This past years hunt was short and unsuccessful due to equipment breakdown 30 miles in. Even with the breakdown, I thoroughly enjoyed myself and look forward to the next one. I will continue to come back as often as possible, health permitting.
I enjoy being out in the field regardless of the harvest of an animal. Our hunting resources are under continued pressure from more and more people. I'll enjoy my hunting as much and for as long as I can.
i enjoyed it. the wildlife just wasnt there
I enjoyed my trip and expect to return.
I enjoyed the Alaska wilderness. Someday if the economy turns AND I obtain work I will look forward to another visit.
I filled out the questionnaire even though I did NOT hunt in Alaska in 2011, I have however been on prior trips to Alaska that included fishing and hunting, in 2008, 2009 and 2010. I was unable to plan a trip in 2011 or 2012, but I do plan to make a hunting trip in 2013. I can't wait to visit Alaska again. I generally spend 10 - 14 days in Alaska. I have harvested fish in Alaska, but have not as yet harvested any animals on hunting trips, but the experience of hunting and enjoying the outdoors in Alaskan wilderness was worth it.
I first hunted Alaska for Caribou in 1998 in unit 17B. Our party of four had some success but didnt harvest the mature animals we were looking for. We seen about 60 caribou total but only a couple mature animals were seen on the first day we landed so we couldnt shoot. My overall experience was fair to good. This last hunting trip was in the same unit 17B on the Nushagak River for Moose. I traveled about 350 river miles(Conservatively) by boat and DIDN'T see any Moose,Caribou,Bear, Black or Brown from the boat. About half of this was drifting,fishing and hunting. First I spent a few days around Koliganek fishing,I went up the Nuyakuk to the falls and also down river around the Mulchatna. Then left Koliganek traveling upriver two hours past Big Bend looking for Moose. I did see two Caribou and one Bull Moose while hunting away from the river. There was very little sign of Moose,Caribou or Bear. We did find some but very little. We glassed and called from many look out locations the entire ten day Moose season. It just felt to me that the area had maybe been overhunted and was laking animals. Overall I was disappointed in the abundance of wildlife. I know that animals cant be expected to be seen around every tree but this was bad. Not even one cow or calf seen the whole trip. I will be back to hunt Alaska but it will be a different unit. Thank you for your time, Sincerely Mike Trombley.

I fished hunted and camped in prince william sound with relatives and friends. We fished and hunted out of small rubber boats. The scenery was beautiful, we caught halibut, rockfish and i shot a black bear. What could be better?
I flew my own personal Cessna 206 all the way into hunting camp east of McGrath. The flying experience was as much fun as the hunt.
I had a fantastic hunting trip in 2011. This was my third hunt on the north slope. I will definitely be back soon. Possibly Dall Sheep next time.
I had a fun time when I was there. I just wish it didn't rain so much during my hunt and that the salmon run could have been better.
I had a great time hunting in Alaska last year and plan on going back every couple of years.
I had a great time, a successful hunt and made wonderful friends as a result of that hunting trip. I am planning on coming back either next year or the year after.
I had a great time, even though I did not harvest a moose. I saw many different animal species. My guide/outfitter was very good, and he made the trip quite enjoyable.
I had a great time, will do it again some time soon.
I had a great time. Fantastic scenery, nice people. I would come back again with my wife.
I had a nice time. Wish I could have found a legal moose.
I had a pretty good experience. I got a large caribou, but didn't see a bull moose at all. Nor did I see a grizzly. My friend from Alaska had a grizzly tag, but we never saw one in almost two weeks of hunting. He said that was very unusual for the area. His honey holes for moose were discovered and apparently shot out since we didn't see any bulls and when he went back a few weeks later he only saw small bulls. I hope it is not a once in a life-time trip.
I had a wonderful time and would go again.
I had a wonderful time hunting around Wolf Lake and enjoyed the outdoors while I was there.
I had an awesome experience. The beauty of the land and all the scenery was well worth the trip. I can not believe how big the Alaskan Yukon moose is. I was rewarded with a 66.5 inch bull moose and I was able to catch several silver salmon on my great adventure. I would definitely recommend making time to go and see all that Alaska has to offer.
I had the luck to harvest a close to 9 foot Peninsula brown bear in a fantastic nature and reasonable weather. Alaska Fish and game helped us tremendously since the outfitter guides (Vern Humble and Garrett Cox) messed up licenses and permits at our first hunting area.
I had the time of my life with all my friends
I have a family member in the Coast Guard that was stationed in Juneau. Being able to stay with him and his knowledge of the area made hunting in Alaska possible. Alaska will always be my favorite hunting destination!
I have a son living in Two Rivers that I try to plan a trip with each year to hunt and/or fish. It is always a great experience whether I fill my tag or not. My wife enjoys us going on summer trips to Alaska. We have taken both the train and bus through Denali along with boat tours to the glaciers. We like to get out on our own, away from the crowds and see the country.
I have been a bear hunter for 20 years and enjoy hunting without a guide southeast Alaska is where I know I can pass on bears every day. That is why I go!
I have been coming to AK for more than 10 years from the state of PA. Attended College in MT, and lived in MT for 10 years. I find the wildlife/ wildlands resources in AK feel like MT 40 years ago. The development and population growth in MT have reduced my enjoyment of their state's resources. AK is wild and remote, with population centers and culture close enough (but not too close) and easy to find to fill my desire for civilization.

<p>I have been going to Alaska for hunting every year since 2006. The terrain, wildlife and people are just fantastic. I've had challenges but never a bad experience. I particularly enjoy how nature rules the day and not man. I find the fish and game laws to be reasonable and well thought out. I feel welcomed as a hunter in Alaska.</p>
<p>I have been hunting in Alaska 6 times, first trip was in 2001. In addition have been fishing 4 different times, first trip was in 1999. For hunting it has been only in remote areas which has been a wonderful experience always despite sometimes challenging weather conditions. I really do hope that Alaska is kept wild and no further road construction is made. During my trips I have seen caribous, moose, brown bears, foxes, beavers, numerous bird species. What is striking to me is that sometimes it easy to see that I have been the first human that especially these animals have seen. Sometimes I feel that it would have been nice to live some 100 years or so ago. With less people, free wildernesses and explorations still possible. I'm happy to say that Alaska still offers those and maybe that is the key for me going back again and again to Alaska.</p>
<p>I have been to alaska every year for the last 17 years. two of those years I went twice during the year. All trips have been for hunting, camping and rafting. I have videos of trophy moose called to within 15 yards that I did not shoot. Last year I called 9 bulls in 3 of which were better than 50 inches. I take a different hunter with me every year, and this past year I let him shoot a 62.5 in heavy horned bull. the first year i hunted this river i saw 29 moose without calling and didn't fire a shot. What attracts me to alaska is the wilderness. I rarely see another hunter, boat, 4-wheeler or raft, and I raft 70 miles. There are only two places on the planet today that a person may go down a river and not see other humans or houses and those are alaska and siberia.</p>
<p>I have been to Alaska many times since my first trip in 1984. Every trip is always a great experience and now that I have two boys that are getting older I can't wait to spend time hunting and fishing with them.</p>
<p>I have been to Alaska multiple times for vacation travel and to visit my son. The 2011 trip was my first Alaska hunt. I enjoyed the experience and I look forward to hunting again in the Southcentral region.</p>
<p>I have been to Alaska some 20+ times for hunting and fishing. It is really nice when I have the oppertunity to over lap activities. If I could fish a day or two when I am hunting that is a BIG PLUS.</p>
<p>I have been visiting Alaska since 1992. This was my first hunting trip, had a great time and hope to do it again.</p>
<p>I have had 3 tremendous hunting trips to Alaska, while I was only sucessful on the last one, I look forward to a return trip.</p>
<p>I have hunted 31 years in interior Alaska. I have harvested several caribou, three moose, two dall sheep, and one black bear. I have also caught several salmon and trout. Along with the above animals, are many of the same species my partners harvested that we shared. I am primarily a meat hunter; thus only take what we will use from the field. Camping, backpacking, photography, and wild life study are also a major part of the hunts. My wife thinks I am thinking of hunting all year long, but in reality it gets consideration and involvement three months a year.</p>
<p>I have hunted Alaska almost every year for the last 22 years. My success and enjoyment has been way above expectations.It is truly,in my estimation,"The Last Frontier".</p>
<p>I have hunted alaska for the last eight years by myself AND with my wife and we love it. I have used 4 different guides and everyone of them have been good.</p>
<p>I have hunted for Black Bear before on two occasions. I plan to return for Griaaly bear and other animals in the future and do more sightseeing</p>
<p>I have hunted or fished in alaska at least numerous times</p>

<p>i have lived and hunted in Alaska for decades and 2011 was the worst personal experience I have ever had in SE Alaska. I was harrassed on three separate occassions and falsely accused of hunting violations by Trooper Jeremy Braun and Sgt. Garcia. When KTN State Trooper Braun called me "A LIAR" and told me and my hunting companions he would get me this crossed the line of unprofessional conduct. This ruined an otherwise great trip and was totally unwarranted. This year I was abkle to find out what happened and the reason they were acting the wauy they did -- a RESIDENT AK HUNTER had shot and wounded a deer and a Black Bear on the West Harris River and was seen by witnesses. We were not in that area but were DRIVING A RED PU Truck and that was the sole basis of the Troopers actions -- VERY DISAPPOINTING and UNPROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR! These AK State Troopers need to learn the laws and do their jobs with respect. The majority of ADF&G Enforcement and the other Troopers are always first class and professional. The constant closures of the SW/ SC/ Kodiak rivers is destroying my confidence and desire to come back. The changes to the Black Bear Permit system for Non-Residents will prevent me from ever wanting to come back to SE Alaska.</p>
<p>I have made 4 trips to Alaska hunting. I have harvested a Moose & a Grizzly. It is the greatest place on earth to hunt and enjoy the outdoors. My first trip to Alaska was in 1978 right out of college I was hooked on the beauty and wildness. I'll be back soon. Protect it & keep it wild.</p>
<p>I have taken two trips to hunt caribou in the Brooks Range area and have loved every minute of it. It is awesome to know we still have this wild wilderness still existing in the US. The people are generally nice and willing to help, the scenery is awesome and the experience is mystifying and unique each time.</p>
<p>I have wanted to see Alaska since I was a kid but was not sure I would ever get to hunt there. Seeing the wild Dall Sheep and getting to hunt them even tho not sucessful was worth the trip. The cost of such a hunt makes it almost out of reach for a working single parent tho. I plan to return some day even if its just some fishing. I had hoped to get to do some but the hunt went to the end of time available.</p>
<p>I hunt alaska every year and every year the experience is fantastic.</p>
<p>I hunt Alaska every year and there is too much to share. Alaska is one of the best places to hunt in the world in my opinion. The sites, experience, danger, and game is un-matched!</p>
<p>I hunted Dall's sheep in the Chugach draw area (Peter's creek] and felt the sheep acted very pressured.</p>
<p>I hunted mountain goat in the Chugach Mtns with Freelance Outfitters. It was a great experience and worth every penny of the considerable expense. The scenery, both flying in and during the hunt, was amazing and might have been my favorite experience of the trip. Didn't see a lot of wildlife, which was surprising, but did harvest a 9-1/2" goat. Overall, I would rate the trip a 9/10. I will definitely plan on hunting in AK every chance I get. Already have a peninsula brown bear hunt scheduled for 2014.</p>
<p>I hunted the haul road hunt for caribou. Not only were the animals few and far between but the number of hunters was very high, with competition for the animals that were present fairly intense. I was extremely disappointed to have traveled that far only to find the road lined with camps and lots of traffic. I will not do it again.</p>
<p>I hunted Unit 23 for Carbou for 13 days and never seen a single Carbou. I was extremely disappointed.</p>
<p>I hunted with my brother who is an alaskan resident. It was my 4th trip up there. We hunt sheep and I finally was able to get one. I'm coming again this year and love hunting sheep</p>
<p>I just love Alaska and wish I could live there</p>
<p>I live here.</p>
<p>I live in Alaska and I love it. We hunt and fish every year.</p>
<p>I live in the Alaskan Bush. We hunt and fish to subsist as do most of our village.</p>

I lived in Alaska for nearly 25 years and hunting, fishing and flying were my primary activities. I have harvested 6-8 sheep and this trip was just to re-live some wonderful memories. The fact that I did not get a sheep this year was not a disappointment. Hunting with my son, backpacking, climbing a mountain or two at age 77 was my goal. I wanted to climb one more mountain before I was "over the hill". The trip was a resounding success.

I lived in Fairbanks for 3 years due to being stationed at Fort Wainwright with the US Army. I fell in love with Alaska because of the outdoors experience possible, and because of the hunting and fishing opportunities. It's very expensive to travel there to perform those activities, and though I would like to return yearly, I cannot afford to. The most I would likely expect would be every three years or so, and that's probably not realistic either. This was my first trip back (two years after leaving). I think the game laws are good for the most part. In many areas, it's difficult for a non-resident to achieve certain "quality" criteria, such as 50" moose, but while living there I had the opposite perspective (meaning a resident should certainly have better opportunities to take game of all sizes and in more areas). That said, I'm a DIY hunter, and don't even know that I will ever return to AK on a guided hunt... though it's possible, because I would love to hunt sheep/mt. goat again. I did take a Brown Bear while living in AK, so I'm not up to the thought of going back on a guided hunt for Griz as the cost of the trip is astronomical. Managing game to appease all parties is impossible. The goal should always be to first care for the game. Second, provide reasonable opportunity to harvest AN animal. Third, manage certain areas for TROPHY animals, and frankly, those areas might need to remain around some of the more populated areas (not just road-network... considering that's the primary avenue for DIY hunters... but populated, such as around Wasilla/Anchorage and the like). We started out hunting along the Rich Hwy for 50" plus from a rented inflatable, but found out quickly we were underestimating the requirements to navigate some of the planned waterways. It would have gotten ugly quickly, so I changed plans and hunted the interior (which I knew much better) along the road networks. We finally bagged a small bull (low 30" range) at the back end of the hunt. Without an "any bull" regulation, we would have gone home empty handed, and disappointed. Hunting doesn't mean killing, but as stated before, we were up there for the experience (but having a shot at AN animal is important). Thanks for this survey, it's good to see that Alaska is trying to manage their game for the sake of the game, and for the prosperity of its people through the sport of hunting. God Bless.

I love Alaska and plan to continue coming to your state to hunt and enjoy the outdoor experience

I love Alaska I have been there 7 times hunting and one trip site seeing

I love Alaska, but it is getting too expensive.

I love Alaska, had a great trip the people, scenery, wildlife, even though I didn't fill my tag I saw nice bears but was looking for larger size, but the weather was rough but I still had a wonderful trip my outfitter was great AAA Alaskan outfitters I'm planning to go back in 2014

I love Alaska, I've been traveling there every year since 1996, which was my freshman year in college. I drew TOK last year and arrowed a beautiful Dall ram on video, really amazing film we're able to create! This year we also arrowed a giant grizzly out of Unalakleet...well, we needed some assistance from a 338 at 5 steps, but again the film was crazy!! This year we'll be filming a caribou float trip in Noatak Preserve....we LOVE Alaska!!!

I love Alaska. I've been there half a dozen times and I've enjoyed every trip. I've sheep, bear, mt. goat, deer and duck hunted, sometimes without success but still had a great time. I've traveled many places around the world but no where is as beautiful as Alaska.

I love having the opportunity to hunt and fish in this vast wilderness. The scenery is beautiful and there are a lot of animals and species to see. Although I don't agree with all of the regulations that Fish and Game has enacted, I can see how they are trying to protect the wildlife but at the same point they are also getting too restrictive to the people to love to hunt and fish. I have a hard time finding places that I can allow my children to learn to hunt and fish without being overrun by other hunters or anglers and ruin the experience. I would like to see a program for our younger hunters and anglers to give them a chance to enjoy the outdoors while learning the proper procedures and rules without having every other person getting in the way.

I love hunting in Alaska and like to come up every other year or so. Local people are nice and accommodating. I have been successful on caribou, brown bear and also fishing trips. My only real comment is in relation to how we were treated by a Fish & Game agent at our remote camp and how he treated our flight service. Proof of sex got torn off a moose quarter during transit by the flight service and the game agent who flew into our camp to talk to us about it treated my buddy like a criminal. He certainly could have and should have been much more of an advocate for non-residents coming to AK than he was. We are law-abiding conservationists and spend a great deal of \$\$ to come there and hunt and he certainly had an opportunity to make us feel valued and want to come back but he did not. Sad that a AK Dept of F&G agent can't see that it is sportsmen like us that help pay his salary...

I love hunting in Alaska, have been there twice and am heading back up this September again.

I love hunting in Alaska, did not see many animals in the area we hunted in.

I love hunting in Alaska. I have taken a moose, caribou, black bear and last year I shot a Sitka black-tail deer. Alaska is truly the last frontier. The people are wonderful and the wildlife and scenery is outstanding. I have hunted 4 different times in Alaska and have taken 2 non-hunting trips. I just returned from a cruise along the inside passage. I have a deposit down for a brown bear hunt in 2014.

I love it, I get to hunt unguided in big open area!!

I love it and can't wait to get back!!

I love moose, and moose only, hunting in Alaska. Keep up the predator control programs! Biology over politics! Thank you kindly!

I love the Alaska experience. The hunts and game are thrilling, but it is the environment that makes the trip special. The eco and biodiversity are unbelievable. It is a true treasure and I think managed very well.

I love to come to Alaska each year the scenery and climate are fantastic. 2011 for me was a little disappointing from the standpoint of wildlife sightings. Hopefully it was just an off year.

I love to go back for hunting, please make less expense. No too many animals to hunt due to bad weather. Air lines and car rental are very pricey. Please send information or address of areas to hunt in advance. Persons that the department recommend, hunting opportunity, areas with best opportunities to harvest animals and other information. People traveling from other states don't have much information on hunting in Alaska and will be better if you send information in advance. In general I will love to go back for hunt and learn more again. Thanks Edgardo Ortiz

I love to hunt in Alaska. The rule of 5 miles off the haul road to hunt with a firearm is ridiculously restrictive. I have hunted Alaska 5 times now and plan to keep coming back. The cost of getting there is beginning to be restrictive. Alaska needs to be commended for sticking to their guns on predator control and using science and not the bambi mentality of the anti's to manage the wildlife. Alaska truly is the last frontier and I have participated in some very extreme hunts that are among my greatest accomplishments and memories. The experiences are beyond most people's comprehension if they haven't done it. With all that said, without the luxury of having direct relatives that are residents I would not have been able to participate in some of my most memorable hunts due to your very restrictive mandatory guide rules. The cost of guided sheep, grizzly and goat hunts compared to the others show just how careful you need to be about letting the outfitters control the rules and restrictions (5 miles, mandatory guides etc.) If you want the middle class to keep coming to Alaska to hunt, you should realize how extremely prohibitive the prices are for the things they have control of! I realize these are a great bunch of men and women who work their tails off for their clients, but just realize there is another whole class of clientele that their missing out on due to not having at least some more moderately priced hunts for the big three. Better yet give everyone the option to go it on their own, even if it means participating in a class to prove they're capable. Overall Alaska is in the top three places to hunt and if not for the travel cost it would probably be the overall standout. Thanks for a great place to hunt and even if you don't change a thing I'll be back every chance I get. Keep up the good work! P.S. A bonus point system (not a preference pt.) somewhat like Nevada's would be an awesome addition at least for the out of states like me. Thanks again!

I love your country and I will be bag next year. The questions you ask me are one year ago, and so I can't give you the answers correctly

I loved hunting the islands of Prince William Sound. Beautiful country with abundant wildlife. One sore point. The over abundance of commercial fishing in the area detracted from the experience.

I really enjoy hunting in Alaska. I strongly feel that hunting should remain available to unguided hunters. Having to engage a guide makes the hunt unaffordable. It also makes it less challenging. There are many experienced hunters in the lower 48 who are fine with hunting unguided. I realize the guide and outfitter lobby would like to eliminate unguided hunting, allowing a monopoly. Please do not do this. It would hurt the true sportsmen and women. Thank you for considering this request.

I really enjoy visiting Alaska, but have no desire to live there. Make it less expensive to hunt there and I will be there more often.

I really enjoyed it

i saw caribou, tarmigan, arctic fox, black bear, brown bear, moose, dall sheep, musk ox

i shot the number 5 brown bear with archery equipment in the sci record book

i tell everyone if you want to go to alaska do NOT wait go asap

i think the state of ak would benefit from letting some areas have no guide requirements for bear and sheep and goat they would probably get more actual money spent by hunters willing to come to ak if it did not require guides. charge an extra 1000 for tags.

I thought the scenery in Alaska was amazing! We saw a lot of Cow moose but no bulls! I am going back up there this year to hunt moose again for 11 days. Alaska is a great place to hunt and fish!

I took a friend from work on his first Alaska trip. I was a resident of Fairbanks for over 22 years and this was my first return hunting trip since 1995. My son-in-law took us on his river boat to the Cosna River. Though we camped at the mouth of the Tanana and Cosna, we made one long trip up the Cosna to an area I helped work on a homestead in the mid 1970s. My friend from work killed a nice young moose, so we returned home with great memories and a little meat!

I took my wife on her first hunting experience ever on this trip to Alaska. She was able to harvest a black bear with her bow! We had so many great encounters up close with bears and other wildlife. It is a trip we will never forget. The restrictions on Halibut fishing in this region were my only complaints. This restriction would likely lead me to another part of the state if I were to return to Alaska.

I traveled up the Dalton highway with two good friends and spent 9 days camping/hunting for caribou, ptarmigan and wolves. Beautiful scenery, many miles walked to avoid the "crowds". All in All it was the BEST trip I've been on in Alaska, so We're planning a trip again in Aug. 2013. I shot my 1st caribou and ptarmigan, so that was an added bonus to the trip. We seen wolves, arctic fox, moose, black bear and caribou.

I visited a friend in Delta Junction, I was in total awe of the area, everywhere I looked, there was something to see. I learned a lot about fish and game rules, and areas, and hope to plan a more successful, more efficient trip in the near future. I am an avid hunter, but enjoyed my visit with my long time friend, as much as I enjoyed my time in the woods. He took me to places where I saw more wildlife than I believe, and I cant wait to return.

I was able to hunt with my sister as my guide. It was amazing. I will go back for sure!

I was born and raised in MT and have been hunting most of my life been to AK 3 times and am trying to recruit for a fourth AK is awesome but bias towards non residents in regards to hunting grizzly, goat, and sheep and it is reflected in all pricing on these species a resident can hunt all 3 species for the price of tags before leaving home it will cost nonresident near \$20,000.00for tags and guide before leaving home

I was disappointed with the Eklutna Tag for bowhunting only Dall Sheep. The area available to hunt is extremely limited with very few sheep. Saw only two respectable "Infamous Chugach Dall Sheep". If I had realized the limited sheep available and the limited area to hunt I would not have chosen this area to hunt in Alaska!

I was hunting Alaska brown bear, and although I saw many sows and 8 to 8 1/2 boars, I saw no bears of true trophy quality and therefore did not shoot. I was hunting Cinder River Camp with outfitter Lance Kroneberger.

I was stationed in Alaska from 1997-2000 and have tried to come back as often as I can. I have made approximately 6 bowhunting trips since leaving AK which we hunt the Haul road on the North Slope for Caribou. The last several years I have noticed a significant decline in the number of caribou with this past hunt being the least I have seen at approximately 70 caribou for the entire trip. I was used to seeing hundreds and at least getting a morning and evening stalk across the tundra. Other than wanting to hunt with my friend (who is a bow hunter also) the lack of caribou and significant cost of a fly in as an alternate means to find the herd has definetly affected my decisions to hunt elsewhere.

I was very fortunate to get a very nice bull moose the second day of my trip and got a nice boar black bear a couple days later. I was able to watch a lot of wildlife the weeks that followed the harvest. I enjoyed myself very much.

I went on a spring Kodiak/brown bear hunt. I saw 1 for each day of the trip. I did not get close enough to one over 9 feet for long enough to shoot it. I am returning to Kodiak one more time this fall (Oct, 2012) to try again. I am also going to hunt Sitka deer while I am there once I get a brown bear. It was a rush to get within 30 feet of a brown bear in the wild that I could have taken, but it wasn't over the 9 foot self imposed limit.

I wish it wasn't so expensive to ship meat and antlers home. That was literally the worst part of the trip was trying to find a place to ship items back home

I wish there were less expensive ways to get in and out of Alaska as well as getting gear and harvest in and out. These issues will seriously impact my desire to return to Alaska for a hunting trip.

I would purchase land in Alaska if non residents could hunt sheep without a guide if they were a land owner.
I'm 60 years old, this was the best vacation I have ever had. It was an unguided hunt with a transporter dropping us off by boat on shore at low tide. Contrary to what we heard there were absolutely no flies or Mosquitos, maybe we were just lucky going in Septmber. Great hunting weather with a little rain. We wanted to go to Alaska and hunt, one of the main reasons we did go was because we could purchase over the counter tags, hard to plan a trip if the tags are by lottery.
I've been coming to Alaska for years. I love the State and all it has to offer. Every trip gets better.
I've had a great experience every time hunting in the Northern part of AK because of the richness of game lack of people. The logistics with an outfitter or air transporter are wonderful till you get back to Kotzebue and then it becomes a nightmare trying to get someone to help you get stuff home. It would be nice if bowhunters could pursuit goats and sheep without a guide because the cost is just prohibitive. Getting a moose extracted requires more help from an outfitter than finding or extracting goat or sheep.
I've hunted in AK 3 times and have taken some great animals. This trip we took a beautiful brown bear. The remoteness, animals and overall adventure will continue to bring me back to the great state of Alaska for years to come.
I've hunted or visited Alaska every year since 2000. Some years, we make multiple trips. It is always a great trip. Please feel free to ask for my participation in future surveys.
I've really enjoyed my four years in AK, especially my hunting and fishing experiences. Fish and wildlife were the main reason i moved to Alaska!
In 2009 I shot a 60" scoring 4th in SCI. 2011 it was extremely cold, the area was changed and the moose had moved out. I didn't shoot anything. On the last day I rolled the snowmobile and broke my shoulder but would do it again.
In 2011 I participated in a caribou hunt along the haul road using archery equipment. There were a total of eight of us friends on this trip. We traveled and camped together using our own vehicles and equipment. We did not utilize a guide service. Of the eight of us six of us were able to harvest caribou. This trip was my first trip to Alaska. The scenery was absolutely spectacular however I expected less traffic and greater numbers of animals. In the future I hope to experience a more remote hunt away from the haul road.
Increase predator harvest and get the sheep numbers back where they should be!
It is a gret place but your regulations are way to f-ed up. two sets of rules for Alaska residents and non residents for big game hunting un called for. I would like to make it law in Colorado that all elk hunters from alaska hire a guide and the min price for an elk hunt for alaskans would be \$15,000. Your jobs program for guides is stupid and so in the one who thought it up. We all take our chances in the woods and if you cant shoot and a bear eats you it is your fault.
It is alway nice to see the spectacular country and critters.
It is nice to see that a place so wild and remote still exists in the world. It is a very special event in life to go and enjoy the remote beauty, the wildlife and the local people that are capable of living in this environment. The memories will certainly last for the rest of my life and I only wish I could visit more often.
IT WAS A BROWN BEAR HUNT IN PORT HEIDEN WE SEEN LOTS OF BEARS WOLFS MOOSE CARIBOU FOX HAD A GREAT TIME MADE NEW FRIENDS AND SEEN OLD ONES AS WELL WE WILL BE BACK!!
It was a dream of a lifetime trip. Wish I could do it again. I saved for 3 years to make it happen. With increased costs I am afraid I am out of the market. A trip to Africa for 4 plains game is 1/2 the cost. Thankfully I have frequent flier miles to help. I LOVED ALASKA!

It was a good time...can't really complain about any of it. It is a great state with nice hard working people in the hunting business.
It was a good trip.
It was a great and productive trip. My first bowhunt on the Alaska Pipeline and I harvested a 358 P&Y caribou on my birthday. I look forward to a return trip to Alaska. My previous trip was our honeymoon when my husband harvested a huge Alaska Range Dall with his traditional recurve in just a few days of hunt which allowed us to spend time touring much of the interior of Alaska. Our next trip will be in southeast Alaska. We love Alaska! Cheers!
It was a great experience I loved the scenery and the hunting and fishing was great could have not ask for more
It was a great time being able to see wildlife and get into remote country. Really enjoyed the experience
It was a hunt of a life time! I live in Maine and I am a Master Maine Guide but Maine doesn't hold a candle to Alaska. The over all experience was greater than I ever expected. I would love to move to Alaska some day to live my dream! I will return someday maybe for good?
It was a really amazing wildlife experience despite the lack of bears in the area while I was hunting there.
It was awesome!
It was awesome. I try to come every 2 to 4 years to give my family a wonderful outdoor and wild experience. Without fail, Alaska delivers! I would come every year if I could talk more people into coming.
It was awesome. Fulfilled a dream. Planning a return trip in 2013.
It was great getting to see the new country. I was there to hunt in open units because I did not draw any tags. I will be back, but only when I draw a tag in a trophy unit.
It was great to hunt and fish at the same location, and the abundance of fish. I did not harvest any game animals, but had a really good time. Most people were great, but one taxi driver charged us each, rather than as a car ride group as is common place. So he charged us three times the normal amount, and said welcome to Alaska. Other than that great time. I liked the ease of calling the fish and game, very nice and helpful.
it was great, I saw 42 moose but the big one was too far away
It was great! Loved every second!
It was one of the most enjoyable things I have ever experienced in my life. I will come back soon to experience more of your beautiful state. I would move there if I had the right circumstances. I love the remoteness of the north slope, all of the wildlife I was able to view, and most of the people I met.
it was the best bear hunting trip. we saw 35 black bears in two days.
it was the best hunting trip I have ever been on.
It's been almost a year now and I still remember every minute of it. From the ten days on the Porcupine hunting Caribou, to our grizzly encounter once we harvested our caribou, to the super cub flight out in heavy winds. I will return.
Just had a wonderful experience hunting caribou!
just in awe of how big Alaska is. it really makes you feel small the beauty of Alaska is unmatched anywhere in America
Just love being in Alaska. I hunt and fish a lot and love to camp and hike. Been to Alaska twice now and my experience was excellent and planning a trip every year from here on out.
Killed a trophy bear making the trip worth the cost and I am recommending it to others.

King fishing out of Dillingham; moose hunting out of Tok; black bear hunting out of Petersburg; Silver, halibut, and rock fish out of Valdez; Caribou out of Tok. Hunting trips were fly-in and camping or boat-in and camping; fishing trips were guided. Headed for Kodiak in 2013 for blacktails. I will go back to AK for hunting, fishing, camping, touring as often and for as long a trip duration as I can manage for as many years as I can manage. It is spectacular!
license vendors not educated well enough about hunting licenses. Too many parts to the licenses. Make it easier!
long and far away trip, great experience but unfortunately bad weather and bad hunting companion who wanted to come back Europa before the end of the trip, and before we get our moose and bear
Love Alaska
Love Alaska, will return as many times as I can.
love Alaska... I took my 2 older boys with me and they had a great time getting their first caribou. great memories! great experience
Love everything about Alaska's outdoors and recreation, it's an amazing place!
love it and will return as soon as I can
love it had a great time just did not have
Love Kodiak Island, Helped The Conservation Fund (Glenn Ellison), Work with Lisa and Frank Murkowski, Worked in the US Senate with Ted Stevens on fisheries issues. I am a fisheries biologist in Mississippi and am on the Board of the Boone and Crockett Club. AK is the best state in the US!
Love the experience that Alaska has to offer, like no other place. I have many future trips plan for me and my family. Keep up the great work
Love to come up their every chance I get. Took 2 nice caribou bulls last fall, after not even seeing any in 2010. Please keep Alaska non-resident friendly.
Loved every minute of it !!
Loved it and plan on coming back again.
Loved it. Hope to do it again, soon, though my knees are a little old for the tundra.
made my 1st trip in 2004. Have been on several hunting and fishing trips, most were unsuccessful but all were great experiences. I love Alaska and how things are managed, keep up the good work
Made over 20 hunting trips to AK since 1996. Enjoy every minute and plan to continue.
Mainly hunted caribou on the haul road. The hunt itself was a slob hunt. The unethical hunting that went on was a nightmare. The only escape was getting across the river away from the slob hunters. They were not willing to work that hard. Once we did that the hunt was a true dream come true. Now that I know I have to get away from the slob hunters and I know how to do it I'm looking forward to doing it again.
More permit areas for Dalls Sheep. The 14C limited permit was awesome for sheep
Most of our time in Alaska is spent in Ketchikan, fishing coho and halibut during the month of September
Mother Alaska is relentless!
Mountain Goat hunting was more like a mountain climbing expedition than hunting. 95% of the trip was trying not to fall off the mountain and 5% getting in position for the shot. Overall a very cool experience.
My brother and I took our Daughters on a South East Alaska Brown Bear Hunt
My family and I have visited Alaska several times and we love it there. We have never harvested any game but have seen many species of animals from your beautiful state. Even though no harvest has been made we have enjoyed every moment spent in Alaska and will definitely be returning soon.

<p>My first brown bear hunt in Kodiak and the weather was bad to say the least. Snow, ice, cold throughout the trip. We only saw 1 bear in two weeks and it was a few miles away. Disappointing hunting trip but visiting Alaska tremendous, as always.</p>
<p>my friend and I researched and put together a do-it-yourself moose hunt in the interior just south of Yukon Charlie Preserve. We chartered Forty Mile Air to haul our gear and relied on them to place us in a good area. The hunt was everything we had hoped for ending with a 64" Bull Moose. We were both satisfied with one Moose and decided to come out a little early and do some fishing on the Kenia river. That was awesome also.</p>
<p>My good friend and hunting partner (and I) travel from the midwest to Alaska each September. We hire a transporter to fly us into GMU 20B for a 10-12 day wilderness moose & caribou hunt. We hunt with longbows and hand-made arrows only...no modern weapons. If successful, we backpack out all meat and antlers for transport to town. We've taken 4 mature bulls in the past 3 years with our longbows, and feel good about our conservation ethics. We love the isolation and wilderness experience. Our arrangements are made, and we will be back there in Sept 2012. We hope to keep hunting and returning for years!</p>
<p>My guide Tom Kirstein was superb. I have hunted all over the world. Tom is the best hunting guide that I have ever had.</p>
<p>My highlight was seeing the northern lights. I got out of my sleeping bag and the tent to urinate, when I turned around half the hemisphere was lit up. Just stood there till I was shaking from the cold. Awesome! It wasn't the first time I saw them, but it was the first time I saw them in half the sky.</p>
<p>My hunt was an amazing unguided Alaskan adventure that I shared with my son & son-in-law and 8 other friends. Those that planned ahead and hunted hard were rewarded with success as well as the catching for those that only fished. We saw bear, eagles, dolphins, sea lions each day and also saw a pod of Orca's. We would love to repeat this adventure but have been told Alaska has changed its spring black bear hunting laws making our hunt perhaps the last of its kind. We would love to repeat this adventure in 2013 but are not sure it is even possible any longer due to new regulations so may consider other options. We hope the changes are not too onerous as we certainly would love to return. Our last day allowed us to attend a Norwegian Festival. What a nice ending to a memorable trip of hunting, fishing and the sights of Alaska both in the wild and in town with my son and son-in-law. Thank you.... Tom</p>
<p>My in-laws live there, so the cost was not as high as it could have been, of which I would not have been able to afford. With all the money I spent, I would have been very disappointed had I not harvested a black bear. Since I did, though, it was fantastic and if money was not an obstacle I would do it again.</p>
<p>My life long friend and hunting partner shared this adventure together. This year will mark the 43 year we have hunted together. He introduced me to duck hunting when I was 14 (same high school) and our friendship has remained. He comes to Co. to Elk hunt and I travel to Ca. for duck hunting every year. We've had a great time in Alaska, on this trip, as well as previously. Alaska always provides an adventure. We will be back.....Gary</p>
<p>My September hunt didn't produce any meat, but my winter hunt in Minto Flats did. 4 moose per square mile and the ability to shoot any moose was great.</p>
<p>my son and i both got nice caribou and had a good time flying out with 40 mile air out of Tok. we have also hunted out of port Heiden and Unalakleet and king salmon we love Alaska and try to come back as much as we can. thank you</p>
<p>my son and i did a on our own Caribou hunt up in unit 26B did not see the animals we thought but that's hunting still had a great time and will do it again sometime</p>

<p>My trip was with my father. We hunted with Alaska Peak and Sea with Mark Galla in the Bradfield drainage area around the power plant. We came the week after 17 inches of rain and no fish to be found but finally found some game. I seen 6 brown bears and 5 black. And one small bull moose swam by the boat one mourning. But the best part was being able to see my 73 year old father take his first black bear after hunting in Canada and Maine three times with no success. I was 90 feet up in a pine tree spotting for game when we seen that he was getting ready to shoot at roughly 5/8 of a mile away. The bear fell and 4 seconds later the gun report was heard. In early July I think is when the Alaska game department sent notice that his bear was the oldest taken in the region at 17 years from the tooth sample. This was a trip of a life time but i still have a date with a big brown in the near future.</p>
<p>Next time I will hire a tranpoter to get away from the civilization. We only hunted from roads which made it difficult to find any wildlife. I believe that the locals keep the animals thinned out and pushed back into the remote areas. We really enjoyed the most awesome scenery while driving.,and the airplane ride around Denalli. the halibut fishing from Homer was very awesome as well.</p>
<p>Not real good</p>
<p>not what I expected. The game size was much less than what we were lead to believe.</p>
<p>Once a trip or hunt is booked, it does not matter how the cost would increase, as it is NOT possible to collect a refund for a cancelled trip. The hunter/traveler is comitted to the trip, regardless of the cost increases, unless he/she is willing to lose all monies paid.</p>
<p>ONE OF MY BEST OUTDOORS EXPIERENCE. BEEN SO FAR FROM CIVILIZATION. THE NATURE ORDER IS INCREDIBLE RELAXING.</p>
<p>Our group loves the hiking, camping and wildlife viewing that we get to while in Alaska. We love that we get to do this on our own without having to use a guide service. We hire an air taxi and are in the wilderness for a week! Fabulous.</p>
<p>Outstanding experiences from 1970 through 1990. In recent years it has become more necessary to plan hunts well in advance. Hunting and fishing opportunities for Alaskan residents are being reduced by licensed guides, especially from out of state, and other programs like limited entry in commercial fisheries. I have experienced non-resident hunters that have no interest in the meat, but just want the trophy (head or antlers). These hunters will pay almost any price to hang a large trophy on their wall. Hunting guides need to be much more ethical about how their clients hunt. Also, the use of state and federal cabins and other land use sites or facilities, are being reduced by computer programs allowing people to lock up sites for significant periods of time at relatively little expense, but then not use the sites or minimally use the sites. This is a means of excluding others from use at the same time or before the planned time.</p>
<p>Outstanding, 2011 was my third trip in three years. will be back every year if health holds out</p>
<p>Periodically hunt different states for specific species</p>
<p>Phil Shoemaker is a first class outfitter. Bristol Bay is wonderful. Please DO NOT support the Pebble mine project in any manner shape or form.</p>
<p>Placer miners totally destroyed the drainage that I have hunted for many years in 2010-2011. They turned the stream channel upside down with bulldozers and eliminated wetland resources in a 3 mile section of a formerly pristine mountain valley in the Alaska Range. The regulators have ignored my complaints and are allowing out of state private parties to destroy public resources. No one seems to be accountable. Until this attitude changes, I will not be coming back to hunt in Alaska.</p>
<p>Plan on coming back in 2013. Wife and I would love to move there someday.</p>

<p>Price was high, but acceptable given beauty and wildlife. What is not acceptable are the most asinine hunting regulations this side of Iraq. First, the 'only use a boat to bear hunt' regulation is insane and makes no sense. It had a devastating effect on our trip. Second, the sealing process is onerous given that there are so few 'sealers'. With travel to remote areas of Alaska being pretty much a part of Alaska hunting (and a great part), the fact that we have to track down a sealer or what 1-2 extra days in a major city is hostile to hunters. There has to be a smarter way. Third, the throw away halibut over 36 inches rule is also asinine. What kind of corruption in your guide lobbies leads to these laws? In any case, Alaska is beautiful, has great wildlife and hunting, and is quite remote. But these restrictions are impossible to live with. We've not gone back. And I won't until some semblance of intelligence invades your game and fish department. Alaska is a textbook case of how corrupt lobbyists and bureaucracy can destroy a great thing.</p>
<p>Purpose of my hunt was to hunt with my son (AK resident) and spend time with him and his wife. I passed up a very easy shot at a respectable brown bear-- no regrets. Now I get to go back and try again this year.</p>
<p>Raft trip on the Kobuk River. It was awesome. Saving money now to come back to Noatak River next year.</p>
<p>Real bad for the past two seasons in the Washington Creek out to mile 40 or so of the Elliott, because F&G has scheduled antlerless hunts at the same time as the regular moose bull season in September. The few cows that my hunting partners and I have been lucky enough to see, have been killed by a great number of cow hunters. I spend nearly 20 days looking for a bull moose to kill, and on the last day of the season one of my hunting partners finally saw one.</p>
<p>Really loved it. I was cheated by the meat processor/butcher in North Pole Alaska. I paid him \$150 to "flesh out" the Caribou hide my son shot and salt it for transportation. He gave it to me frozen in a large garbage bag and i paid him. When i returned home, nothing had been done to it other than putting it in a large garbage bag and freezing it. The meat market in Fairbanks deboned our meat and our party's moose, but there was moose hair and grass all over the meat after we returned home, thawed it and unwrapped it. I am not used to these terrible standards. I suggest frequent surprise inspections on your meat markets. thanks. Dr. JMT</p>
<p>remote</p>
<p>reporting your registerd hunt tags is a JOKE, first I reort online, then you send letters saying you received no report, then I send in the paper copy, then you tell me to do it online again anyway, and tell me, you can put out a warrent for me. and bottom line you punish me for being late. so I can not register hunt this year. please get it together.</p>
<p>saw alot of bears no big one & saw 2 wolves flying over the glaziers was beautiful</p>
<p>Saw Grizzly bears and wolves while caribou hunting.</p>
<p>Saw lots of cow and calf moose. 7 Blackbear one which didnt need to find a den for the winter:)Looks great on the wall.</p>
<p>Saw lots of moose, none were legal. Had a blast just being In Alaska</p>
<p>saw numerous nannies and kids. only one mature ram in twelve days. one caribou. one grizzly. four black bears.</p>
<p>Scenery was beatiful and wildlife was plentiful!</p>
<p>Second time hunting in Alaska and i will keep coming back every 5 years or so. There is no other place like it.</p>
<p>Several contact with bears</p>
<p>Sheep with a Bow and Arrow keeps me coming back.</p>
<p>Shot a hugn old bear over his prime that was an excellent animal to harvest</p>

Shot a large 55" Bull Moose
Spectacular destination. If my hunt had not been successful, I still would have been very satisfied.
Spent 13 days on the Sheenjec River inside ANWR, walked about 65 miles with a heavy pack and gave it my best effort. I consider it one of the most memorable experiences of my life and think about it almost every day. Was a majical experience and one I'll remember the rest of my life.
spent 450.00 for licenses but did not recieve a rule book explaing rules for the area i hunted when i returned to my vehicle there was a police officer there that explained what that little blue tag was for that only cost me 250.00 in fines i think this was nothing more that a scam run by the state of alaska i usually come up to alask 2 times a year once in the summer then again during hunting season i bring 3 freinds with me the state of alaska made an extra 250.00 last year but in the year of 2012 they lost an estimated 9750.00 due to me booking a moose hunt in canada in stead of alaska...and i wont be back fishing either
Starts out with about a years worth of planning. Talking to a area biologist, looking up info on the net and just reading anything we could get our hands on to help prepair ourselves for the trip.. Then we loaded up in my conversion van that was purchased for this trip... hooked up my home made Ice fishing shack and down the road we go.. after 4 days of non stop driving from minnesota to dead horse(50 or so miles south of) we were there still all in good spirits and full of energy even after the long but very spectacular journey. met up with our busch pilot and off we went.. spent several days camping, hunting and fishing,, never seen very many caribou but everyone in the group harvested at least one decent bull.. nothing big but we were all very pleased with the results.. had some exceptional char and dolly fishing with some good grayling mixed in.. after 80 miles of river or so we managed to take the right channels and ended up back at our van.. all in all a trip i will remember for the rest of my life.. but im sure the same trip I plan on taking my two kids on in a few years will surpass this one while i plan to watch and observehe expressions on there faces when they get to experiance these thing for them selves.. but bedfore that trip can take place we are planning a moose hunt in 2014 and will be back.... I love alaska nad I hope for the sake of hunting you guys keep things much the same as they are today as far as requierments to hunt.. Too many places make guides manditory and it make hunting unrealistic for the guy thats not rich.. thank you alaska!! Corey
Successful & Fun. The reason we won't go back anytime soon is because of the area we hunt in switching to a draw area.
The abundance and diversity of wildlife in Southeast Alaska (primarily P.O.W. island) is phenomenal. We continue to come back year after year because of this.
The area hunted receives alot of resident pressure in which un-licensed air charters are bringing in numerous hunters without proper authorization or permissions since its a national preserve. They are actiing as a charter services by which this has dramatically reduced the number of legal sheep in the area. I would like to suggest that this be brought under control and possibly limit sheep hunters to 1 in ever 4 year tag similar to grizzly in some units.
The biggest factor influencing the success of this hunt was the high numberof local Kake residents that were driving the roads trying to locate and harvest a moose. To me it is clear they would have taken the shot from theor vehicles. Also the vegetation in the areamakes it extremely difficult to spot and stalk game. Would be nice to see more timber harvesting in the area.

<p>The cost to hunt is getting extreme and will eventually make it too costly for the average middle income family to afford it unless you are a resident. The only time I felt totally helpless was having to pay for the air charter as you are captive to their fee. For an hour flight it cost \$1200 each way (\$2400 total) which seemed extremely expensive almost price gouging. What controls are in place to insure the consumer gets a fair price?</p>
<p>THE COW MOOSE ARE MISSING FROM UNIT 20B AND MANY YOUNG CALVES WITHOUT COWS.</p>
<p>The experience was a trip of a lifetime. I have been to Alaska on other trips and each of these trips have been outstanding events.</p>
<p>The guide service was everything they said they would be and do. The people that I did meet, other than the guide service, were great and very helpful. I think Alaska is very much like Minnesota. I will be back!!!</p>
<p>The hunt for Dall's sheep was the adventure of my life. The remote mountains; many glaciers; much wildlife; rugged horseback riding and steep climbs; and many, many sheep made the trip extraordinary. This combined with the bush plane flight into the interior and sighting of grizzly bear made it unique. As a working man, this is a trip that I could only make once in my lifetime and it was worth it!!!</p>
<p>The hunt was a disaster. Told guide and outfitter I only wanted to take a large bear. Was told to shoot a bear that squared about seven foot. Much smaller than what I wanted to take. I knew that could not take another brown bear for 5 years, so I wanted to take a large bear or not at all.</p>
<p>The hunting experience was great. The rules and regulations are very complicated and vary greatly from unit to unit. Difficult to make sure you are legal at all times.</p>
<p>The hunting Trip was excellent. The only issue I see with Alaska is the overlap of outfitters in a single area.</p>
<p>The logistics that are required to hunt the remote areas where the moose population is good for hunting, requires a tremendous amount of money for out of state hunters; considering I like hunting in remote areas. To hire a guide for this purpose add even more money required and completely cuts out all but the rich. Most guides in remote areas are now charging more than 15000 per person for their services which simply puts a person out of opportunity.</p>
<p>The November hunt was great and we saw a lot of bucks but we were looking for a big one. We were there from the adventure of an Alaska hunt we did get that. The weather was from warm to bone cold. It was great!!!!</p>
<p>The Outdoor Recreational Heritage Fund a 501-C-3 Rented the Tyonek Lodge on Tyonek Land to take 12 to 13 Iraqi and Afghanistan Returning Veterans and Vietnam Veterans over to Hunt Black Bear and Grizzly. We have been doing this trip since 2008 and have a wonderful time with the Veterans. The Tyonek Village and TNC has welcomed us there and all the veterans feel a self healing from being at the lodge. I retired from ORHF IN 2012 AND DID NOT HUNT IN 2012</p>
<p>The questions relating to having other people in the hunting area - it was important to us but we wanted zero other people in the hunting area. Not sure the concept of zero was considered. A trip of a lifetime! Every trip we make to Alaska, we say it's our last (it is expensive) but my wife has already been back this year and I leave for a fishing trip next week.</p>
<p>The reliability of the air charter services out of Kotzebue to the surrounding areas is a joke. Some of the most dishonest, unreliable people I have ever encountered in my life operate here. Reminded me of dealing with individuals in a third-world country.</p>
<p>The scenery was great. The adventure was awesome, but the guide was terrible. He just wanted us to be gone. We were his last hunters. The company was northern air trophy.</p>

<p>The scenery was great. Especially the crystal clear river and the red salmon. We were in Chignik, and the number of brown bears was astounding. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing 75 brown bears. Many very close. We just did not see any big bears.</p>
<p>The transporter (Ram Aviation) was safe, but was booking too many hunters. The service was poor.</p>
<p>The trip of a lifetime!</p>
<p>The trip was awesome. I went mainly for moose, but only seen a cow and calf. We did a self-guided float hunt in the Brooks Range. I had so much fun that me and my hunting companions are planning a 2013 or 2014 moose hunt.</p>
<p>The trip was everything I'd hoped for except not seeing (or harvesting) wolves. I'm looking forward to coming north again soon (potentially for moose in 2013).</p>
<p>There are many areas where bag limits seem excessive to the point where trophy quality is greatly diminished. On Kodiak Island for my deer hunt, there were lots of deer but very few bucks and even fewer that were larger than a forked horn. I've also found the regulations in the great state of Alaska to be rather intimidating. So much so, that in some cases I'm afraid to hunt certain areas for fear of making an error. The regulations could be simplified greatly with much less ambiguity. If the state of Alaska wants to increase revenue and hunter/fisher participation, then it needs to look at making it easier for people to participate and feel at ease when they're outdoors. Also, as a resident, there is no reason why residents shouldn't be sharing the burden of tag fees. Residents should be paying something for their tags. No where in the United States are hunting tags free, except in Alaska.</p>
<p>This sheep hunting trip was the best because I got to spend it with my daughter and son-in-law. We had great weather and the scenery was fantastic.</p>
<p>This was a hunt I've dreamed about and thought I'd never be able to afford. I enjoyed it so much I've booked another hunt in April of 2012.</p>
<p>This was a remarkable experience. It was breath-taking to see the vast land which our largest state in the union is made of. The sheer beauty is breath-taking. From the mountains, the tundra, the animals, we saw wolf, caribou, muskox, badger, moose, goat, waterfalls, the pipeline and read the history about it. It really was a "awe" trip. I would recommend to anyone wanting to see the beauty of our country to go to Alaska. It was worth every dollar spent and I want to go back.</p>
<p>This was my 5th hunt for Arctic grizzly, my 6th hunt in the Arctic and my 12th hunt in Alaska - all guided. I took a wonderful old boar grizzly near the end of my scheduled hunting days. I love the Arctic, and hope to return if I can draw moose or sheep.</p>
<p>This was my first time to hunt in Alaska. I truly enjoyed the experience, the beautiful countryside, the Caribou hunting, on going along on a Moose hunt - though not participating. The second Caribou I shot was a very large bull - very nice rack. If I had the space in my house, I would have had it the head and rack mounted. I hope to be able to do it again.</p>
<p>This was my first trip to Alaska, I enjoyed the entire trip from beginning to end. Being able to harvest a moose fulfilled a 40-year dream. Unfortunately I tagged out on the first day but was still able to fish and enjoy the country. Plan on coming back and bring my son the next time..</p>
<p>This was my first trip to Alaska. I have always wanted to go there, either for fishing, hunting or just to see the area. I was finally able to go there to hunt moose. My trip was a do-it-yourself (we picked a bush pilot and lake and asked if he would drop us there) trip, out of Kotzebue. I went with one other person, and we both harvested moose and had one encounter with a grizzly bear just to keep things exciting. We were on a tight budget as this was the fact of our situation, so we got deals everywhere we could. We had the time of our lives! I'll be back as soon as I can afford it again. The only expensive part is the bush pilot, but two moose are heavy and we had to fly them out bones and all. RS</p>

To many young bears shot .at this rate you will not have much left
Traveled to AK from ID to hunt brown bear self-guided with sister and brother in law (did not use guide service). Saw lots of sign, other wildlife, and scenery. Saw several bears, sister harvested one mature boar. Hope to return and hunt bears and other species. Would not be able to come if not for the next-of-kin rule. Thanks!
trip of a lifetime
Two years of great Black Bear hunting in a row with Customers/Friends. It is ashame we won't be back due to changing regulations.
Very enjoyable although overall very expensive. If cost were less I would plan on more trips to Alaska in general, for hunting and family vacations.
very good
Very great trip would do again and will soon as possible
Very much enjoyed the wilderness and wildlife. Killing an animal was secondary to just enjoying the experiance of an Alaskan trip
Very nice experience
Was sheep hunting in the Brooks Range. This was my 3rd time hunting there and 1st time I was successful. My wife met me in Fairbanks after my hunt were we spent a few days and the took the Alaska Railroad down to Anchorage stopping at Denali Park and Talkeetna. On my second hunt my wife and daughter flew up and meet me after my hunt. We again spent a few days in Faibanks then flew to Anchorage for a few days and then cruised the Inside Passage ending in Vancouver, B.C.
Wasn't successful in harvesting any wildlife in 2011 yet I still feel priviledged to have had the opportunity to experience the wonderful wildlife and scenery Alaska offers. Great memories even with an empty freezer!
Watched several varieties of whales, saw sea lions, seals, and deer in the Juneau area. Caught silver salmon.
We bow hunted black bears in the Yukon Flats regionover bait and only saw and filmed interior grizly bears. Somewhat disappointed. Could have harvested grizly if allowed since no black bears were even seen.
We had a great hunt and cant wait to come back.
We had a great hunt, not big animals but good. Our guide had a break down with his airplane so we ended upo stranded for 4 days longer than our hunt. We had food and fuel so no problem but for missed flights.
we had a great time and met some really fantastic people. if only we had been successful with our actual hunting it would have been perfect. Except for the pilot, who crashed the plane leaving our camp.....he was a dork. But he was not hurt.
We had a great trip and experience
We had a wonderful experience. Somewhat disappointed in the amount of game in the area. We purchased caribou tags and the area we could access was closed by the time we got there. A representative of the Fish and Game told us in advance that the chances of the area being closed was slim. All considered, we harvested a nice moose with a bow on a self guided hunt. Pretty good!!!
We have hunted twice now with Master Guide Dave Morris, of Arctic Alaska Guide Service. He is the best guide I have ever seen anywhere. He is the main reason we are hunting in Alaska rather than in Canada.

<p>We hunted a remote area. It was like stepping back into the Pleistocene. Saw grizzlies and moose every day for 17 of the 18 days. Sheep, black bear were also abundant. Wolves howling within 100 yds of camp. A great wilderness experience. Hunting was tough, about the hardest I've ever done, but the abundance of wildlife and the remoteness of where we were -- no other hunters -- made it special.</p>
<p>We hunted on the Alaskan Peninsula. I saw 3 wolves, 1 bull moose and 3 cows. It seemed the Moose population is down. I did see a few Caribou too. It was a great trip and the sights we great. I would come back.</p>
<p>We love Alaska!!! I would love to move there!!!! Someday, someday.</p>
<p>We love spending time in Alaska every year. We love the remote wilderness and the plentiful wildlife. It is important for the state to maintain the wilderness and not let 4 X 4 vehicles gain access to the remote parts of the state that are still wilderness.</p>
<p>We loved everything about Alaska. The bears do get to be a little nerve racking though.</p>
<p>We planned our trip for 3 years preparing to travel to the AP Peninsula to hunt moose. Mr Gary LaRose our guide was a great host who provided a comfortable hard camp complete with shower and flush toilet. He is extremely knowledgeable of the wildlife, habitat and eco system on the peninsula. We hunted 9E on Pacific side of the peninsula. We heard and saw lots of wolf and no moose. Our guides told that the numerous wolf/bear have eaten all the caribou and moose. I believe that to be true as my friends who hunted area 9E in 2004 saw numerous moose and saw no sign of wolf.</p>
<p>We saw an abundance of wildlife including musk ox, moose, wolverine, ptarmigan and caribou.</p>
<p>We saw quite a few moose, just no legal bulls. Enjoyed a nice morning of shooting spruce grouse as another experience and chased black bears one afternoon.</p>
<p>We were airlifted some 80 miles out of Fairbanks to a bare mountain top where we were the only people on the ground for miles. We saw lots of caribou but only a few g. bears, which made us happy, three of us stayed a week in small tents had an excellent trophy caribou hunt. did not take a moose or black bear but saw other wildlife. We were very happy with the remote experience and the abundance of game.</p>
<p>We were Bear hunting in the Duncan Canal area got caught in a big storm and had to spend the night on one of the Castle islands to wait the storm out. Met another group of hunters from Arizona and shared our fire and food for the night. Bear hunting was a flop for the whole week but the night out on the Island made up for it we now have four new friends forever.</p>
<p>We'll continue to go hunting so long as we can afford it - we go primarily for food and not trophy. Most of the factor affecting our enjoyment is if we get an animal and how crowded the areas are. Other people are nice in case things happen, but too many scares the animals off and make it more dangerous.</p>
<p>Went hunting with Bruce Warba in 2011? Saw game but killed nothing! I am planning on returning on a hunt in September of 2013 if I get drawn again for a moose tag! Really hope I do because i will be 65 and it may be my last chance to do a hunt like this! Very beautiful State! My wife and I are going to do a RV trip for two weeks and then my hunt starts around the 12 or 13th of September 2013!</p>
<p>Whales, sea lions</p>
<p>what an adventure!!!</p>
<p>when we went hunting for Caribou it was too warm only seen a couple caribou they were resident caribou the caribou were still way up North not moving</p>

Whenever given the opportunity I have repeatedly said that the State of Alaska must provide better access to state lands for use by the resident owners of this state. It is discriminatory to limit access to only those that can afford airplanes, air boats, and four wheelers. I'm not some whinner. Some day the only people that fish, hunt, or even sight see will be those with great wealth, and frankly I think it sucks. Fix Rex Trail, let residents drive over the new Tanana River bridge, fix up Stampede Trail, provide more reasonable access to state lands and forest around the urban centers. More wood cutting roads around Fairbanks. You should work to invite people out into the state lands, not work to protect it from them. Miners shouldn't have priority over suburban sightseers. The resource belongs to each one of us. Thanks.

Whenever I hear the words "sustainable" in government surveys, I think about Agenda 21 and ICLEI related scenarios. I believe the UN has no business dictating how the United States manages it's wildlife. I believe that our people are able to balance environment and economics without the heavy hand of "deep ecology" environmentalists that are so imbedded in the UN and it's attempt to overtake the world through it's outrageous environmental policies.

While I was visiting in Alaska for 3 months last summer, I spent time in Hoonah, Haines, and Delta Junction. I went whale watching and fishing while in Hoonah. We stayed in a cabin way out in the woods and went camping in tents also. I so enjoyed being out in the wild, hiking through the woods, learning which berries and plants I could eat. We either hiked into town or rode a boat, so basically we were out of touch with civilization for about 2 months. It was one of the best experiences of my life and I fell in love with the Alaska wilderness. Fishing for salmon and hiking through the woods were the highlights of my visit.

wish I had seen some bears so I could tell you something

wish it wasnt so hard to get forrest service cabins

With two sons in the service (one in 1-25 Stryker in Fairbanks until recently -- now in the Alaska National Guard), we travel to Alaska as often as possible. This was primarily a moose hunt on the Hogatza River. We have a great deal of outdoor experience and did it alone. There were no surprises and no difficulties, and it would have been a perfect trip if we had seen any moose worth shooting. We sought as much information as possible (much of it from Alaska Fish & Game) well before the hunt. We knew that we might not see a true trophy moose, but as it turned out we saw almost nothing, even though we were in a very remote area with virtually no pressure.

Wonderful event from the time we hit the ground. People were great!! See you in the future.

Wonderful time hunting in Alaska wilderness. Would like to see nonresidents able to hunt sheep, goat, and brown bear without requiring guides. This is absurd. I grew up in AK and have tons of experience hunting them. I know how to do it, and refuse to ever pay multiple thousands of dollars for a guide to outfit me. If hunting AK becomes big money, count me out. Hunting is not supposed to be this way. Do not forget our hunting heritage, and the conservation that hunters as a group support.

Wonderful! I love Alaska!

Would love to do it again.

WOW I truely under estimated the airplane rides the veiws from above and flying through the lake clark pass is awesome....WOW the whole trip was breath taking " the once in a lifetime trip that i can not wait to go on again!!!! thank you

You truly have a beautiful state.

Appendix M3: Comments from the Resident Wildlife-Viewing Survey

a moose had babies in my yard
Alaska is a great place to visit, a little cold, but you get used to it.
alaska is great
Although we live three blocks from "downtown Haines," we typically see brown and black bear and moose in our yard at various times of the year. Lately, we also have seen coyotes in our yard. Porpoises and whales are seen from our house occasionally. We see ravens, crows, and eagles daily.
Always enjoy seeing wildlife in and around immediate area.
always love being up here... Where else can a moose come up to your home, or even a bear at a bussiness in downtown Anchorage?
Always thrilled to see unusual critters - ermine running across road, lynx on bike path. And owls and eagles and cranes and loons etc.
Anytime I go off road is an experience. I do a lot of travel to visit friends in the winter by Backpacking, hiking, camping, and scuba diving are the avenues through which i enjoy Alaska's wilderness. Whether work or leisure related, my wildlife experiences are great opportunities and memories.
Bear and moose reguarly travel throughour neighborhood.
bears foxes and moose come by our home all the time
Because I live in the North, wildlife viewing is a daily experience. Took several trips up and across Atigan Pass plus up and down the Dalton Highway. The Brooks Mountain Range is one of the most beautiful ranges I've ever seen. Living in Alaska is answering the "call of the wild". No matter wherever I go, Alaska is home. It is a magnificent state. To view wildlife in their natural habitat as intended is exciting. Alaska is truly the "last frontier" and I will always work to help keep it that way.
Before we moved up here we had to find a place to live. During our time while we were not looking for a place we decided to drive around and just explore the land. While we did we saw lots of birds, a couple mountain goats on the mountains, a baby brown bear (at least that's what I thought it was) running back into the forest when we drove down the highway. We also saw a porcupine which was kind of neat and unexpected.
Being able to see wildlife both as a part of my daily life and on Alaska vacations is an essential part of what it means to me to be an Alaskan.
Bird watching at Creamer's and on the rivers is awesome. Like seeing the moose in the ponds along Chena Hot Springs road. Seeing and hearing the wolves while snow camping in Denali was special. Best was the lynx I almost hit with the car down by Valdez - first time. Lots of beaver seen while kayaking Interior rivers.
Bird Watching, Interaction with moose. Sightings of Fox and Hares.
Black bear sow and 2 cubs came to parking area at my office at dusk.
Black bears and cubs, and moose in the backyard.
Black bears often use my property as a route, occasionally dallying to enjoy (and sometimes destroy)the fruit on our mountain ash trees or for the cubs to box a while. A porcupine has demolished our raspberries - I gave up on them. Recently deer have munched on our flowers. Several years ago a beaver ate several trees on waters edge. Geese land on the lake by our house as do ducks and an occasional swan. In past years otters have rested on our dock and a hawk feasted on our ducks. It's a joy to be surrounded by all these critters - even if they are sometimes pests!
born and raised here, have seen moose in my yard all my life, have foxes running around my neighborhood, a regular beaver visitor on the chena river, a regular bald eagle in the tree next door,

Currently I work as a tour guide making trips from Skagway to Yukon Territory. Seeing wildlife greatly increases the enjoyment of my guests, and also my tips!
Deep snow in winter causes moose to emerge from the forests more often in search of easier to access food. While it is fun to see moose on the side of the road, this also means car accidents are more likely. I would contribute to a fund to raise awareness for tourists about safe viewing habits.
Drive to Seward. Boating Prince William Sound. Moose in my back yard.
Driving from Anchorage to Kenai is a beautiful drive and all kinds of animals on the way there to view
Drove to Arctic Village. Saw momma Grizzley with two cubs. Saw lots of birds and a couple moose as well as fox. Beautiful trip with beautiful mountains. Kids had a blast. Camped at a friends gold mine.
Eagles are plentiful where I live in Sitka. One winter, we noticed an eagle sitting on a skiff in a neighbors yard. My boyfriend went outside to shake out a rug and the eagle dive bombed him, wondering what was in the skiff, turned out to be a deer head the eagle was protecting. How many people can say they've been dive bombed by an eagle....
enjoy seeing moose regularly at home
enjoy seeing the wildlife but not the tourists
Enjoy the abundance of road accessible wildlife viewing.
Enjoyed Glacier Cruise at Portage Glacier. Also the Salmon viewing areas near Portage. We did not fish or hunt, just enjoyed seeing the scenery and wildlife.
Enjoyed Sea Life Discovery boat in Sitka, Tracy Arm Tour in Juneau, Forest Service cabin rental in Cordova, B & B and hiking in McCarthy. Chitna salmon is also very important.
enjoyed seeing various wildlife including moose and birds while traveling throughout Alaska
Fishing on the Kuskokwim. Berry picking with bears on the Yukon.
Friends and I went on a boat ride out of Whittier for Memorial Day weekend. We did a little shrimping, hiked to a back country lake, cooked out on the beaches, hiked shorelines, sat around camp fires in the evenings. It was the most relaxing weekend I had spend in a year.
From my living room window and my porch I see Moose, snow shoe hare, ground squirrel. Dozens of varieties of birds, including hawks, owls and even bald eagle. Less then 5 miles away even bear and wolves can be seen. UAF is just a mile up the road and they have some reindeer and musk ox.
Generally look for wildlife while traveling from fairbanks to anchorage, We've seen moose, black bears, mountain goats and other land animals. Also took a cruise in 2008 in the glaciers along the south central coast and enjoyed it immensely, while on the cruise, saw eagles, bears, salmon fisheries, and whales.
get the wild life out of towns keep it in the wild
Have been encircled by a wolf pack on foot, had a black bear touch me sniffing, multiple encounters with black and brown bears while berry picking and hiking, a caribou licked the back of my neck, an orca withing 5 feet of the boat, and a lot of other wildlife encounters!
Have seen a great about of Eagles in and around Anchorage. Had a herd of Caribou run in front of our vehicle on the Parks highway (in an open area where we could see them before we were close to hitting them!)
Have seen Moose in our yard. on our trip to Whittier, on the train we saw mt goats, mooses, and while on the glacier cruise, we had seen many of birds, seals, walrus, no whales and other animals which are around the water and glaciers...
Have to be wary, even though it is very nice to watch Moose in your backyard, new mothers with their newborn calves, bulls growing horns and playing with each other. Bald Eagles flying overhead. Salmon swimming upstream in neighborhood creeks and rivers
hunting and wildlife viewing of moose, caribou, ducks, geese, fish, in the interior.

I able to view moose on a weekly basis near my home. There are also a variety of birds to be viewed as well. I have seen one black bear at close range but that was in 2009.
I am part of the annual birding festival that happens in Homer every May. I live the near a birding plat form that is specifically designed to watch the birds such as the sandhill cranes that come to the spit and set up thier nests for thier young
I can regularly see moose, red fox, rabbits, squirrels & a variety of birds right in my own back yard & neighborhood. My digital camera is at the ready at all times to capture wildlife in Alaska in the daily life of an Alaskan.
I can see moose in my neighborhood/city on almost a daily basis, sometimes see bears during the summer in town, birds frequently
I can watch berars and mooses or birds through my window
I enjoy hiking through trails that have alot of bird activity. Eagles are usually visible.
I enjoy see eagles everyday in Juneau and seeing whales almost every time we go out in our boat.
I enjoy seeing moose, bears, foxes, coyotes, and everything else at my Anchorage Hillside home. I miss the bears and wolves that I used to commonly see at my remote cabin in 16B.
I enjoy the marine life the best.
I especially like the caribou herd on the Kenai Peninsula
I fished with the same bear on the American River in Kodiak every day I went out in 2010 and 2011. She was around 5 years old and recognized me, when I showed up, she would come out and fish directly across the creek/river from me. She was not agresive and would show me the fish she caught and watch me catch my fish. It was interesting to see her and be able to watch her in her everyday activities. She was afraid of most people because they yelled at her, when she was around me, she appeared relaxed, and other people would stay away. Made for nice fishing....
I get the privilege of seeing moose, assorted birds, bunnies, in my yard. When I go kayaking all of the lakes have birds, beaver, moose and even a black bear. It's wonderful! Have also taken a few cruises out of Seward and was able to see many wonderful animals. Exit Glacier area was also somewhere I have seen mountain goats, bears, and birds. Originally from Washington State, my husband and I moved to Alaska and we liked it enough to stay for 10 years. I always tell family and friends and people I meet to come visit!
I had a black bear eat all my currants! While visiting Kodiak for a meeting and visiting family we saw our first brown bear fishing in a stream off the road twice. Also had whales bubble net feeding all day in front of our home in Juneau last summer plus seeing orcas, seals, sea lions, otter, eagles etc. And hummingbirds!
I had had to leave Alaska for nearly four years to attend a dying family member. I returned home in April 2011. i boarded a ferrya and came up thru the inside passage and then drove home to Wasilla. other than the natual wonders in my own back yard, I traveled only to the Musk Ox Farm nearby. Each experience made my homecoming so much more enjoyable!!
I hate the fact that I can't even walk out my front door because of the wildlife. I do not like the idea of an animal killing me just for leaving my home. I hate living in Alaska, but I have no choice due to my husband's career. If I have to live here much longer, I may have to get a divorce.
I have a cabin on the Kenai River and enjoy watching waterfowl, eagles, moose and occasionally a brown bear. Also, I live in midtown Anchorage and enjoy seeing moose in my yard. A couple weeks ago even saw a small black bear on my street. I also have a friend who has a boat and enjoy going out to Prince William Sound out of Whittier to see marine mammals, etc.

I have lived in Barrow, Alaska most of my 33 years and I am happy and proud to live in Alaska. It is a very beautiful state. We live in a rural area and rely on subsistence because of the cost of living very high. Hopefully there will be no oil spills in our ocean, being we live off of the marine mammals also.
I have lived in Southeast and I love all the wildlife that I have seen. What I don't like is all the trapping that I have come across. It is very sad to be hiking and come across someone's trap line and find an animal in a trap, still alive and trying to chew it's leg off. Unfortunately this has happened to me four or five times, twice when I had friends from down south with me. I know this experience really soured them on hiking in Alaska!
I have moose that walk between my house and my neighbors about 2 or 3 times a week. There was one day when I went to go out to my car to drive to work and a momma moose and her 2 baby's were eating on a tree. I tried to get to my car, but momma moose would not let me and came at me. I had to rush back into my house to keep from getting hit. After about 1/2 hour they moved on and I was able to get to my car and go to work. This has happened a few times in the last 30 years I have lived in Alaska, but I would not live anywhere else. Where can you find wildlife walking right downtown to include moose, bears, and many birds.
I have seen many moose and even some bears and that was a pretty exciting sight.
I just like seeing moose around town - and an occasional bear from a safe place
I live at a remote fish hatchery site and enjoy all the wildlife around me every day. There is no need to travel to see anything because we have tons of wildlife around us all the time.
I live here and enjoy seeing all animals, even the bears and eagles who eye my 6 pound dog.
I live here in Alaska because I enjoy living where the wild animals live and the weather is comfortable to me. I enjoy feeding many different species of song birds and occasionally other animals such as snow shoe hares and many squirrels. I've had the opportunity to see moose frequently, an occasional caribou. I had a porcupine walk through my driveway and had the opportunity to observe it's feet walking away from me. It looked like it was wearing little mukluks. I've never seen a bear up close at my home, but took pictures of their footprints on my porch in the frost. The eagles and ravens soar overhead frequently as well as the float planes in the summer. Now it's a daily event. I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to live in such close proximity to Alaska's wildlife and enjoyed recently picking wild mushrooms the last few weeks. Now that the forest growth is getting thicker along with the biting insects it's time to get the rest of the garden planted before the salmon arrive and the race is on to process as much salmon and other natural species of plants and wildlife before winter gets here for the long rest before the next cycle. I love it here.
I live in a village in the Bethel region and enjoy going out with my friends to "play" in the snow, meaning we'll see 'lagiik and other birds (I don't know what they're called in English), mink, sometimes caribou and moose, and others in the winter. In the summer, we go to fish camp and see moose, bear, seal, otter, and others as we travel.
I live in Alaska because I can see wildlife every day. When I visit places in Alaska other than where I live, I enjoy seeing wildlife there. It is something that I have come to expect to be a part of my life.
I live in Alaska, I get Wildlife-related experiences every day!!
I live in Anchorage near Campbell Creek, we often have moose in the area in the winter and enjoy the eagles that fly in and around the area. I've seen black and grizzly bears in the city, but, not near my home. I enjoy spotting dahl sheep, moose, caribou and bison too.
I live in Denali National Park so I see wildlife almost every day out my back door. I'm very lucky. If I want to see ocean animals, that is the only time I need to travel anywhere.
I live in Juneau past Auke Bay so we see bears with their cubs and eagles on a weekly basis.

I live in Juneau, surrounded by the woods. I often have bear and deer in my yard and eagles overhead. For several years one of the bears would sleep on my deck. I have a cabin on the beach and often see whales and porpoises. I also have a boat and often see marine mammals while boating either for recreation or fishing.
I live in the Alaskan bush. I just walk out my front door to see moose, caribou, bear and assorted small furbears. Its nice.
I live near Fairbanks, but out of town - near Ester. My house has very easy access to numerous trails. I hike daily with my dogs and frequently see wildlife - moose, fox, many kinds of birds. I also have a horse and ride as frequently as I can. I venture out into moderately remote areas on horseback. This is a very important reason for why I live here. I am outside every day year round.
I live on the inside passage and seeing wildlife is a daily occurrence
I live on the Kenai River and have Moose Bear eagle around the house
I LOVE AKS WILDLIFE
I love Alaska, it's so beautiful. Waking up every morning here is like looking into heaven
I love being able to drive a few miles down the road and sit by a lake to view water fowl. I also love living somewhere where it is easy to pack up for a weekend and camp in Denali National Park, where I saw my first brown bear.
I love being able to drive to Kincaid and view moose or take a drive to beluga point and look for whales or look up to the rocky cliffs for doll sheep
I love being able to just look out my window and watch the eagles, sea lions, whales, deer, etc. I also love that I live in a rural location where there are not a lot of people. I feel that there is over fishing going on and those resources are not being managed properly (e.g. Dungeness crab in Southeast). I also feel that handicapped people (like my Dad) are not given ways to hunt that are accessible to them (e.g being able to hunt from motorized vehicles).
i love having moose in my yard
I love living in a place where animals have such a close interaction with humans
I Love seeing the moose on a daily basis, especially in the spring with the baby moose. I enjoyed seeing otters from boats in the summer last year. We saw a black bear going home from school one day as well. That was very special.
I love seeing wild life animals. The air is so fresh I just love Alaska
i love the mamas and babies (moose) that wander through our yard each year, and random winter moose too.
I love the wildlife in Alaska- we do not have to travel too far to enjoy it. We live 13 miles from the Eagle River Nature center and pretty close to Eklutna Lake. This year we even had a moose in our front yard.
I love to be qvle to drive to Girwood and see the many species out and about
I love to camp out and hike the vast regions of Alaska and the presence of wildlife just makes it a whole lot better
I love to live in Alaska because I can see wild life almost every single day. Just go out to see eagles, sea mammals, birds, pork skin, moose, wolfs, Salmons, and more if you take a boat. Bears can be also walking in your street. I like it but when I'm inside home! Take car, go just miles and be i a perfect nature scenery is very easy. I love Alaska Wild Life.
I love viewing birds and animals on almost a daily basis. I love that I can see a bald eagle in the sky from my living room window! Or a moose in my driveway! How cool is that?!
I loved it.

I moved to Anchorage in September 2011 and have since made wildlife viewing a priority. I have been on several wildlife cruises in Seward and have gone to Barrow to see polar bears. I have also seen lots of moose around town and on hikes.
I saw plenty of moose while taking walks in my area. I saw mountain goats while on the way to girdwood .
I see animals almost daily during my 30 mile work commute in Interior Alaska.
I see moose almost every day, bears quite often. Nature is our backyard.
I see moose, coyote, porcupines, caribou, otters, belugas and many species of birds throughout the year because of the area I live in.
I see wildlife all the time in my everyday life. Mostly bald eagles, but we have bears that come around our home, deer in the community, and otters, seals, and whales.
I see wildlife every day! I never get tired of seeing the moose, eagles, sea otters and others. Although I'm getting tired of meeting moose on my daily runs :)
I see wildlife nearly every time I leave my house, PLUS, we have a bear living in our neighborhood. During the winter deer & porcupines (sp) winter with us.
I used to spend a lot of time in Denali National Park....now I spend a lot of time at Katmai National Park...at Brooks camp and on the coast of Katmai.
I went bear viewing with a guide landed on a beach where a mom and two cubs where feeding on some clams. Was amazing.
i work for fish and game, and i see wild life on all my projects doing fish research, so i dont really have to go wildlife viewing, i only go if friends or family come up from the lower 48
I'm able to fly my own airplane so I see lots of wildlfie across the state while pursuing my hobby of fishing.
I've had moose, bears, and even a porcupine in my yard, and owls and eagles have frequented the area at different times in the past as well.
I've seen many unique marine animals during low tides. Some of the animals I saw I didn't even know existed! I've also seen black bears and their cubs. They were so cute!
I've seen moose while biking and driving. Also I've seen bald eagles. I was able to see beluga whales and bears as well
In Eagle River we see moose and calves, migrating birds (geese and cranes), eagles, ravens, ptarmigan, chickadee, other birds. We once had a black bear poop in our front yard.(didn't see it) While our children were going to Homestead Elementary School they(the kids out at recess) treed a black bear with all their voices.
In here, I can hear niaoyuhuaxiang, see the bird to fly in the sky, the animal in the running ??my mood is very happy.
In Kodiak, I was able to see a variety of wildlife without incurring extra expenses.
In the last 11 years I have been able to travel the state on my job. I have been near to and seen a wide variety of wild life. I really enjoyed viewing sea life from boat docks and having both black and brown bears within a few feet of me. I enjoyed watching large numbers of migrating fowl of different types and seeing spawning salmon.
In the winter moose visit our yard at least weekly and sometimes daily. This is so wonderful to watch them in our yard and near our home. We also enjoy all of the beautiful birds that come to our house both in winter and in summer. We have also seen fox, rabbit, porcupine and even one bear.
It has been interesting.

It is an awesome place. There are too many people, I feel, who are greedy. When hiking, we are always on the lookout for poachers. We have been up here a lot and the fish seem to be fewer and fewer in numbers, especially the trout.
It is not uncommon to see a Moose in the yard or a bear running across the road.
It was a wonderful way to get away with the family to bond over beautiful scenery
It was an exciting experience to see animals that we have not seen so close. Definitely we will do it again.
I've grown up here. We hunt. I enjoy Potters Marsh almost everyday. In my life I have seen all kinds of animals and birds. One of my favorite things is to watch owls hunt the shrubs along the Denali Highway after it gets dark.
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Just driving down the roads near our home we can often see wildlife. Because we live in a rural location, just driving to the store or doctor appointments offers many opportunities to see wildlife and camping also offers many opportunities.
Kenai wildlife tour, Denali bus tour, bear viewing around Fairbanks, local moose encounters, Alaska Zoo, Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center
Kodiak- so many eagles, so many shore and water birds. Lots of deer, lots of foxes- saw one last summer on an outing- bears (try to avoid those, except on the road system) lots of whales, orcas, stellar sea lions, etc. even mt. goats! On the mainland, elk, lots of moose all over the place, good birds. Black bears. I didn't mention the fish- we took relatives to see the masses of spawning pinks in the rivers and they were fascinated. I love to see the salmon!
Last year first time seeing a lynx in the wild.
Live in Juneau. See wildlife everyday.
Living on the island of Dutch Harbor/Unalaska, I can travel by truck and by foot to see the most amazing animals and birds. I feel very lucky to be living where I do. I am all for protecting the earth and the sea and do contribute to conservation clubs to keep Alaska clean and free of contamination from civilization contamination. Wishing you all the best.
lots of eagles and bear also whales right here near home
lots of hiking near sea lots of wildlife
Love Alaska!
Love seeing the moose. Not so thrilled to see bears in the city. Love the eagles and puffins.
Love seeing whales from our boat
Love watching the birds and eagles, seeing occasional bears, and the whales etc
Made several trips between Glennallen and Mat Su Valley. We saw herds of caribou, cow moose with calves and the occasional red fox
mainly hunting and fishing but also hiking and camping
Moose always stands on the porch in the morning until it gets petted then it will move on its way.
Moose are common visitors to my neighborhood as well as to and from work (a 3 mile commute). They also hang out in the parking-lot at work. Eagles are also frequent visitors. Dall sheep are looked for along the Seward Highway, but you can never take them for granted. Bears are a rare treat, as long as you are in a vehicle:) Recently we enjoyed a brown bear that was willing to hang out next to the highway and have his picture taken, as long as no one messed with his grass. Whales are easier to come across if you have access to a boat- beluga, orca, humpbacks and the occasional grey or sei. Dall's porpoises are very entertaining and pretty dependable.

Moose are often found in our yard. There are nesting eagles most years near by, Always an abundance of birds, red and ground squirrels, and arctic hares in the yard. Occasionally we see fox and lynx in our yard. In past trips near Paxson and Delta Junction we have seen caribou and buffalo. One trip, many years ago, we saw lots of eagles and spawning salmon in Valdez. We are planning to head to Valdez or Homer this summer.
Moose come through our yard often. There are also different types of migratory birds. We once saw a wolf pass through and once a herd of caribou. We also hear an owl almost nightly. There are many local lakes for canoeing and kayaking, both great ways to view wildlife. We also enjoy viewing the migratory water fowl on the river flats.
Moose in the yard daily
moose live in my front yard
moose live on our property and are seen almost daily, the same for ravens and other birds, and occasionally fox, when traveling on the Haul road we saw wolves and caribou as well as eagles
Moose viewing in my yard, geese at potter marsh, ducks,swans,arctic terns. Dall sheep along the highway next to the road in Turnagain Arm. Bald Eagles along Turnagain Arm when the hooligan are running.
Moose with calf in front yard. Eagle nest in back yard.
Moose!! I also live near the coastal trail so lots of water birds...and eagles when visiting family in Valdez.
moosies
Most of my activites are based around fishing. Given the cost of fresh halibut, the reward for catching just one covers the cost of a fishing trip with ease. The presence of humpback whales and sea lions plus waterfowl just add to the experience. Nice if we also get some keepers in the crab pot that we drop on the way out to fish.
Most of my trips are to Creamer's Field.
Mostly day trips
mostly have encounters without intentions
mostly local wildlife in SE Alaska with several trips to Anchorage and Fairbanks
Mother moose with newborn twins in our yard for three weeks
multiple trips to photograph bitds
My favotire, working the bar rush in fall as a taxi driver. The fare I had asked me if I wad going to hit the beaver in the road. I asked what beaver? The young drunk men pointed to a large dark shape in the road,when we got close enough I stopped the cab and we all got out of the car and stopped the traffic from out side. The folks coming the other way stopped traffic from their side and the people all cheered the beaver on.
My husband,two children (both girls)and myself have made as regular trips to Valdez as they grew up. Valdez has always been a favorite of my families, the foliage, waterfalls, some trips included white water rafting or Stan Stevens Cruise. Generally we can expect to see bears at the campground (one snuggled up to our tent in the night on the last trip :O)as well as birds of prey, seagulls and moose. When we are fortunate enough to take Stan Stevens Cruise we are always pleased to enjoy the marine life as well. We are not always able to make the trip as it is quite costly (generally upwards of \$1000) but well worth the memories we have made. My children are now both grown and I am pleased to see them making similar memories with their own children.
My kids enjoy seeing the moose in the neighborhood and seeing the dahl sheep in the mountains. Bird watching at Potters marsh is also a favorite of theirs.
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Near my home I enjoy seeing moose, bears, and several types of birds. It doesn't take long to get to an area where fishing is great and there are more bears and birds. When I go to Denali I love seeing caribou and ptarmigan.
nice to see them run free not pinn in.people wants to move in wildreness then complains wildlife like moose and bears in there yard.
no thanks
no thanks
none
None really come to mind.
Normal, every day actions such as going to the store or driving my daughter to school result in seeing the most incredible wildlife/nature views. During simple walks across the bridge to downtown Juneau we see jellyfish, wales and harbor seals. A drive to Mendenhall Glacier usually (in season) means a black bear or two will be fishing in nearby streams. Our livingroom windows face Mt. Juneau and without binoculars we can pinpoint where the mountain goats are and see them very clearly with binoculars. Eagles are everywhere. We Alaskans are truly blessed to live in this most majestic state.
ok
On June 17th of 2011 I hiked into the lower Toklat river 25 miles solo and back on June 30th to Denali Road. I camped out in pristine wilderness and encountered the following: (1) caribou, (1) moose, (1) lynx, (2) peregrine falcons (dive bombed me), numerous seagulls (dive bombed me). I slept for 3 nights across from a bob cat cave. At times the river roared with deep conviction, yet with life-vest and hiking poles I was able to survive the unpredictability. However due to moisture my camera was destroyed. Fortunately I was able to save the memory card with a few photos an video of my experience.
Once in a while there is a moose in the parking lot where I live. I have seen lynx, foxes, bear and moose in my work area. I am in a walking group after work and we have seen bear, lots of moose, and a variey of birds including eagels
One advantage to living in Alaska every day is that you may just run across wildlife on a daily drive from home to relatives and friends' homes. I am usually found encountering Moose while driving to Chena Hot Springs Resort or when driving from Fairbanks to Anchorage. Caribou, mountain goats and the like are all over the place from city to city. We are constantly reminded that the land does not
one of the reasons we moved here!
orcas, eagles, totally amazing
Originally from FL, have been up here since 2005, but still enjoying the novelty of all the animals that are here. Saw Belugas in the Inlet, huge thrill for me! Still waiting to see a wolf in the wild...would definitely pay for the opportunity to discretely watch a pack in their own environment!
Osprey nest, moose, lots of birds
Our experience was natural. We were camping at a local lake and viewed various moose and water fowl. The way it was intended to be viewed, naturally. If we had not seen any wildlife we would have been just fine with that. Nature is to be experienced not directed.
Our favorite is bear viewing in Kodiak!
Our main purpose of this trip was Northan Viewing, but we cound found some wildlife and really enjoy whole trip.

Our most memorable trip was to Denali, after the park closed for the season. Our name was drawn in the road lottery, and the experience was amazing. It was wonderful to be able to drive the entire road, see incredible amounts of wildlife, and interact with others who had come from all over the world. We wish this survey had asked more about that trip, which was expensive, of course, but worth every penny. We spent a great deal more on that trip than the trip through the Kenai Peninsula. Your survey, however, seemed to focus only our trip in Southcentral.

padding with sealions near a haulout in Lynn Canal is amazing. when the hooligan and herring are present in the spring is incredible

Right in Fairbanks, there is a bird sanctuary run by Wedgewood Resort. There are cleared paths and bridges to get to the sanctuary and paths leading around the lake. They have signs up along the way regarding what kinds of birds you would expect to see, and also information about other animals. We visit 4 times per year to see what animals are out at each particular time. We also visit Denali 2 times each year. The views are fantastic! Which is our main reason for those trips.

saw a beluga whale with a calf one spring at the mouth of the Kasilof River in late March when ice was still on the river. They went up underneath the river ice. Also saw the spike fork moose around our house all at once , but fish and game changed the regulations so we couldn't get any food. Took friends back in the woods to show them a large brown bear nest that Ive seen the past couple of years, it turned into three brown bear nests. Large amounts of brown bear piles from eating all the moose calves. Viewed many cow moose in the fall down by south K=beach Road, none with calves. Eagle molting in the woods the past several years. One year three bald eagle were casing a cow and calf moose and dive-bombing trying to get at the baby.

Saw wildlife around my home, around my town, around my region and around my state during a two week road trip. It was worth it! You never know what you'll see.

see bear and moose from our front yard

see them every day.

Seeing foxes and moose while driving from North Pole to Anchorage. Moose show up in are yard every winter. I love seeing the return of the birds in the spring. I wake up to the sound of their

Seeing wildlife is one of the best parts of living in AK. I can walk a couple of blocks down my street and see sea otters, porpoises, Steller sea lions, harbor seals, humpback whales, eagles, etc. Moose and bears hang out in my yard. Love it.

Sounds coi, but all of it :-)

Spend a lot of time at Creamer's Field, Wedgewood Nature Walk and occasionally Denali National Park. Have had to buy less bird feed for feeders due to price increases, but will continue to buy what we can afford. Member of Friends of Creamer's Field and Alaska Bird Observatory. Creamer's Field is WONDERFUL. They need more funding to protect it from vandals and buy more resources. The barns and farmhouse should be restored and preserved for the historical value and some of the barn space would make great classroom spaces. Lots of children in the schools learn to appreciate nature through the programs at Creamer's Field Wildlife Refuge in Fairbanks. And don't let the feds build a road from the Johanson Highway to McGrath Road through the edge of it! I like nature close to home. When my friends come to visit Alaska I take them out into the areas where there are animals tpo see, not downtown! The Museum of the North should also get more funding! It is an EXCELLENT resource that should be promoted. I also take people there! We also visit the Peat Pond area on Holdstream and Murphy Dome Roads. Another excellent preserve are in the Goldstream Valley.

Thank you

The best experience i have had in wild life is kids and grandkids. The first time they see the wildlife. My granddaughter cried when we got on the ferry, cause she missed her dad. She loved the activites and scenery. On our way back to ferry to come home, she said "grandma, i don't want to leave, i love this place". made the whole trip worth while.
The moose love to come eat my strawberries. I put up bird feeders for all the birds.
The trip my family and I took was from Valdez to Whittier on the ferry and then a drive to Hope.
The usual...they come into our yard and eat the garden remains and the hay for our horses.
The wonderful thing about living in Alaska is that you don't have to make special trips just to view wildlife, unless you are looking for animals other than moose, which tend to be found everywhere but are still enjoyable to see. If you're lucky enough, other critters will cross your path when you least expect them, but I've rarely ever seen animals I was specifically looking for - some of us just don't often get that lucky.
There are moose and bears in my back yard on an occosional basis. Our yeard is fenced, but either could get through if they wanted. The house is far enough away (15 yards) and the fence is enough of a deterrent that we can sit on the patio and watch the animals with neither of us feeling threatened. That is why I came to Alaska!
There are wild animals all over the state. They are great - except the bears, which are nothing but extremely large rats without tails. Alaska should kill all of them. Nasty creatures.
They're great
This survey highly concerns me. Questions seem to be focused on trying to garner support to pull federal/state funding from conservation efforts, and to make such efforts be privately funded. I am *****NOT***** in support of that.
Those ten days in May we had to find a house to rent. So besides doing that we explored the areas around Juneau and just happened to see wildlife along they way. It wasn't exactly planned trips. We just wanted to explore the area and wildlife just happened to find it's way to us. Downtown our first day we got to see a mountain goat up in the mountains. On our drive down the road that leads to no where a baby bear just happened to run back in the wildlife. In Douglas Island as we were driving around it we saw a porcupine. While driving around there was wild birds flying around. That's pretty much all the wildlife that I can remember seeing. Oh also on the ferry up to Juneau I saw some seals sitting on a buoy on the route.
Too many to describe!
too many to recount
Usually visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center once a year on their event days - either Mother's Day or Easter. This year we stayed in a yurt near the Eagle River Nature Center, but were hoping NOT to see a bear anywhere near us.
Viewing dallsheep at Davidson ditch, and bear hunting, and viewing moose on the side of the road.
watched a moose give birth to twin calves in our back yard
Watching a whale jump out of water!
watching bears...no big deal...they live right here in town
Watching moose and carribou in our yard is one of the events which will always bring our children running! Yesterday, we had a mama moose and her twin calves curled up next to our house for a couple of hours. It was fun to watch the calves interact and watch the mama as she stayed alert for
We actually had a moose to come up to the window of our cabin and look in at us. We have seen several moose and of course, birds, and ground squirrels.
We always go to Denali National Park, Byers Lake, and Seward each year. We see tons of wildlife and birds and always enjoy the time relaxing!

we can see mountain goats outside our bedroom window. we see eagles almost daily. we see humpback whales or orcas, seals and sea lions. I enjoy traveling around Juneau by boat
WE enjoy a lot of wildlife right by our house and also where I work.
We enjoy bird watching, and looking at large mammals. We would like more management to be directed at protection for mammals for viewing; this includes bears and wolves.
We enjoy moose and bald eagle viewing year round.
We enjoy seeing moose walk in our front yard and to see the moose looking in our window!
We enjoy viewing wildlife and the policies of the Board of Game have decreased the likelihood of us actually observing wildlife when we take our outings.
We enjoy watching the different birds come and eat the left over fat from our moose and bear hunts. We'll string it up and watch the birds from our kitchen window.
We enjoyed ourselves with our relatives and childrens
We frequently have moose in our yard. Our parrots let us know when they are here. Last year a moose came up and looked through the garage door windows. The parrots screamed and screamed. The moose just casually walked away. We occasionally see bald eagles. They will eat our garbage. This saddens me but they are beautiful to see. So majestic. We have several other species of birds that hang out at our house. We have seen mating behavior in the spring and rearing behavior in the summer and fall. It is fascinating.
We frequently see eagles flying over & around our home as well as when we are driving from place to place. Moose are also frequent visitors to our neighborhood and areas we frequently drive past. We have had caribou walk across our yard and down the street. We find brown bear tracks in our
We get moose and black bears in our yard at least five times a year.
We get moose, bear, fox, mink, otter (river and sea), beaver, owls, ravens, eagles (bald and golden), beluga whales, tundra swans, loons, gaggles of geese, ducks of all sort, pretty much right outside our front door. and no people to speak of. It is insanely cool.
We had 4 moose in our yard all winter long as they cross right behind our back yard and they eat the willows all around our area.
We had a moose walk by our sunroom and look at my husband from about 6 inches. Another day three moose were kneeling in the back field and eating the grass. Just last Friday, we saw a mama moose and twin babies that looked to be about a week old!
We had a young bull moose hang out in our back yard for a few days last fall. We had a young moose on our front deck looking in our windows. He is now a popular face on facebook.
We had moose frequently in our neighborhood and even had one who decided to climb our snowpile next to our driveway in order to be able to reach the branches of the birch tree in our front yard.
We have many moose in our neighborhood, often in our yard. I never tire of seeing them. We have black bear in our area as well, though I rarely see them. Neighbors report seeing them frequently. There are numerous bird species in our area, as well. Mostly it's moose.
We have moose come through our property on a regular basis. Now that it is summer we get to see the birds as they are migrating north.
We have moose that walk right over our fence and through our backyard.
WE have some wildlife come through our property
We like to drive down to delta to see moose and other animal. we enjoy putting bird food out i winter to feed the birds. we enjoy hiking angel rocks in summer and seeing wild life. creamers field in spring is fun too seeing all the ducks.
We like to look at the moose in our area, also geese and ducks...eagles too.
We live in Nome. We see wildlife frequently, which is one of the main reasons we live there.

We live in SE Alaska and enjoy a great variety of wildlife viewing activities -- whale watching, beach combing, mountain goat view at the Mendenhall Glacier, etc.
We live in the Highlands so we have bears, coyotes, porcupines, eagles, ravens & other small creatures all around us. We can see the Channel so we also see marine life.
We live on the ocean, so there is a lot of activity right here !!
We live on the waterfront and year round view sea lions, whales, killer whales, seals, eagles, herons, blue jays, squirrels. This year we are fortunate to have had a mink denning in the base of a cedar tree near our home and we enjoy his/her festive visits. 2011 was a stellar year for whales breach sightings and hearing them sing in the evening and also watching the bubble feeding!!
We live right next to wild habitat, so we are always watchful for moose, wolves, eagles, black and brown bears, Sandhill cranes, pheasants, etc. Also our view of Kachemak Bay is stunning from our large front windows. We have lived here since 1984 and have never needed TV for entertainment, because we have all the changing views, wildlife and Alaska to watch and enjoy. Before that, we lived in Barrow and Nome with their unique habitat, wildlife, Iditarod, etc. Even winter is good, because there is time to relax, read, and prepare for the summer to come.
We love seeing wildlife on a daily basis near our home as well as when we travel by car or boat.
We love the free range of wildlife even within the muni area!
We love wildlife and Alaska. Several of the questions suggest that there are plans (?maybe you already do this) to cultivate wildlife to be able to guarantee viewings people. In my opinion, this isn't really wildlife, anymore than the reindeer and muskox that are.
We love wildlife, that's why we live here
We mostly go four wheeling or hiking out by Chena Hot Springs and we've ran into moose on the trails along with lots of birds. Once we even saw a lynx.
We mostly just take local drives in the south central area to places like portage glacier, winner creek, powerline pass, Campbell Lake trail and earthquake park. We buy the park pass and that is limited expense because we use it a lot. We usually walk about 5 miles total and would do it for hiking and enjoy any wildlife we see.
We often get moose and calves along with many forest dwelling birds like chickadees and robins
We regularly get mooses and eagles in and around our neighborhood in Anchorage
We saw caribou on our way to Fairbanks. We have moose regularly in our neighborhood. We see eagles regularly.
We see Moose Birds and Lynx in our area.
We see moose regularly in our yard, sometimes in our garden. We often take drives just to see what wildlife we will come across, and go out on the 4-wheeler to see what animals and birds are around in the forest. When we go fishing in Southeast we often are near black bear and deer, although we didn't do that in 2011.
We seen humpback whales bubble feeding off the dock in Ketchikan, Alaska
We share our space with birds, bear, sea mammals. It is the best part of living here.
We spend a great deal more time in hunting activities rather than just "viewing" - To me "Viewing" is just an incidental benefit of living in Alaska. I believe that active game management in this State benefits more people than a passive type system. Harvesting is really much more important than just
We spend a lot of time in the woods and see a lot of wildlife. What amazes us is the tourists that think we are a walking zoo and do really stupid things like walk right up to a moose, or bear or whatever to take pictures.
We usually see wildlife (moose) when we drive to Chena Hot Springs resort from Fairbanks.
We view moose and birds near our home regularly

We visited the ALaska conservation center, so much better than the zoo as the wildlife is close but have been orphaned!
We've noticed a great decline in the number of bears (particularly brown bears) near our cabin (Talkeetna area). Ten years ago we used to see them often, now its a rarity. Much of our wildlife viewing centers around time spent year round at our cabin. We enjoy the many birds, moose, black bear (along with the blueberry patches), foxes, and ermine. We also have an airplane and enjoy viewing and photographing wildlife in remote areas. Sheep, bear, moose, caribou, depending on the season. We consider wildlife an integral part of Alaskan life. This joy, both viewing and for hunting/fishing (food collection, not sport) is half the reason we live here. GODD WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT IS IMPORTANT. We will gladly refrain from hunting/fishing certain areas/years if proper wildlife management deems it necessary.
Whale watching tour we saw humpbacks, seals, porpoise,lots of sea birds and eagles. From our house we see lots of eagles and know bears come through, but have yet to see one. We see goats and deer regularly as well. And when visiting my family in Wasilla we see LOTS of moose.
Whales, bears, eagles, sea otters, mountain goats, sea birds, ducks abound where I live - Kodiak Island. What can I say? I live here.
Wildlife are part of the heart and soul of Alaska! We must always make sure we have wildlife here for subsistence, viewing and study of them. I see wildlife on a weekly basis and birds such as eagles every day. This is a huge reason I had to move back to Alaska.
Wildlife in AK in my opinion is a large part of the reason that both tourists and locals choose to come to AK. I believe that the cost to try and keep wildlife at current levels should be divided up amongst ALL AK citizens, therefore some type of tax is acceptable to me. Just because I value wildlife does not mean that I should have to volunteer to give up a larger percentage of my income to ensure this happens. To me, wildlife in AK and the conservation of this wildlife is as necessary and important as public schools and so must be funded in a similar manner because EVERY Alaskan benefits from it. In addition, a tax levied on the tourists who travel to enjoy this experience is also necessary so that they may also pay their fair share.
Wildlife viewing becomes a part of normal everyday experience for Alaska residents.
wonderful
Wonderful trip to Denali. Loved the bus tours and found the experience to be unique. Will be heading back this summer.
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You never know what type or quantity of wildlife that you will see on each trip, or on the road. This uncertainty keeps you on your toes looking all the time at the scenery.

Appendix M4: Comments from the Resident Hunting Survey

1st Time Hunt /Wonderful time Great Bull fed Us ALL Winter
.22 cal for hunting caribou? Seriously, it's traditional for some of the population, but pretty darn irresponsible when it comes to enough firepower for a clean kill, especially with all the minimum bow poundage regulations, etc.
1. Moose Hunting is satisfactory-hasn't changed in the past 20 years. 2. Deer Hunting in GMC 3 is in the Toilet. Too much timber harvesting- to long of a season- too much access by hunters with vehicles. 3. ADFG along with USFS need to monitor and evaluate deer habitat and populations in gmu3 4. All MIS species should be monitored and evaluated.
1. My answers are mainly for hunting in SEPTEMBER in the interior, not NOVEMBER as the questions kept eluding to. 2. It was very hard to answer some of the questions with your multiple choices. They should have been fill in the blank /essay type. 3. Amount of money spent were guesses. I would have to pull out receipts to get the actual amounts. 4. Hunting permits should be given to Alaskan citizens who really need the meat - not foreigners. 5. Its a shame on air taxis to increase the cost of travel to one's drop off point. They have made it so expensive, the normal Joe can no longer be flown out anywhere to get away from the wild crowds - especially those who are out for the "good old drinking - shooting at anything" time. 6. Our family lives for the hunting season. It is our vacation time. We live on the meat we shoot and fish, and fish wheel. Thank you.
1. My family benefits from subsistence preference laws since I live in a rural community. But personally, I think that is a joke. 2. I miss a late September moose hunt in GMU 22. The early September season is too warm!
1.. i miss read begining of surey... and was unable to go back.. last trip north was December 2011, before that was AUGUST 2011.. and since then january 2012.. I am an avid hunter and spend apx. 7 months a year persuing alaska game animals.. our family does not purchase store bought meat, though we love to view wildlife... eating it is a bigger love
15 years guiding fishing trips throughout Alaska. Rafting/Power boating. Extensive saltwater cruising throughout Alaska. Inside Passage/Gulf crossings. Numerous Yukon river trips to the Koyukuk river.
1st elk hunt. Saw no elk or deer. The island was beautiful. Enjoyed the company of friends. Wish there were more elk to have a chance to see some. I am in the military. This trip was a once in a life time. Did see brown bear, no tag. Over all good time but after spending thousands wished I could have at least seen some game (elk or deer) after hunting hard for 7 days.
1st successful black bear hunt
2011 hunting experience was exceptionally special, my son in-law harvested his first big game. He started off with a 682 yard lung shot of a black bear...exceptional
2011 was a great year. I did most of my hunting on foot and my sucess rate reflects such. The last week of moose season I got a ATV and I saw a many more moose.
2011 was a pretty good hunting and fishing year because I had the time to do it
2011 was an off year for me in regards to hunting. We had a baby girl in the early summer, so I was only able to hunt one weekend with a couple of friends out of Whittier. We saw plenty of bears and goats enroute, and in Puget Bay near the gulf coast. I did not harvest a bear only because I did not see one large enough. Had I been able to spend more time, I'm sure I would have harvested a nice animal, as I've seen plenty of them in years past. We were still able to fill a cooler with nice Lingcod, Halibut and Rockfish fillets on the way home which really makes the trip worth the while when you are not able to harvest an able.

2011 was the first time I took my son age 13 with us. It was some added expenses but to me it was a chance of lifetime experience for my son. Which made it priceless in return. My father-in-law got a moose that we shared. I try not to add up cost otherwise I probably wouldn't go. It is my only vacation I take every year is to go hunting. Please try to keep it motorized access - have back pain issues.
30 years of moose hunting and 15 moose kills, I shot my biggest bull ever last year. 61"
30 yr. Alaskan too many to write about.
32 years hunting up to 160 days a year. Please charge a \$100 tag fee for resident drawing permits and use a bonus point system for all drawing permits.
38 years of experience hunting in Alaska. Have harvested most big game species in Alaska. Game is well managed. Alaska hunting is the best.
39 years in alaska loved every minute great state seeing wildlife as well as hunting
40 year resident of Alaska. Did not harvest any large game animals in 2011(Saw several/none legal for me)
45 years in Alaska I think it's still the most beautiful place in the world
50 inch rule is a set up for failure. i have paid my fine for this. the day of the court appearance there were approximately 20 other honest individuals there for the same thing. it makes moose hunting for working residents near impossible. other than that it is great. i have gotten to see some of the most amazing things nature has to offer with my own eyes.
56 years fishing and hunting alaska ketchikan to Brokes Range
7 grouse 1 rabbit had a great Time
A family hunting and camping trip near Eureka pass for moose and caribou.
A group of guys from Tezas, Alabama and West Virginia come up every odd year, since 2003 and we hunt in a different area each time. Sometimes we fly out, do a float trip, rent 4 wheelers, etc. and usually spend 8-10 days hunting. Always a good time. Last year went to a friends cabin on Susitna River using my boat. Good time had by all!
a large portion of the dollars I spent in 2011 was to buy equipment that will be used for years to come. I am from Wyoming originally where game densities are much higher and hunting is exponentially more affordable than Alaska. Beef at the grocery store is generally cheaper than wildgame meat per pound in Southcentral Alaska. I do it because I love it and can afford it. I also find it unfortunate that Alaska does NOT manage game for abundance so all can enjoy wildgame at a lower price than a lot of cost is mailorder/internet-you should include that.
A storm surge swamped our boat and flooded our camping site. Our gear got washed out to sea.
A wolverine come to my last moose kill. I thought that was quite exciting.
A wonderfull trip down the Yukon River. Although i was not successful for large animals this year, my parters were and i have been in the past. I did notice that we saw and were harasses by brown bears alot more than normal, and we saw less moose. Perhaps ADFG should look a better way to harvest some of the abundant bears in out state! Over all it was great.
Absolutely just love being in the Alaskan wlderness. Game is good, but not essential. My favorite thing is being out and about hunging with my kids and grandchildren
Absolutely loved my hunting experience in Southcentral Alaska. I would recommend it to anyone and everyone who loves the outdoors and hunting.
Access is a concern. It is getting very difficult to determine where public and prvide land is. Native land is blocking so much access it is becoming a real concern. The time spent out hunting with my wife is the most cherished time of the year. It is are more relaxing and sharing situation of the year. We have had issues with 4 wheelers showing up in areas where there are no established trails, which has serverly detracked for out time in ther field.

Access to hunting area is rough going, dangerous,thrilling and tears up equipment. Always enjoy beautiful wide open coountry and variety of wildlife. passing up shots on Moose because of uncertainty of antler spread is frustrating. Having Moose in the freezer all year is great and enjoyable to share with friends and family. Have not been successful drawing a Caribou tag yet have seen 500 to

Access to the hunting area(non-motorized) via dog

Accessible areas are becoming too restrictive

Actually made two successful hunting trips to Kodiak for goat. One in August and one in September. Both time were fly-out of Kodiak via Seahawk Air to DG476 area. Great self guided trips but no goat. I learned a lot about goat hunting and will be back to hunt RG480 this year. By the way...I did get a grizzly and a moose North of Kotzebue just off the Kelly River. All in all...I am pleased with the season.

adak hike out caribou, haul road bow and rifle hunt, bear bait southcentral

ADF&G continues to do an impressive job managing and conserving our natural resources for future use.

ADF&G seems rather clueless and conflicted about predator management in certain areas with respect to black bear hunting. On one hand, ADF&G wants to reduce the black and brown bear population in unit 13. On the other hand, they require meat to be salvaged from spring black bear harvests. Let's think about the goal people. Salvaging meat, and not allowing it to be used as bait (for trapping, for example), reduces the harvest. A little more time spent thinking through the implications of your policies would benefit everyone.

ADF&G should manage solely on real, hard science, not public emotion. Most hunters I know, including myself, hunt for the outdoor experience and the chance to fill a freezer. Overcrowding sucks! Cost of remote hunts is rising. Guides have the best places locked up for themselves especially regarding Dall Sheep. There are too many Guide services. F&G doesn't spend enough time and money doing quality game surveys. The Governor should not be able to appoint F&G board members, they should be voted in. The 40 mile caribou heard hunt is a mess, spread it out, non-motorized and motorized. Use Registration permits and use permit numbers to spread out hunters and timing. Make your research data more easily available to the public via your web page, not just harvest data. Let the public see and know what your doing. I love AK and hunting combines all that I love, camping, scenery, wildlife, camaraderie, campfires, stars, northern lights, fishing, hiking and spending time with those I care about with the added bonus of sustaining my family with quality game meat. I spend a lot of \$ on hunting, but for just one year like you picked out for this survey doesn't pick that up, as I have already purchased tools of the trade years ago and often replace it, just not in 2011. I archery hunted with my dad and we each got a moose on the same day.

ADFG does an excellent job managing our game species. Keep things moderately restrictive to ensure the future of hunting but try not to make it so restrictive that average hunters are scared away from hunting due to complexity or excessive cost/effort to access game. Hunting for food should be the emphasis but being able to mount that moose or bou you are so proud of should not be off limits. Trophy hunting by outside hunters should be strongly discouraged. Thanks to the ADFG folks for all of your hard work.

ADFG does an exceptional job at managing fish and wildlife in Alaska. The present problem we are experiencing in SE Alaska is a reduced deer population due to high level of winter kill from previous years. Their management practices will assure future abundance, we just have to wait for the populations to increase and harvest tag limits will return to their previous levels. The present problem with hunting is unrelated to ADFG. It is the high cost of oil and gas. Cost for flying out has more than doubled in last 5 years. Getting too expensive to get out of town to hunt. Too many people in town to hunt around Juneau.

ADFG should cease and desist on the insane predator control practices in Alaska. ADFG and ADNR should move toward limiting 4-wheeler access on wild lands in Alaska. ADFG should promote more walk-in, restricted access areas to increase the overall quality of hunts for hunters who prefer to walk in and not be disturbed by off-road vehicles.

After hunting here very hard the last couple of years I found that Alaska is like no place else to hunt. The hunting here is tough with a lot of competition. There is not game behind every tree, and you can expect to be successful all the time. When you are successful there are great rewards. I am hoping that Alaska will give me a Moose and a Dall sheep before the Military ships me out of here.

After taking this survey and thinking about it, I have realized just how expensive it is to hunt Alaska with my husband.... (-;

after the fog lifted on opening day we saw and took a nice bull

AK is the best.

AK moose brow time limits are excessive. After years of hunting with 4 brow tine limits those bulls with genetics to produce a 4 brown tine are removed from the gene pool. Still will be lots of bulls, just no 4 tiners. Having a protracted 4tine requirement in an area means fewer and fewer "legal" bulls will be available whether there are a lot of animals in an area or not.

Alaska belongs to Alaskans we need to keep it that way and make it harder for outsiders to take our game

ALASKA Best In the World!!

Alaska can not handle the hunting pressure of all the people living here. Alaska is killing the wildlife that bring tourists here bear/wolf to make Anchorage population happy moose hunters.

Alaska contains some of the most wild and untouched land left on this planet. We need to be mindful of keeping it wild, and to carefully balance the drive our nation has to develop, harvest, and exploit its' natural resources with the long-term health and well-being of an environment unique on the planet and irreplaceable. Without said environment, Alaska's wildlife cannot maintain its' vitality and vigor, unique to this marvelous state.

Alaska fish and game is the reason our family have been in Alaska since 1968. My wife and I will be buried here.

Alaska has some of the most places and we love seeing this state from air, ground and boat.

Alaska hunting is so unbelievably awesome, keep up the good work.

Alaska hunting is the best...

Alaska is an unbelievable state to live in and there are incredible wildlife experiences everyday, whether hunting, fishing or just sight seeing and photographing, it is incredible.

Alaska is a beautiful place to hunt and play.

Alaska is a beautiful place to live and experience. There are many areas of Alaska that are still unspoiled. I enjoy all of the outdoor opportunities that Alaska has to offer. My most enjoyable times are fishing with my family on rivers or on the ocean.

Alaska is a beautiful place. Getting away for work is medicinal. Just seeing the beauty of the mountains, fall foliage, and animals is wonderful. I understand wildlife management is necessary for the continuation of the species. Would like to see less access to out of state hunters. Alaska's population has grown along with folks hunting. I fear too many hunters are present in the area I hunt - Area 13. My hat's off to the State of Alaska, Division of Fish and Game! Keep up the good work!

Alaska is a great place for the outdoors. Some of the hunting restrictions make it where you do not want to spend the vast amount of money it takes to hunt in more remote areas to be limited to a certain sized animal.

Alaska is a great place to enjoy hunting and other outdoor activities. One of the most enjoyable parts of hiking and hunting in Alaska is the ability to hunt in places where there is very little chance of seeing other hunters or campers.

Alaska is a great place to hunt, fish, camp and just explore the outdoors. I was born in Fairbanks, raised two daughters and I and they have enjoyed many years of these kinds of activities.

Alaska is a great place to hunt. The hunting and fishing regulations are way too complicated but if it helps maintain the proper wildlife populations, than they are fine.

alaska is a great place to live, recreate and hunt. ive done all of that for 30yrs. i am a bit concerned with the questions about if i would hunt should the costs go up \$65, etc. this sounds as if a tax or addl fee may be considered for various reasons. i dont mind paying more for certain things, but it really depends upon why and for what am i paying more? if fuel prices go up a buck a gallon, ill still go hunting. special fees and taxes etc are not some of those things. i pay \$65 for my hunting fishing and trapping license, plus tags. a non-resident does not pay substantially more, except for tags. it is important to realize all of our game animals have value, whether you shoot and eat them, whether you shoot them for predator control or you shoot them with your nikon. and if you shoot them with your nikon, why cant you charge \$65 for that license too? they are game animals, not "wildlife" and should be managed for sustainable yield for all, just like our constitution says, and the nikon hunter should pay for the privilege too. wildlife is something you find on 4th ave in anchorage after midnight, game is what we hunt for in alaska, guns or cameras.

Alaska is a great place to spent time with family and friends. We were able to build a cabins some years ago. We had three generations of men in my family pounding nails. We use it as a family cabin throughout the summer and it becomes our hunting cabin come fall. My children boys and girl both have spent many hours/days hunting and fishing around our cabin. They all have shot their fist spruce grouse on our property. Hopefully the will be able to take there first big game animals near our property as well.

Alaska is a paradise; beautiful yet rugged country. There is very little not to like about Alaska, except the winters are too long. I have spent many hours planning my hunting trips and had a blast most of the time. I have had so many successful hunting experiences it is hard to highlight them all. One point though: Shooting animals is easy, all the rest that comes after is hard work.

Alaska is a wonderful place to live. Where else could you live where Mother Earth raises your food in your yard? This is a beautiful and healthy lifestyle.

Alaska is just awesome!

Alaska is my home and i love being there as much as possiable.

Alaska is one of the most beautiful places in the world. It takes about an hour to go on a hunting trip and even less to go fishing. If you have never hunted or fished in Alaska then you have never hunted or fished.

Alaska is still a wild place with many outstanding opportunities for consumptive and non-consumptive uses on public lands. The State of Alaska should recognize these multiple uses and join the 21st century by eliminating 19th century thinking with respect to wildlife management (i.e. predator control). There has been no compelling evidence in the last 50 years that hunting opportunities are enhanced by predator control. They are enhanced by a thoughtful wildlife management program using scientific methods to meet public desires. We have functioning ecosystems that allow for adequate hunting opportunity--let's not screw it up by trying to fix it. Thanks

Alaska is still the best place to hunt and fish. I hope that the resources to do so will continue to have the stewardship that it has at present.

Alaska is such an amazing place to recreate and hunt in. One of my fondest hunting memories if from a hunt with my wife. We had just got back from our honeymoon and were out on our first fall trip of the season and left town on a Saturday. To ensure a quick and early departure Sunday morning we slept in the back if the jeep. Poor decision...3:30 am couldn't have come earlier. To make a long story short, we hit the field early and just as the sun began to rise we spotted a black bear and a perfect stalk opportunity. My wife took her first bear and we skinned and dressed it out in the morning sun.
Alaska is the best.Please take care of it.
Alaska is the biggest camp ground in the world. Lived here since 1993 and truly love it. I've found hunting to be much more costly than it was 20 yrs ago, therefore try to get as far away from others as possible to insure a relaxing time in the feild. now my kids are old enough to go with me and look forward to teaching them what Alaska has tought me and how to show thanks for the land that feeds us through the winter. It's just to bad that obtaining permits are so hard. I do wish that a draw winner was only able to obtain one award not several. with hunting cost's and time away from work being costly, 99% of muilti draw winners only hunt one of the awards. Therefore feel one is enough! Let others have a chance!!!!
Alaska is the great land. No place compares to range and variety of wildlife and the hunting
Alaska is the greatest hunting grounds I have ever experinced.
Alaska is the greatest place in the world to Live and hunt and fish.
Alaska is the greatest place on earth to hunt. There are so many different species to hunt here that it never gets old. I am grateful to have the ability to hunt in a great state. I always enjoy the experience even if we come home with nothing. There is always a story to tell.
Alaska is the ultimate hunting & fishing destination.
Alaska is undescrivable, untill you come and see for yourself you will never truly know the beauty, vastness and true wilderness she has to offer.
Alaska is without a doubt the best place ever to live, if your an outdoorsman and love to hunt and fish. It is so good that 30 years ago when I first moved here I used to quit my jobs when the Kings started to run, Alaska is just purely addictive for the avid outdoorsman.
Alaska is wonderful place to hunt. I think some of the regulations could be tightened up a little bit.
Alaska needs to increase game populations and hunting opportunity for youth. I was fortunate to be able to take my 12 year old son on a fly-out hunt, but feel there is a lack of shorter "day or weekend" hunt opportunities that are closer to home.
Alaska needs to open more wilderness areas to hunting. Other states have well maintained trail systems for snow mobiles and ATVs. Locking up all the land which is accessible by highway like Richardson and Tok Cutoff by native groups like Ahtna and the Dalton Highway is not appropriate. There lands should be confined to the original ancestral lands covered by pre 1972 agreements. Cherry picking now is not fair non-native Alaskans. They are not the only people with hunting, gathering backgrounds.
Alaska resident Hunt for food Fish Birds Moose Deer Only Southeast
Alaska rocks!

Alaska's antler restricted moose hunting opportunities CREATE situations where a lot of accidental illegal harvests occur. it is deplorable that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game STRONGLY OPPOSES moose hunting opportunities where a large number of the public could participate in Southcentral moose hunts without such extreme chance of accidentally killing an illegal animal. It is also irresponsible of ADF&G to support such regulations that Create so many illegal harvest opportunities -- without providing an opportunity for hunters who made an accidental mistake under such extreme antler restrictions to voluntarily turn in the illegally killed animal without severe punishment or legal costs and court action. Why has ADF&G never even studied the amount of illegal animals killed in Southcentral Alaska antler restricted moose hunts. Is ADF&G afraid or how high the number of illegal moose killed in such a study would be? Is ADF&G afraid the Department might have to actually do some work? or moose management? -- rather than laying it all on the hunting public? Why has ADF&G NEVER even considered how many moose may be legal to the hunting public under various antler restricted scenarios? Why Has ADF&G NEVER had a public forum on this issue where the public could participate in the whole discussion? Aspects of this issue are what cause my extreme dissatisfaction with antler restricted moose hunting opportunities in Southcentral Alaska.

Alaska's public lands have much more value than just their resources. Wild, pristine, accessible lands have a huge monetary value and intrinsic value. Access does not have to be via road. I appreciate the public maintained trails, launch ramps, cabins, shelters, docks, mooring buoys, media information, etc. ADFG staff is extremely helpful throughout the state at providing useful information to hunters and wildlife viewers. I support the fact-based biology-based wildlife management practices.....with the exception of the liberalized bear and wolf hunting practices of the last few years. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Alaskan outdoors experiences are wonderful, photo, hunting, fishing, and camping. We love it.

Alaskan since 1955, hunt trap, fish, and driven dogsvaldez to Kotz - pradhok and tok to home

Alaskan's need more access to lands and needs to stop the erosion of access with increased ORV restrictions.

All Good. Fuel cost is rediculous and restrictive.

all hunting was for subsistance use

all meat that we have in the freezer is wild game. I am actively engaged in taking my son hunting and trapping. ptarmigan and grouse are our "chicken" Moose and bear are our "beef" and "Pork". Pike and salmon are our "tuna"

All my wildlife experiences normally are keyed toward the fun, and training of my grand kids and their enjoyment and learning about hunting, fishing, and trapping.

All of my experiences have been great. Seen and done things here in Alaska more than anywhere else.

Almost all my 35 years in AK. have been in Kodiak and the lions share of my hunting has been in Kodiak. I love to elk and deer hunt, I grew up hunting back in Minnesota. For the last 7 or 8 years my son has hunted with me which is the best it can get. I love the whole experiance not just the hunting part, and the meat gathering is the only reason I would kill an animal. I don't care one little bit for trophies. I must say that the wilderness IS my religon.

Although I have lived in Alaska for 20+ years, this was my first time hunting in Alaska. I was surprised at how man people were hunting the Denali Hwy. We had a good time because of the people we were with but I don't know that I would want to go back to that area.

Although I've long been a sport angler, I really only took up hunting when I moved to Alaska in 2004. It's become my obsession. Alaska's great public access to abundant wildlife means there are plenty of opportunities to get out after animals, and I hope my two boys (age 4 and 1) will have the same opportunities I've had.

<p>Always amazed at the animals we have in this state. Sitting and watching for hours in the rain, deciding to give up for the evening. Snap of a twig he was there. My partner unable to get a shot off, only to watch a big bull disappear so fast over a ridge. It was not his day.</p>
<p>Always enjoy hunting the Denali Highway area. It was obvious the predator control is working as I have hunted the area for years and was pleased to see such a high cow/calf ratio.</p>
<p>Always enjoy the time hunting off the denali hwy and just getting away from phones and busy work schedules, had a medical emergency this year on our trip with my son and a 4 wheeler that cost us the time away and added expences but still enjoy Alaska and all it has to offer, moved up here 5 years ago and will never need or want to hunt or fish anywhere els, truly a great state to live, work, and play. Hopefully better luck next yr</p>
<p>Always Great</p>
<p>always great to be outdoors in this great state...catching and harvesting an animal is secondary to the time spent with friends and family</p>
<p>Always looking for something new. What the old saying "got money but not enough time".</p>
<p>Am seeing more moose cows with calves in the past few years. Have Hunted the same area each year for the past 28 years. Less bear sign, still see bears around but not like 7 or 8 years ago. Back then would see as many as 6 mabe 7 a day now only see an occasional bear. This could be from a natural cycle, or better management, not sure why as people traffic in the area has gone up 5 fold in the past few years. Maby they don't like all the traffic.</p>
<p>Amazing country! Anyone that can make the trip to the denali hwy. Hunting or not need to. Great trip, just need to stay longer than a day. Long drive for the day, but worth it.</p>
<p>Amazing Experience!</p>
<p>Amazing first hunting season in Alaska including a successful mountain bike caribou hunt in unit 13, a stunning moose hunt in unit 13, a successful black bear hunt on the Kenai Penn, and an awesome brownie/black tail adventure on Kodiak Island. Loving the opportunities here! The costs are very difficult to swallow however. Unlike the L48, subsistence hunting is very difficult as it would be much cheaper to purchase meat than it is to travel and hunt for it. PLEASE BUILD MORE ROADS!</p>
<p>An Alaska Wildlife trooper issued a ticket to one of the group because he didn't know where to put the metal locking tab and when asked the trooper told him and gave him a ticket. We were in the process of leaving in a truck and it was easy to see we were done hunting and the member of the group just couldn't find it in the regs. No decession, no right or wrong, no eval of the situtation just a ticket to tarnish the trip. then three month of jerking around by court on the north slope and a 250.00 fine for not seeing a obscure sentence in the reg book. bullshit, plain old bullshit. I make that statement from a point of being a retired police officer. In alaska the culture of the state police is not serve and protect, they treat everyone like a criminal, everything is an interogation when you speak to one, really poor. My friends will never return to Alaska to hunt or fish, after talking to them they will go to Canada. So there you have it, we spent maybe \$8000.00 and it will never happen again for \$250.00 in fines.. good business there.</p>
<p>Annually, I participate in bear baiting for black bears in the spring, hunting moose and caribou in the fall, fall bear hunting, small game (hares and spruce hens), predator calling, and trapping.</p>
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<p>appreciate the cow huts which help us fill the freezer</p>
<p>are we all Mot equal</p>

watching the caribou, plotting how to harvest them when they crossed the legal limit. A man walked out of a draw to our right carrying a game bag, a rifle and a small day pack. He proceeded northwest down the draw. As we watched him, he dropped his game bag in the grass and hunched down. He raised his rifle and fired a total of 3 shots. My estimate of his position would be 4.2 miles away from the corridor limit. After the first shot, Arne was yelling at him not to shoot. The man was pretty far away and probably couldn't hear Arne yelling while shooting. The first 2 shots appeared to miss. The third shot was not a clean kill and the caribou was flopping around on the hill when we contacted the man. When asked about knowing where he was at he said he thought he was outside the 5 mile limit. Alonso-Alt also stated that his friends had the GPS and he didn't have a map. We told him to go up the hill and dispatch the animal and we would continue our conversation. He shot the caribou again at close range, killing it. When asked about the meat he was carrying Alonso-Alt stated that he had salvaged all the meat he could from a caribou he had harvested earlier. He stated that the animal was "scrawny" and that he had salvaged all the meat he could. The single game bag he was carrying didn't appear to be even half full. Arne and I looked for the first animal he killed and were unable to locate the kill sight. He stated that he had fully salvaged the illegally taken animal. He also stated that he was waiting for a friend to come back to help him salvage his first kill on the following day. I told him he stole the opportunity for Arne and I to harvest a legal animal. I berated him about the cost of our trip, the vacation time, and the amount of work it required just to get in position for the hunt. I told him that I believed he had wantonly wasted 2 animals and that I was going to try and make sure he never hunted or fished again in the State of Alaska. It is my belief that Alonso-Alt took the back straps from the first animal and left the rest of it to rot. His statement on the 24th that he was going to recover the first animal a full 3 days later suggests he originally never had any intention of returning. His original statement on the 22nd was that he had completed the salvage of the first animal. I believe Alonso-Alt then saw the second animal inside the 5 mile limit, believing he was alone, took the shot. When the case came to a change of plea in January 2012, the prosecutor dealt away 2 Class A misdemeanors and this kid got off with a slap on the hand. I was pleased with the troopers investigation, but the subsequent action of the state in the prosecution of this case and the court's

Article written in the ADN last September about the 45" ram I harvested that rated #135 in the Boone & Crocket record book

as a boy being born in southwest Alaska, we never seen caribou, moose bear and the likes. As we got older, more and more of the game starting showing up almost in our back yards on the Kuskokwim. Our biggest hunting fishing was drifting for salmon during the summer seasons, and during the winters it was Ptarmigan. I am glad for wildlife preservation.

As a female hunter, I recognize I'm part of a minority group of hunters. I am frustrated by the poor wildlife management practices on the Kenai Peninsula that have negatively impacted my ability to hunt and my ability to teach my son about hunting and subsistence ways of living. As a critical part of our state's heritage, I am particularly frustrated by the way the Federal government infringes upon our State rights and responsibilities on land such as the KNWR. I am an active bowhunter & fisherwoman, and I am proud of the many animals I've harvested and used to supplement my family's diet. Your survey limited my answers to the most recent hunting trip, but missed many other important trips that have contributed significantly to our state's economy- and in that way, I think your results will significantly under-represent the actual economic impact of hunting and wildlife harvest practices by private parties in our state.

As a former Wildlife Biologist with ADF&G it is my opinion that all wildlife resources be managed for conservation. Whereas I support predator control when the population is depressed, I do not support much of the bear and wolf "control" measures currently as they are intended to increase the abundance for humans. I am primarily a meat hunter; but, I enjoy trapping as well as a winter activity

As a life long Alaskan and avid outdoorsman I was very pleased with the predator control program. This past year was the first year in nearly 20 years where I actually saw several calf moose. I am still disgruntled by the fact that Alaska still allows non-residents to be big game guides. I think the other 49 states have this correct, in which this is not allowed. You should be a resident in order to be a big game guide in Alaska. Too may non-resident guides flooding into Alaska, taking the money and heading back to their home state. This has been brought up to the fish and game advisory board numerous times, but no action has been done. Your survey is a great tool for economy purposes, but Fish and Game cannot continue to allow non-resident guides to collect 50k - 100k for 6 weeks and then leave Alaska. This is taking jobs away from local Alaskans who would spend this money in state and support the economy as per Parnell's agenda.

as a life long alaskan I feel this is a way of life here and we are currently passing this down to our children..

as a resident up here in the north region, these questionnaires don't related to what we do. most of the hunting is subsistence hunting and these "trips" occur many times a month when the animals are near. it's hard to break it down by "trip" so i don't believe these answers are an accurate reflection of what it actually costs to go hunting up here especially if you are a resident or the area. this questionnaire seems to be geared toward out of area or out of state "trips".

as alaska native hunting is a way of life

As an Alaskan Native hunter I participate in all subsistence activities that is a critical part of our culture since our subsistence resources are intertwined with our culture. My Chest freezer has 100% wild foods, greens, and berries such as seal, walrus, moose, caribou, bear, waterfowl, ptarmigan, salmon, and fresh water fish. When wild foods are abundant I also provide food for relatives and family members. Wild foods are a critical part of our economy and an Alaskan Native cannot live without subsistence resources.

As an avid hunter born and raised, fuel costs have hampered some extra hunting (big/small game) possibilities. However, the fall big game hunting aspects of having sheep and moose trips planned remain an event every year. I believe that the numbers of animals remain constant with the environmental programs and conditions. I have noticed in recent year there are more people in the remote places which is inevitable. I believe that the park services are destructive of the preserves, and that they destroy environment which is suppose to be pristine for production of taking over "their lands." It is becoming more difficult to harvesting trophy animals as out of state (non-residents) are allowed the same chances residents have every year for certain permits. With rising fuel prices, people will still go where they want, regardless. I believe there should be something done to the wolf population by reducing the number of them. I find that wildlife-related experiences continue to happen and haven't really changed. I believe Alaska remains to be wild and is becoming more difficult to have a trip planned that is really "remote" anymore.

As an resident Alaskan I feel that it would be good to be able to limit the amount of guiding pressure in the State.

As I grow older, and I'll be 64 in September, the five mile rule along the haul road makes rifle hunting increasingly difficult. Surely that distance can be shortened for senior citizen hunters.

As with high fuel prices, hunting has decreased for my household and jobs scarce in the village. There were a lot of caribou in upriver past three steps, but the fish and wildlife tend to move them with the airplanes and that makes it harder to hunt them when they're moved by manual planes. This is frustrating for us because Fish and Wildlife won't give us free meat to eat during the winter time and living the bush is expensive. This calls for action for the natives that depends on the caribou and moose meat, when the fish and wildlife scare them off with the planes to another location, changing their routes manually.
As you can tell from my age (I'm young) and my step Dad is a very avid outdoorsman so, he takes me on most all of his hunting and fishing trips. I'm still in high school so that is the reason for my educational level. I can't get enough of the outdoors and really like shooting and hunting and riding atv's are tearing up the countryside. Its terrible.
August 2010 I had a young black bear sniff me while I was silver salmon fishing at the eklutna Tailrace
Avid black bear and moose hunter. Hunt proxy for disabled veterans.
Awesome
Awesome can't wait to do it again this year.
Awesome nature experience.
awesome, the yukon kuskokwim delta is one of the most beautiful country in the world. it is full of fish and game most of the year.
Awesome! Good friends hunting together. Sons first moose at 12 outside galena ak
Back pack hunting for Sheep, Moose, black bear, caribou, and small game. The most important thing to me as a resident is access to the land and good wildlife management to ensure the game will be abundant enough to hunt. Planes, guides, fuel, boats, and 4 wheelers are too expensive. I like it simple with hard work and long walks enjoying God's beauty.
Basically just spontaneous duck hunting with friends and frequent fishing outings.
Bear and Deer hunting in SE AK is absolutely fantastic. Regulations are great, remoteness while still being accessible is perfect. I question 6 tags for Black Bear, not sure who would need to shoot 6 black bears a year. Management of hunting in AK is very well handled.
Bear ate my backpack outside my tent because it had fishing tackle in it... Labrador puppy saved the day and ran him off.... spectacular..
Bear hunting at its best
Bear population is the primary cause of moose number decline on the Kenai Peninsula.
Bears and wolves are in control. Need more bear harvest and wolf trappers on Kupreanof Tribal Land bears outnumber moose about 30 to 1, wolf tracks outnumbered moose tracks. In 21 days of hunting/camping 4 to 5 packs of wolves were identified in one evening time from a high mountain with no wind conditions. Wolf Scat (numerous) contained moose hair. Sitka deer were nonexistent saw no deer one set of deer tracks in 21 day. WSaw as high as 23 bear (Black) in one day, high incidents of sows with 2 cubs. Saw very few cow moose in one day, high incidents of sows with 2 cubs. Saw very few cow moose with calves. Kake and Sealaska tribal lands (logged years ago) is great moose habitat also prolific berry patches especially in high mountain areas. After Oct 1 large bear population in high country. Natives don't hunt bears.
Beautiful place to see. Needs better road maintenance. Harvesting really has no bearing on the amount of money we spend. Quality time with family..
Beautiful Planet and contents.
Beautiful state, but it has become very expensive to hunt remotely. Caribou hunts are too restrictive for none tier II applicants.
Beautiful state. Love it here. Just fun to be outside.

Because hundred, to thousands of dollars are spent o hunting camping trips. And it is the food we love, and the food that will feed our family through out the winter. That it is the up most importance we bring home a big game catch.
Been doing the same stuff for 35 years. Keep having to limit myself to a smaller area each year.
Been on Moose hunts in the interior, Sheep hunts in the Alaskan Range, Bear Hunts in the southeast. Caribou hunting both in the interior and up north
Being able to just get out in the wilderness and see the different animals is relaxing and enjoyable. But to be able to bring back a caribou like I did in 2011 is something I talk about to this day.
being out side
Best hunting in the country! Thanks to the well managed game units :)
Best Part Of Moose Hunting Fall 2011 GreatCamp Site Near a Slough Full Of Spawning Chum Kidds Loved It Good Weather ,Good Fishing, Great Campsite
Best place for me to hunt
Best wildlife there is. Going to move back to Alask as soon as I can.
Between hunting in the interior and fishing in Valdez, there is no other place on this planet I would rather be than Alaska.
big, furry, tasty
Biggest problem encountered is that the Minto Flatts where I hunt every year is infested with wolves .There were four different packs surrounding us and they didn't stop howling even during the day for the 1st 4 days at moose camp usually I see about 12 to 20 moose in any given hunt . This time I saw three total . I got one it was a Boone and Crocket 64 incher . Probably the last of the moose that could fight off the wolf packs. We tried hunting wolves and we got really close a few times . But the grasses are too high to see them even while they are in range. This year the minto hunt will likely be very poor
black bear and deer hunting in Prince William Sound moose, caribou and sheep hunting in Interior duck & goose hunting in Palmer Flats rabbit and grouse hunting in mat su valley and kenai penninsula Blew my knee out! Could not finish my Draw Permit Hunt! Oh well! Such is hunting in AK!!:)
born an Alaskan Native. Been hunter, fisherman and trapper all my life. that is our life.
Born and raised here we do a good job regulating hunting but I do not support trophy hunting we need to allow the mature animals to breed and cull the herds and game by selecting naturally, ie younger and less impactful animals.
Born and raised in Ak.. Have hunted and fished all my life all over Ak. Have worked as a classA hunting guide.Now that I'm retired I have a remote flyout or snowmachine cabin that I spend most of the summer at and do all of my hunting and fishing at.
born and raised in alaska have had many expererience hunting fishing and camping . mostly good
Born and raised in Alaska - Love the wildlife
Born and raised in Alaska- hunting is a tradition. The beauty and majesty of Alaska _ Denali hwy especially is my favorite.
Born and raised in Alaska. My whole family loves it here. I will never leave. I love hunting, fishing, and hiking. Alaska is just so majestic and there is always something around the corner to sunrise you.
born and raised in Kodiak AK! i will never stop hunting on the island, it is hands down the best place on earth! thanks to ADF&G and management!!
Born and raised in S.E. Alaska and have had the opportunity to hunt, fish, and trap in most areas of the state. Would pay any amount to continue to do this but It's getting awfully crowded out there.

Born and raised in Valdez Alaska. Hunting is apart of my life and culture. I drew DM167 last year and had an incredible trip. I was also extremely disappointed in the number of big bulls in the area. Had a supercub and airboat and only saw probably 3 bulls over 50 inches. Extremely disappointing, but it was still a fun trip.
born in alaska lived im alaska ALL my life started hunting when i was 5 years old with my dad and hope to hunt for 20 + more years
Bow hunter and would love to see more area's open for bow hunting only. Most of the area's are fly out or such a time frame that it's hard to hunt with a bow due to the short time before winter snow in the interior.
Built a cabin in Beluge and use it for hunting and fishing as well as bringing my out of state friends to view the wildlife and enjoy the fishing in that area. The hunt in Feb. was for the Tier II permit I received for 2011. Saw around 8 animals and harvested a nice medium size bull. For the amount of snow we had and as late in the season I harvested him he was in good shape.
By selecting the last hunt of the year, the stat will not show that I am willing and do to spend much more money on other hunt oppportunities. Mar2011 \$6000 for transportation, outfitter, food, tag, taxidermy, gear/supplies for a Musk Ox or Oct2011 \$1000 Moose hunt. Compared to the deer hunt in Dec2011 \$5 on Douglas Is near Juneau. Previous years included Caribou in Southcentral & North, Elk in Southwest, Brn Bear in Southeast regions. All of these required vehicle rental/fuel, charter flights, food (restaurant & store), & lodging.
call frank in glennallen
calling a bull moose that is not legal is the most fun because i am under no pressure and can simply enjoy the time with the wildlife in action.
calling moose is always exciting
Can't describe in words!
Car rental nearly ended our hunting trip plans. McCarthy is a NO-GO on car rental. Don't think any of You can do anything about that. Other than that it was a better than expected trip. I, as always hope to see more Alaska locals hunting and fishing here than Non Residents. I would like to see the game experience last, and not be depleted by over harvest and no respect for what is here. I have lived continuously in Alaska for 10 years, through the hard winters and nice summers. I love this place and want to see it not taken advantage of. A loyal Alaskan, Rusty Reynolds
Caribou did not move the week we chose to hunt North. Cow moose harvest in 20-D is ruining the moose hunting overall.
Caribou hunting the 40 mi. herd. The best hunting experience I have ever had in my life! I also had a blast hunting ducks in the minto flats area. Seeing a bear slowly walk in to feed from my bait site another breathtaking experience. The time of my life!
Caribou hunting trip to Adak with my brother. First time in twenty years in Alaska a member of my family has come to hunt. Stationed in Adak back in 1991 fun to go back twenty years later and see the differences.
Change regulations to make it illegal to drive any off-road vehicle and hunt that same day. Chasing after game animal on off-road vehicle is not hunting. It destroys the quality of the hunt for others and destroys the environment where the wildlife lives beside making an eye sore and the noise pollution. Hunters don't drive they walk and stalk games!!!
COMMERCIAL FISHING HAS DEVESTATED NORMAL AREAS CAN'T AFFORD FUEL TO GO FURTHER , MAKE THE COMMERCIALS GO FURHTER
Competition with commercial users for big game animals is getting more common!
Concerned about the moose population. What is the forecast 5 years out?

Continuation of passing the wisdom of our elders to our youth ensures survival of language, culture and tradition.
Cost of the trip is least important. My children have been raised on meat we raise or take during a hunting trip. My oldest is now 12. So for me, the most important aspect of hunting is the availability of legal animals to harvest. Meat in the freezer far out weighs a large set of antlers.
could not read comments
Cow permit in Pt MacKenzie. Like going to the store for groceries.
Crack down on poaching. We want scientifically based wildlife management and healthy wildlife populations. The extra season in Unit 13 two years ago was a disgrace. Close game units if necessary to ensure healthy wildlife populations.
Curious why I was not asked question about SE where I live?
Currently mostly Southcentral trips in driving distance. Moving soon to Southeast and plan to do much more fishing and hunting via boat.
Day trips for upland game or waterfowl. Multi-day trips for caribou. 2011 was my first year of residency. Will be expanding my pursuits to multi-day trips for moose and multi-day trips for spring bears and possibly multi-day PWS deer/bear combo. I think the timing of this survey is going to bias the results. Hopefully Rick Merizon gets some good numbers to see who many folks are chasing small game in spring.
Dedicated as a volunteer CLEO on JBER for over 5 years. Traveled the state with the military and partook in many hunts. Overall harvest low due to selective hunting, simply hunted to enjoy the state and companionship of friends.
Deer hunting in Prince William Sound! one of our best hunts ever! We hunt every year beginning in the 26 of Dec to New Years. It's the last hunt of the year. We do this by our boat, "sanctuary" it's a 35 ft Trawler in Whittier and quite comfortable. Fast see the hunt/fish/crab trip included my 19 year old daughter. She shot her first deer on this trip! Two very good friends went too. The weather, water conditions and hunt were all wonderful. We really enjoy ding on the Sitka Blacktail!
Deer hunting is very important to my family. We rely on the designated hunter program to obtain enough deer for the year. I would like to see a forked horn or better antler restriction in Unit 3.
Deer populations appear pretty low in unit 1a. Think that total allowable bucks (4) should be reduced, and we should be able to hunt in december.
Delta Control use sheep hunt was outstanding, beautiful country and good sheep population. I wish the state would consider a preference point system for residents. Taking 20 years to draw a permit is difficult.
denali highway is a great place to hunt!
Despite our quick trip, I had a fantastic trip and would do it again in a heartbeat. My only gripe is that my caribou draw tag season was AFTER an open subsistence hunt, and while we saw a lot of visceral sign of successful hunts, we saw no bulls in our 100+ miles of riding. My feeling is that if I should pay extra and be lucky enough to draw a tag, this hunt should either go before the subsistence hunt, or more than a week should separate the two hunts.
Devin is 14 years old and hunted with his Dad. The number of hunters in the area increased 10 fold in the past 3 years. Hunting pressure in the Fort Yukon area has pushed many hunters into the circle area, primarily the Birch Creek River above the bridge at mile 147 of the Stees Highway. Due to the shallow water below the bridge the pressure has only doubled. Below the bridge went from 3 boats to six or seven. Moose populations have increased since a large wolf pack was removed in 2009 and has only increased to four animals since.

<p>Did a fly in primarily Moose Hunting trip with forty mile air out of Tok, AK with 3 friends from the lower 48. Worth every penny of the hunt and as a bonus had the opportunity to harvest a caribou since the forty mile herd was migrating during our hunt. Forty mile air is a well run, well respected organization that I will use again and again.</p>
<p>Did shoot my first caribou this year. When processing the meat, I put the flank in the oven to slow roast for the dogs, but it was so good I ate it myself. Caribou is much better than expected.</p>
<p>Do away with subsistence hunting. We had a moose in the binoculars sights to see if it was legal and someone else jumped out of their pickup and shot the moose. All because they could shoot any moose. But I could not. It's not fair at all.</p>
<p>Do caribou, moose and did bison hunting in 2011. Hardest hunting I have ever done. I could have bought a Bison for the 4 trips I made and didn't get a shot. You need to revise the rules on sex identification until a limit is reached and then do sex restrictions!</p>
<p>do not use Ram Aviation</p>
<p>Do not wish to respond to this question.</p>
<p>don't care to comment</p>
<p>Don't announce the "animals are here" it becomes a slaughter fest. Too many out of town or out of state people do not take care of meat properly and it's wasted. Or shoot for antlers. Just wrong when a lot of families depend on the meat to survive.</p>
<p>Don't cater to the "I must have a moose and caribou crowd, 100 percent when I go hunting. All wildlife in Alaska is important. ADF&G employees (especially fish) should live in the communities they manage, serves little purpose to manage from Anchorage and areas hundreds of miles away, and does little for economic development of rural communities.</p>
<p>Don't have time to respond at this time.</p>
<p>Don't like the fact that my wife and I are life long Alaskans and yet can not get a subsistence permit.</p>
<p>Drew a Bison tag in Delta Junction on the first time I applied. My dad and I who have only hunted together a couple of times and have never gotten anything for ourselves and got a bison. There were no other hunters at the time of this trip and we had a great time.</p>
<p>Drew an antelope permit for the area we usually hunt in and scored a nice little 29" bull. Nice tender meat.</p>
<p>Drove out of the highway went up several logging roads looking for Moose, saw none.</p>
<p>Duck unlimited Trout unlimited Delta water fowl</p>
<p>Ducks unlimited</p>
<p>Due to the limited road systems and abundance of people. It's impossible to go anywhere w/o having other hunting parties move in on top of you. Guides and air services are simply getting out of control due to cost of fuel and other expenses. For example, I can fly from ANC to DCA for \$856 grab a rental car for another \$200+ and travel to PA. Sleep in a warm bed with family, eat quality meals with my family and shoot 130-140 class white tail deer cheaper than what I can hunt moose or caribou for here in AK. AK is a logistical nightmare to hunt quality game unless you spend \$5k or greater. I just can't do it anymore and feel I must take my son back to PA for a much better experience.</p>
<p>Dumb Questionnaire! Not sure if some 2's meant one trip or several</p>

<p>During a remote fly-in, rafting float trip, and fly-out to the Alaska Range (20A) we hunted hard for two weeks. We had drawn cow permits for the area and saw three cows with calves. We saw areas where wolf and bear prints covered large areas of sand near the river, most very fresh within days of last rain. We also saw several dead moose remains from predator kills. We also did not see any evidence of moose kills by hunters for the region we hunted. No flagging tape or harvested animal remains along the river. Overall, the availability of moose was significantly reduced from previous years. This we attribute to the large number of draw permits issued for the region.</p>
<p>During my trip in September, I enjoyed seeing the birds, small animals and some moose. Being outside is very enjoyable and brings back good memories of myself and our family when I was just a kid. I enjoy picking berries and sharing them with the elders and my family.</p>
<p>Easiest hunt I could of ever had. It was opening day of bow season and my father n law had spotted a legal bull moose on his property. My nephew, a friend and I showed up at my father n laws and within a half hour we had spotted it and I got within 20 yards of it and killed my first moose with bow and arrow. Now my wife thinks that I do not need to go on all those long moose hunts cause of how easy this one was.</p>
<p>Enjoy float hunting, like to be away from motorized vehicals and other people.</p>
<p>Enjoy seeing the wildlife.</p>
<p>Enjoy the experiance every year!!</p>
<p>Enjoyable to get out and see wild country and animals. Do not agree with the same day use of gasoline powered or other motorized equipment to chase game. I agree with same day airborne rules and think they should apply across the board to any vehicle used to access game areas - atv, boat, automobile or whatever. This would take the Easter Egg competition out of "hunting" and probably could relax the hodge-podge laws and regulations that take so much of the freedom from the</p>
<p>Enjoyed Going Out and sightseeing</p>
<p>Enjoyed the great Alaskan outdoors with family</p>
<p>Even easy hunts are difficult. ADFG could do more to increase both the quantity and quality of game animals in Alaksa. Better predator control, and more generous seasons, and more special hunts like Bowhunting specific seasons and bowhunting/primitive weopons hunts.</p>
<p>Even though I've never been able to shoot a moose in the fall, because I never see anything legal, I still love being able to be out there in the woods listening to the wildlife.</p>
<p>Even though many of my hunts end up being walks in the woods with a gun, I still love the experiance. I commented to someone recently that the best sleep I get is at moose camp. I've lived all over the US and there is no where that you can experiance the great outdoors like you can in Alaska.</p>
<p>Evening, My wife and I are a team that literally do it all. We hike, Hunt, fish, raft and explore all over Alaska and Beyond. One thing worthy of note is that we have been selected as the Cabela's 2012 Ultimate Outdoor Adventure Team contest winners. The write up pretty much says it all. Check it out: https://ww1.cabelasevents.com/ultimateteam/finalists.cfm</p>
<p>Ever since I can go hunting with my dad I loved it. Everytime I had a chance to follow my _ to go hunting or if they ask me I say "yes". I just love them outdoors the fresh air, the beauty of nature, and also the sights. I don't like berry picking because of the mosquitoes. I always follow because I want to get to know the land and get out of the house. Especially know where the berries grow, ever since I learned how to drive a snow machine and not afraid to go hunting alone to always want to go hunting or fishing. They are many animals to see and how the live and fish is always exiting. Living in rural alaska or one of the next luckist thing on this earth because now a days most people live in cities with little amount of wild life. It's a real pleasure living in Alaska.</p>

<p>Evertrip is an adventure. Unfortunately, with gas prices on the rise, the only people who can afford to hunt these days are the rich or the poachers. For those who do it correctly, the only way out is to get together with a few buddies to share the cost's. That in itself is a reward as It's nice to spend quality time in the wilderness with good friends.</p>
<p>Every trip I make into the Alaskan outdoors is always different and interesting. I have been a transporter on Kodiak Island for several years and have seen some of the most interesting things offered in this state.</p>
<p>Every year I try a different place to hunt I. Addition to the few places I already know about. I love living here for the public land wand the hunting and recreational opportunities it affords my family and me.</p>
<p>Every year I try and mostly do hunt with family members. We hunt bear in the spring, goat in early fall and deer later in the season. We are meat hunters and could careless about "trophy" hunting. Please maage for the kids in the future.</p>
<p>Everything has gotten to expensive and is getting worse. Luckily, some of the investments last year I will use this year. I make things go as far as possible. I had and used the tier 1 caribou hunt. It is rediculous that my moose hunt is tied to my caribou hunt. Also, while hunting in unit 13, there was so many people there that normally hunted on the Kenai peninsula but went to unit 13 because they couldn't take spike/fork's anymore and the brow tings was increased to 4 on the peninsula. I did not see a legal moose last year in unit 13.</p>
<p>everyYEar we See more and More Moose and Bear Too</p>
<p>Exceptional in every case over the last 20 years. It is what you make of it in regards to preparation and research for an area to hunt in. Safety is always the most important consideration as there is weather, water and animals that can ruin your experience.</p>
<p>Expensive and hard hunting to provide meat for my family.</p>
<p>extend the moose season... even if i got one, it would have been tough to keep the meat cool</p>
<p>Extremely/Unbelievably Poor habit management in the GMU 7 n 15. The majority of these GMUs need to burn to allow for new food growth. Additionally way to any brown bears. DLP should not be added to the overall kill ratio with respect to bears.</p>
<p>FANTASTIC I'm a life long Alaskan, the scenery, wildlife and quality time never ceases to amaze and please me.</p>
<p>Fantastic! It takes a lot more organization, money, and time to properly hunt here in Alaska, but the pay off is worth it. The wild beauty of this state is what makes Alaska so renowned world wide.</p>
<p>Finally shot a nice Caribou.</p>
<p>Find me more time to hunt - it's a great place, but it takes major effort and time.</p>
<p>First time moose hunting. Love the outdoors</p>
<p>fish and feathers needs to pull their heads out and get a real look at what is going on in the hunting regs. We the true hunters take care of the wild and yet you let the poachers from Russia run rampent and get away with murder and we have to pay for it. I love hunting in Alaska but you guys are turning a great experiance into just a bunch of armed campers with your over the top regs.</p>
<p>Fish and Game Regulations are too complex. I appreciate the difficulty of Fish and game's job in setting appropriate bag limits.</p>
<p>Flew to Minto Flats with friends and relatives to hunt ducks for a few days. Saw several moose.</p>
<p>Floating a secluded river with my sons is a great way to spend time, moose or no moose!</p>
<p>For non-motorized hunters in Alaska (like me) there are too many ATVs, snowmachines, and Argos to compete with in many easily accessable hunting areas...very frustrating.</p>

For our family, the yearly trip up the Haul road (Dalton Hwy) is as much tradition as it is a semi-subsistence lifestyle. Harvesting a caribou, spending time in the Brooks or on the Slope is the finest vacation I can imagine, and pictures and words do not tell the story, it has to be experienced. The 2011 trip we used an air service to go even further to a new (for us) drainage and the experience just added to a long list of memories of the North region.

For the first time in twelve years I had an opportunity to go hunting. I flew over to the Kustatan river above Black Sand creek and spent the night in my airplane as the next day was the last day of the season and I didn't feel like pitching a tent for one night. Not a good idea. I could hardly wait for daylight and I was out skulking around the area in my cameo hoody when a helicopter flew over. Much to my dismay, it turned and came back and landed next to my plane. I returned, thinking something serious was happening and said to the trooper " what the hell? It's the last day of hunting season". "Yes it is" he replied. Dumbfounded I just stood there looking at him. He then added that he was collecting the tail numbers of aircraft in the area so that if there was a kill they would know who it was. I responded with " do you know how incredibly rude this is"? He said "we didn't see you". I gave him my tail number and he left. I guess that cameo hoody really paid off that time. Buy these guys some gyro-stabilized binoculars so they can read numbers from the air or better yet tell them to wait for a crime to be committed. Landing a helicopter at a hunting camp is totally unacceptable behavior.

For the most part I've had great wildlife related experiences in Alaska. My job got me to the North Slope so I've had a lot of unique opportunities there and elsewhere in my life long travels in Alaska. On the down side and specific to several hunting trips, some of the ethics displayed by some hunters is a little disturbing. For example on my last hunting trip I went with a friend to Taylor Mountain. Overall we had a great time over several days. I went along on his hunt for moose and he reciprocated on my effort at caribou in a different area. The weather was great. While at Taylor Mtn. we came across some guys from the crew rebuilding the road to Chicken. They were "stalking" a bull moose and using Garmin 530 GPS/two way radios to guide their buddy to the moose. We were rooting for the moose and indeed he did get away (we watched it all unfold through binoculars and eavesdropped on our Garmin 530. I carry mine for emergencies and bought a set so I could keep track of my wife while snowmachining. These guys were using them to make up for a lack of hunting skills, patience, and because they know ADF&G is too tied up to monitor them. I see a disturbing use of equipment like this because some hunters seem to be obsessed with getting something vs. just getting out and enjoying themselves. Nothing much new there, but it just doesn't seem sustainable if it keeps headed in that direction. I use a 4 wheeler for both better access to hunting areas and as a way just to have fun while I'm at it. Getting game is secondary. We both got skunked but put 100 miles on the wheelers doing so. Other than witnessing the lack of ethics by a group of construction workers, we had great time. My other observation is that as a state we naturally want to grow. In my 56 years here, I've seen a big erosion in hunting and fishing opportunities as the population increased and abundance of various species wane and wax. More and more complexity to the regs and most of it justified to keep it under some kind of control. No easy answers.

Four of us went in on four wheelers and a Argo 30 miles back in to unit333 took us 1 hours to get where we were going to camp. Got up next morning and started glassing, Seen Bull moose almost every day. I shot a small Bull on the 4th day, My freinds got a nice Bull moose and one Caribou
Fuel expense hurts the most, and has become a burden

Fuel prices (highest in the USA) are really becoming a problem. We are less able to travel long distances, and relatives and friends refuse to come up because of high fuel prices. We should build our own refineries! We are not going to load up all our stuff on a train or something else - getting to old for that, no thanks. That was suggested last time we inquired about high fuel prices. I know that we will never get a answer, but "Why are fuel prices so high in Alaska"?
Game access has gone down in the 32 years I've lived here and my wife who was born in Alaska. Each year we hunt more with less success. Less game access due to land, horn restrictions and shorter seasons. Was able to get at least one moose and one or two caribou each year within a week prior to 1995. Now, weeks with little chance of success. See and hear more wolves than edible game.
Game population in unit 9 is mismanaged by ADFG,Lem Butler has no business being a biologist just because he went to school and past a test.He estimates there are 8000 moose in unit 9.The people here laugh at him.There might be 1500 moose in unit 9.He is a Bafoon- and his bosses can't even figure it out.He get's a permotion- good luck Palmer.Now we get a Bengal Tiger lady- she is very nice,but what does she know about moose. Also how much money does it cost for you sit on your ass idiots to take this survey?
Game Unit 20A has little to no moose left in it! To continue to let large numbers of hunters decimate the area, Year after year is horrible! I believe Don Young's figure of 12,000 head of moose to be grosely inflated. The Rex Trail, Ferry Trail, and Upper Totalanika River areas of 20A should be closed for several years, in hopes of the herds recovering.
Game wardens in federally controlled areas need to lighten up. Their activities often boarder on harassment. Have had them come into camp wanting to get serial numbers off of guns using the excuse that they have had thefts occur, even though there is no probable cause or suspicious activities. We always follow the rules and don't need a control freak turning a trip into a nightmare.
Gas cost is to high!
Gas prices are limiting my hunting - hunting is used as a way to off set the costs of food in AK. I love AK and I do hunt quite a bit and the lack of people in interior is a major contributing factor to why i live here
Geese were plentiful last year!
Generally good. I am not wild about the spike fork 50 rule. I have let many bulls go that were close but didn't want to risk shooting an illegal animal. Plus very difficult under most hunting conditions to get a positive ID. This has taken a lot of fun out of moose hunting. I've heard of and known several people busted even when they mistakenly taken a bull, turned it in and are still prosecuted.
Generally, Alaska is expensive to hunt in during the Sept. season. This hunt gave an oppurtunity to have a less expensive hunt. Alaska needs more road access to this great state. Flying is to expensive. getting to expensive to deer hunt in se ak. Spent \$900 each for our deer hunt. We got two deer... Split between 3 hunters that is a very spendy piece of deer meat.
Giving My Son the outdoor Alaska Experiance
Glennallen a sportsman paradise. Please don't tell anyone.
going on my trapline with my son, and coming up to an animal in my set
good remote float on South Fork of Chena River but could have used a few more moose!!
Good time Charlie's is a good starting spot. Found the personnel helpful and willing.
Good Times
Good times means sitting on a mountian side glassing for animals.
Good Trip, good company, Food for family :)
got my moose what more could you want it taste great

Got rained out, col wet. Saw a legal moose 3 hrs big opening, then only one cow for the next 5 days- people were around us while hunting- not a fun trip.
Got skunked, but still a great trip. That's why it's called hunting, not killing.
GREAT TIME Lost 10 lbs
Great deer hunting trip in PWS. Looking forward to this year!
Great guided Dall Sheep Hunt in August 2011-- the Interior Grizzly harvested was a bonus as well!!
Great hunting opportunity, but difficult to access much of the country. However, access also goes hand in hand with the number of people in an area. Also, I find that the regulations are becoming more cumbersome due to the amount of regulations. There appears to be a lot of micro management, particularly for areas near the road system. You have got to wonder if all these regulations are necessary or are wildlife managers simply trying to appease all people and not manage biologically.
Great hunting! Respect the land. Leave it cleaner than when u got there.
Great if people around you would follow rules to including guides and natives.
Great Kodiak brown bear hunt with my father.
Great moose hunt!
Great Muzzle loader hunt in 20A in November
Great opportunity for unique animals but too many regulations!
Great opportunity, extreme challenges and too many stories to tell here.
Great place to hunt and explore. Please keep BLM and Federal influence in check!
Great place to hunt, I had to give up hunting in south central because of the changes on the Kenai Peninsula moose regulations. Sad for me because I cant get around as good as I used to so driving around and easy access areas were good for me.
Great place to live and recreate---hunting and fishing regs are complicated and difficult to decipher
Great quality time with my two sons. Beautiful views, wildlife, and rivers!! Great hunt even though we did not get to harvest.
Great time to live and hunt in Alaska
great time hunting with family and friends but i might not get the chance this year nobody in the family drew a tag. sad
Great time we hope to repeat for years to come
Great views, great plane ride, exciting bear encounters and a nice time away from the road system.
Greatest lands in the world. I have hunted many places, yet here at home is the best for hunting, fishing and just enjoying the outdoors
Greatest place on earth for hunting, I enjoy every opportunity I get to get out and hunt in this great state
Greatest state in the union.
Green Island deer herd has declined in health. Males no longer grow antlers (all male deer have only buttons, regardless of age)probably a nutrition or in-breeding issue. Five hunters have noticed this for the past 3 years. The island is in bad need of new DNA being introduced.
grow own food, pick berries, dipnet salmon, hunt moose and caribou
Growing up here in alaska is one of the best things in life. I get to go out every year and do the things I love. Such as hunting, fishing, boating and camping. But these days it's getting to costly to enjoy the things I love to do. It wont be long before it cost to much to do any of it.

Growing up it was my dream to come and hunt in the great northland. I worked in a taxidermy shop and saw all the incredible photos, capes, racks and fish from Alaska and knew I had to come here. I moved here in the 90's and have loved it ever since. It is absolutely amazing to see the grandeur of the mountains and valleys filled with animals and fish. My greatest memories in Alaska are with my family in the outdoors seeing Gods handy work. I still remember landing my first King Salmon on the Deshka like it was yesterday. Watching my wife struggle to land a 42 lb King and the exhilaration and look on her face after doing it. The dreamy look my 10 year old gives me when she talks about killing a black bear before her mom and getting her picture on the bragging board. My boys excitement about shooting game birds. Alaska has given my family the ultimate experience. I hunted Moose with dad for the first time last year he is 74 and what a time we had. The memories I am blessed to make every year here hunting and fishing are irreplaceable. Plus the meat is the best anywhere on the earth fresh Salmon fillets to Moose burgers. My freezer gets a work out keeping the bounty of alaska in good shape to share with family and friends. The thrill of putting the cross hairs on a bull moose on the rivers edge is something I only whispered about as a youth is now a reality almost every fall for me.

Grtting to hunt and harvest caribou with my 72 year old dad and 14 year old son, fishing with my son, these times are what I work all year for. The memories will last forever, and I replay them in my mind as we look at at the lake from our cabin

Gunsmith for the Tanana Valley Sportsman's Accossiation.

Habitat conservation is the number one way to improve hunting. Use of vehicles (particularly land vehicles such as ATVs) is very destructive. Please create more areas for hunters like my family who use the roads and then hike in or do fly in hunts to decrease our footprint on the habitat. Thank you.

Had a beautiful wild rainy, windy, flood drenched, exciting successful moose hunt and caught a beautiful bull. Perfect at this time of my life. Thanks

Had a fabulous year hunting and vacationing in the remote woods of game unit 20a.

Had a face to navel - or sternum encounter with a large brown bear once in which my dog interceded on my behalf and drew away from me about the same time my rifle jammed... Bear took swipe at Salty (my dog) and just nicked his lip. Salty yelped and I thought "Damn - he's gonna come running back to me" But he actually took off in the opposite direction and the bear followed. I thought he was a goner as he didn't come back for a few hours. When he did there was just a little blood on Saltys snout. He was the best dog EVER!

HAD A GOOD TRIP, THE TRANSPORTATION COST IS GETTING CRAZY REMEMBER DOING FLY OUT HUNTS IN THE NINTEY'S TO BRISTOL BAY FOR BOU FOR 500 BUCKS OUT OF ANCHORAGE,

Had a great experience last year with my 14 and 17 year old sons. Had cow tag permit and spotted one with 17 year old in evening and next morning 14 year old was with me when shot cow on my cow tag. He was very hpful in helping with gutting and quartering moose. Might have a future hunter in that one. He enjoyed it also looking forward to more hunts with both

Had a great experience with the Fort Richardson Archery only hunt.

Had a great goat hunt, when we switched to deer, moose and bleack bear the weather turned real crappy. It was too dangerous to take the boat out to get to the hunting area.

Had a great hunt near the Andresky River Drainage last Sept. There were four people(3 hunters and 1 non-hunter). The experience was increadible. The hunting was excellent and shared with great friends and family. We numberous moose over sixty inches and over 40 bears. (16 in one day). All three hunter shot a moose(71", 66" and 65") One shot a brown bear and one shot a black bear. This could possibly be the best hunting experience of my lifetime!!

Had a great time hunting for Carabou off the Hall road but had oil workers in vehicles intentionally spook animals (honked horn) to keep us from harvesting them..very frustrating!

had a great time with friends and family. my dad killed his first moose, which was a great experience as well as provided the family with meat for the winter. the trip to the hunting cabin was an adventure in itself, the river was low and our boat got stuck a few times. our battery also died on the boat so we wound up setting up a camp on the side of the river and riding out the rainy night. it was a great time even with the hiccups and cant wait to do it again.
Had a great time, Only got One caribou, & no Moose but thats hunting.
had a great trip with my dad
had a lynx walk thru camp while sitting there, could here alot of coyotes howling at night, had a bear come into camp and scare the be gezzes out of me twice, not much fun with it being so close to camp!!!!
Had a wonderful trip to the Brooks in August with my 2 sons and their Marine Corps buddy. All 3 got nice sheep, and enjoyed the time together. I had drawn DS 165, eastern Chugach, and went with a friend while my sons were back in school and work. Although the weather was marginal, we had a great time in the Chugach and managed to harvest an old, broomed, dark horned ram 10 1/2 years old. The tundra and glaciers are spectacular in September.
Had a wonderful trip with family and friends even though did not harvest a moose, was not disappointed.
had a wonderful hunt lose of snow abundant animals great company
Had one of the most enjoyable moose hunts ever and saw more moose in Unit 13B than I have in 3 trips to the same spot. Keep the focus on MSY management, including antlerless opportunities. While I hunt under Sport Hunting regulations, wild game is an important cultural experience as well as providing the preferred diet.
had put in for a bison permit for 50 years. Finally got one. Had a great hunt!
Had some real jerks think they owned a piece of public land because they had camped there in the past. Walked into camp, identified all the trash and game stands they had left as their and asked us to leave. They were threatening and completely out of line, a real show down. Heavy use areas need more policing, clean-up. These are serious management issues. (The hunt was along seven mile slough on the Tanana.
Had Tier II caribou permit but never got close enough for a shot.
hank is 11 years old. He shot his first deer on aug 1, 2011. He lives and breathes to hunt, fish and trap. His mouse trapline supplies the neighbor with snake food. On his uncles troller, he instructed the deck hand how to clean king salmon correctly. After 12 hour circuit from the beach through the muskegs, we came back out to the beach and saw a doe and a buck feeding. Keeping a large drift log between him and the buck he low crawled 50 yards cibster, used the log as a rest and shot. Missing with the first, he reloaded and made a nice neck shot. That's the first time I ever saw anyone hug a deer.
Hard work but worth the experience even without the reward of harvesting any game
Harvest is not the most important part of hunting, the experience of semi-intact ecosystems is. Stop blaming predators for low ungulate numbers. Stop snaring, poisoning, and shooting from aircraft.
harvested a moose. fed my family.
Harvested my 1st caribou!
Have at least one major hunting trip in Alaska every fall that last about a week. Hunt in road-connected areas with access by 4-wheeler off-road. Spent at least a couple weekends during the summer on scouting trips. Retiring this year and plan to spend more time, possibly including a trip to Southeast for deer and maybe goat hunts.
Have been great, no issues at all, easy access to licenses online is nice for us living outside of town.

<p>Have been hunting the same areas for 33 years. Most places I drive to then walk in and camp until I have success or run out of time. The moose hunting has become much more limited from too many spike/fork kills they don't get to grow up, and the hunters that falsify rack size and are never checked. Moose numbers are way down from when I first started in this area. The brown bear population seems to be the only one doing well. Black bears are still here but much more difficult to find. I truly enjoy my time hunting weather I kill or not and do see some of the other animals like Lynx beaver and birds but 20 years ago there was much more game to choose from. In 2011 I had to turn down "not kill" two bull moose because just to close to call or what I call 49 1/2 bulls. Thanks for listening.</p>
<p>Have been to over 60 remote camp sites- slowed down this year -caregiver hunt for the meat- not the trophy- always enjoyable; even without successful harvest</p>
<p>Have hunted 38-39 years in Alaska. Taken 14 moose, two dozen deer, 1 bison, 3 mountain goats, 10 caribou, 1 sheep, 1 brown bear, and 1 elk.</p>
<p>Have hunted in the Brooks Range for 4 times in the past 5 years and increasingly there are more people that are there. This time was particularly flu of people. Not go gin this year but do lose that place the vastness, remoteness and large wild game it holds.</p>
<p>Have hunted unit 13 coal creek trail per1974!!!</p>
<p>Have lived in Alaska for 40 years and have worked as a Class A assistant big game guide, a Wild land Firefighter, and for the last 23 years I have worked for the Dept. of Fish & Game</p>
<p>Have lived in Alaska for almost forty years and have been fortunate enough to kill almost all the big game animals that Alaska has to offer. I am getting up in years but still enjoy the Alaskan outdoors just as much as I did as a young man.It isn't as important to harvest to me as it used to be but the beauty of Alaska will never end.</p>
<p>have lived in Alaska for thirty years. Enjoy hunting and fishing especially in areas away from teh "beaten path". I have a hunting buddy and we usually only harvest one animal between us by design. I thoroughly enjoy the outdoors, camping, rafting.. Best hunting trip was up the Sheenjok River in 1983 for a planned 3 week trip. We harvested our moose on the first two days of the season and enjoyed a week of relaxation as the meat cooled down. Second best trip was in 1996 on a fly-in to West Buttons area near Chandalar Lake. Four of us went in for a five day trip with two being novices from Ketchikan. We were able to call in three moose in four days; one for each of the novices and one for my buddy and me.</p>
<p>Have too many to list here</p>
<p>Have traveled 300 miles up the Kuskokwim River and back for moose hunt, spend about a week, travel by snowmachine to hunt moose, caribou, for caribou, usually for a day, and overnight trip for moose.</p>
<p>Have worked very hard to have what i have,Came to Alaska in 1974 with 20.00 \$ in my pocket and a dream,Alaska will be very good to those who work hard retired now and trying to enjoy the fruits off allot of hard work,I just hope my grandsons will still be able have the same dream's i had The cost's of fuel, equipment to go out in the hill's are getting just crazy.. What!! Like you don't know that already. Thank's Proud Alaskan</p>

Having been raised in Anchorage but lived most of my adult life in rural Alaska, I fully appreciate subsistence and partial subsistence hunting activities. While we may be able to purchase meat at the stores in our hub villages, I would far prefer to spend similar or more dollars towards responsible and ethical hunting and subsistence harvest. It is an activity which is rewarding physically and culturally, and provides excellent high quality meat for my family. I also support big game hunters but am not one myself. Trophy hunting should also be allowed but at a higher cost (for residents and non-residents) even in high animal population areas. I also feel the State should improve hunter knowledge and harvest practices to ensure 100% salvage of meat. While enforcement is limited in such a large area such as northern Alaska, the State should strongly focus on ethical hunting and harvesting as a prerequisite for hunting practices, subsistence or trophy or otherwise. Thanks

Having hunted for moose in Alaska every year for the last 32 years, the September trip to the moose cabin is much more about being with friends in a beautiful remote setting than it is about getting meat. Our party of 5 feels our week hunt is a success even if no meat is brought home. Having said that, we are meat hunters, and have no use for trophies. Thanks

Having to travel through Canada to get from one area of Alaska to another can be a real pain!

Have been in Alaska for 19 years and have hunted every year. This Caribou hunt was the best hunt I have had since living in Alaska. The weather perfect, no travel problems, game plentiful and relatively few hunters.

Hey ADF&G, 2011 was a great year for me living out in Bethel. I got to hunt Ptarmigan, fox, and ducks with my three young children. I also got to go out and take a caribou and a beautiful brown bear, all in GMU 18. I'd also like to thank ADF&G Biologists Phillip Perry in Bethel, and Steve Bethune in Craig for providing great info and a professional job. Thanks...

Hi, some of the questions do not allow me to give the correct info.

Hope it helped to be honest. I know meat from the wild is more expensive than anything in Fred Meyer, but the way God establishes justice in me when I hunt doesn't happen when I fork over whatever they ask for the hormone filled, genetically engineered, semblance of meat they have over there. We need more pilgrims with badges out there and fewer people who think it's their job to be the police. Responsibility and law, they are not natural, but I wish that there could be more money to making them natural. Trooper David Bump has been a great help. Thank you, Matt Wharton

Hopped into my leaky 12' boat, roamed across Rachebok Bay, set up camp, scouted until dark, awoke at 4 am snuck up on a black bear before I murdered the fattest earling. Rolled it 120 yards into the stream and we reassled each other down stream to the boat deflated on one side, rolled him in, re-inflated and made it back home for butchering by 2 am. The carcass is cooling in the root cellar right

HOW ABOUT MORE RESIDENT HUNTS IN ALASKA

How about wildlife-related torture experience; at the moment I can only think of the big brown bear that keeps eating my bait at the black bear bait station, and I cannot shoot it in area 11. Yet season is open, and we can harvest one brown bear each year but not near bait station, with no seal/tag required to be bought, it does not make sense. F&G you should allow the AK residents to harvest such brown bears in such high populated areas, I see more brown bears now than black bears? and also you are welcome to keep the hide and auction it, thank you.

How big of a crowd do you think people are? Strictly confidential Horse----

How does the information of this survey affect my hunting in the future?

hunt fish camp if it gets us out doors we go Love living in Alaska

Hunt for food not horns. Enjoy hiking as much as hunting. Like to walk when hunting but like to get a ATV close to kill as not to pack to far. Hard to pack when you are old.

Hunt mostly for subsistence, last year was first fly out trip. Will be making another trip this year.

Hunt sheep, moose and fish a lot
hunt the interior in fall because of scenery and weather
hunt with 2 generations. Love the shared experiences and the Alaska outdoors. What a great place!
Hunt, trap, dipnet, fly fish, shrimp, clam, you couldn't possibly offer enough space in this section to talk about experiences in Alaska.
Hunted
Hunted and fished in Alaska for 25 years. Its one of the few places you can find places to hunt without having to know someone or pay land trespass fees or hunt club fees, just lots of opportunities to hunt.
Hunted Caribou on Denali Hwy and spent most of my time locating and hunting ptarmigan to train my young dog. Caribou were very far from road for the most part. Had chances at Caribou, but there were lots of people.
Hunted Caribou on Denali Hwy. We had a great time. I hope the state never paves this road.
Hunted in Alaska for more than 30 years and love hunting in the bush as remote as possible. Plan on hunting until I cannot physically do it anymore.
Hunted in Aleutians, Kotzebue and Southeast Alaska for: caribou, brown bear, black bear, deer, moose, goat, waterfowl
Hunted in the Koyukuk controlled use area. Got there before the rush of outside hunters and had a nice camp & hunting trip. Got 1 moose.
Hunted moose. saw a 2 cows with out calves. Saw ducks, otter, eagles, hawks, cranes. Saw a legal bull, 5th day. Spent a 2 days getting the meat out.
Hunted most of my life but have found that Alaska is far more expensive to hunt in than most other states. Still enjoy it and find new hunts to go on every year.
Hunting and fishing are my life. The only reason I have a job is so I can afford to hunt. I typically take 3 or 4 extended Alaska hunting trips each year, most at considerable expense for flying into remote hunting country, gear, etc. the Kodiak deer hunt I responded about at the beginning of this survey may raise some questions about how I answered. The reason for the confusion is we got weathered in at Kodiak and sat in a hotel for 6 straight days waiting for weather to break so we could fly to the boat from which we were going to hunt. Weather never let up so we never got to hunt but still ate the full expense. That really sucked but nobody controls the weather and I recognize the financial risks in my chosen hobby. Would I do it again? Absolutely. Already booked again to try in November of this year.
Hunting and fishing around Alaska is our primary form of recreation as a family. We enjoy hunting and fishing and rely on that source of food for a good portion of the year.
Hunting and fishing in Alaska are two of the most important reasons I have stayed in Alaska since arriving here with my family in 1957 when I was a three year old. From hunting upland birds to stalking the elusive big game animals, I anticipate "opening day" each hunting season. However, it is not all about the "thrill of the hunt". Being out in the fresh air with the beautiful surroundings our state has to offer is always reward enough if I come home with nothing but a larger appetite for the next meal. Fly fishing for sockeye, or trolling for kings is the ultimate passtime in my book. And, if you're looking for volume...grab the subsistence gear and head out if the weather cooperates. I consider myself luck to be an Alaskan!
Hunting and fishing in Alaska has been good too me,I sure hope Fish and Wildlife don't mess it up for my children and grandchildren by folding to presure from possey sniffers and animal activist. This is a great State and the hunting and fishing are the two biggest reasons for that.May God continue to Bless this great State and the pepole in it.
Hunting and fishing in Alaska is amazing and should be protected at all cost. My experience was awesome!

Hunting and fishing in Alaska is more difficult than in California. The employees at the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game do NOT know what they are talking about, very poorly trained, don't know what the regulations are or say!
Hunting and fishing is a important part of my life
Hunting and Fishing is the only reason to endure the hardship of the alaskan winters
Hunting and fishing regulations are far too convoluted and complex. It's as if they are designed not to manage fish and game but to try and "catch" people with fines. Very frustrating. There's got to be a better way.
Hunting anywhere in Alaska is getting extremely expensive each year and there is no relief for
Hunting Bison was a great experience. It was beautiful country. I will probably not ever get another permit in my lifetime but if I did , I would do it again. Its the best wild meat ever. I hunted in 2011 3 different times. The last day was Jan 1st 2012 in which I actually killed my bison.
Hunting for me is very fun but sometimes you have to get serious and thoughtful. Shooting a gun is pretty awesome, when you pull the trigger and it kicks power of what it is pain or vibration, it just feels good no matter what. hunting is probably my most favorite outdoor Native activity.
Hunting grounds take about 10 hours to get there driving a boat all day barely making stops, been hunting same area for several years, seems more abundant of moose year after year, most of the hunts were successful of all the years I've been hunting, beautiful country
Hunting has always been and will always be the primary means of providing meat for my family.
Hunting has been a way of life for me and my family since before I was born. It is continually vexing to me to see unfair advantages be given to out of state hunters in relation to sheep hunting and sheep hunting guides. There needs to be limits placed on the number of out of state sheep hunters. To many special interests are involved in the decision process for sheep regulations and not enough input from ask resident hunters.
Hunting has gone down hill since the guide laws were shot down by the courts in the early 1980's. Back then you could thow a dart at the map Alaska, go there and have Great Hunt. Now, Great hunting spots are nearly non-existent anywhere in the State! As you get older it is harder & harder to carry a full quarter. adding the requirement to carry out worthless bones just discriminates against Alaskans as we age! The 50" requirement on Moose is crazy and just makes criminals out of honest hunters with their 49" Bull. Just make it a drawing for any bull, so when you go it is a quality lawful hunt OR don't hold a season. WE DO NOT WANT SOME REMOTE OPPORTUNITY TO HUNT WHERE THE CARIBOU ARE NOT DURING THE SEASON OR WHERE THE MOOSE AREN"T IN NOVEMBER. OPEN A QUALITY AREA OR DON"T OFFER THE HUNT!Quality is the missing piece of all Alaskas hunt. Only "opportunity" is considered, no matter how remote the possibility of success is...no one approving these hunts cares. Add Quality back into the formula!
Hunting in Alaska has been a lifetime dream. It became a passion when I moved to Alaska almost 20 years ago. I look forward to as many trips a year as my work schedule accomodates. Every trip offers a new opportunity to experience the vast beauty and abundance Alaska has to offer. I beleive the level of access to the Alaska outdoor experience is sufficient to accomodate all those who chose to go where they will.
Hunting in Alaska is always a big adventure. The problem with it is a person usually is only able to take one or two adventures a year. I love hunting is Alaska but it is difficult. There is lots of planning and prep that goes into a hunt up here. When I lived in the Lower 48 I hunted regularly throughout the seasons. In Alaska you get one or two trips a year. Friends in the Lower 48 don't realize that. But I do love the adventure.

Hunting in Alaska is getting too complicated with all the rules concerning transportation of meat. The need to keep the meat attached to the bone makes it hard for most people to pack out a quarter of a moose on your back! I used to be able to pack out a moose quarter but not anymore. This leaves people the need to buy expensive toys to do the work for them and takes away the real joy of traditional hunting.

Hunting in Alaska is great, but also it is nice just to be out in the woods. Peacefull!

hunting in alaska is mor ethe getting meat ing the freezor its a learn assept dont have to shott every animal there is hunt respectfully and know when to shoot and what your going after. My hunting an dfishing trip in alaska are always filled with enjoyment even nothing caught just being in the outdoor wha tmy family like. the cabin we have for use is wonder full no interruption but relaxation.

Hunting in Alaska is really great. We could use a more complex road system like the lower 48 for easier access to certain places. It's kind of tough to get out to certain spots without an airplane, which makes it more expensive. With so few roads, it also makes certain spots more congested because there just isn't anywhere else to go. But I also like hiking and working so I can get creative if I feel up

Hunting in Alaska is some of the hardest, most remote, most expensive and challenging hunting one can do. Which in turn makes it the most rewarding place to hunt. Rewards are not just measured by sucessfully harvesting an animal, rather sharing the scenery, the remoteness, the challenges, the commrodadrie and the wildlife with freinds and family provides the most reward, harvest is secondary for me.

Hunting in Interior Alaska is a lot of fun. There are more animals, especially moose per square mile. It is extremely nice to have a good chance of harvesting a moose. You have more chances of harvesting a moose. More cow permits, and any bull regulation. My family and I do not head hunt, we just try to fill the freezer for the winter. It is extremely hard to find a legal bull in southcentral given the current regulations.

Hunting in Kodiak is very unique. just a few minutes out of town and the world opens up to you, especially for hunting. There are many species of wildlife to view on every outing. You never know what you will see. However, you always have to be bear aware wherever you go. We love going on the ocean and viewing the sea otters, puffins and whales. I feel like I live in a wildlife sanctuary. It is

Hunting in southwest alaska is the best place to hunt, the rules are not to strict and there are enough animals that everyone can get a shot at something.

Hunting in the Interior is an exceptional experience. There are other boats on the River yet the hunting population is low enough and the area big enough that the same game is not being hunted by multiple hunting parties. The scenery is breathtaking and peaceful. There are multiple species of animals to view and hunt.

Hunting is a family tradition with kids now getting more involved even as they get older. It is the main reason we are here in Alaska. Your survey about our last trip was maybe a bit less accurate because we went out mainly for the excursion and looked for bears as a second possibility. We go out in an old Lancruiser built up for trails as far out as we can , then hike from there to get remote as possible. We enjoy all of it, the best meat, the best hiking, scenery, wildlife viewing, the sheer size of the country, and especially the beauty of the land and the animals. Being from Montana originally, I feel that Alaska is the best place to be for the wildest hunting experiences. We hope that the Fish and Game regulations are based more on science and less on politics if possible, but we don't find them too restrictive. We also have learned a great deal about hunting in Alaska from our Native friends in Nikolai and enjoy trips with them.

Hunting is a great excuse to get out and enjoy the scenery and wildlife of Alaska.

hunting is a lifestyle puts food on the table

Hunting is a way of life besides recreation. It is so important to manage predators (wolf and bear) from limiting Alaska residence their right and share of hunting. I hope the state maintains and even increases predator control methods
Hunting is a way of life for my family. We look forward to harvesting animals for food and typically do not harvest those animals [brown bear etc.] which do not provide tablefare. Hunting along with fishing sustains about 85% of our diet.
Hunting is a way of life for our family. The experience with my father killing my first moose was priceless, i wouldnt trade it for the world and no amount of money would ever keep me from the once in a lifetime opportunities like hunting in Alaska. It is priceless, no questions asked on that. Its not about the money, its about the memory
Hunting is a way of life for our family. We very rarely purchase any meat from a store. Our hunting trips usually have all 4 households on them. We try and plan our trips so all the kids and grand kids can participate. most of our vacations include some type of hunting or fishing in them.
Hunting is an experience that is part of my cultural upbringing. I get a great deal of satisfaction in putting meat on the table based on my hunting skills. Hunting is a life-long learning project and I consider myself a student of the outdoors. I hunt to provide meat for the table however there is enjoyment in a successful hunt.
Hunting Is FUN we were succesful Moose tastes GREAT
hunting is how I feed my family, we live a subsistence life style. besides buying the nesasary items we need.
Hunting is my most favorite pass time. I do not have to harvest an animal to enjoy the trip. The expense of hunting in Alaska and constant battles to keep our hunting rights has me considering moving to another state.
Hunting is not the primary objective. Being with my wife and spending time is most important, viewing wildlife and observing wildlife is next. As I have een hunting for over 50 years and have taken most wildlife in North America, the animal must be older, and a clear record. It makes no sense to me to take young animals needed to re-populat the herds. As the animal gets older they tend to not mate and usually die from other causes, starvation is a good example as in Sheep and Goats as they have worn the teeth down and can not get to the food source
Hunting is our life. We depend on our harvest to fill our freezer and feed our family every year. I can't imagine hunting not being a part of my life. I get to see things and wildlife on a yearly basis that people would never get to see in a lifetime. This is the way of life!
hunting is overrated. In order to have a good quality hunt for big game, you have to pay too mucnh to get off the grid. Similar hunting for big game in other states is cheaper, even to fly there and buy a license and expenses
Hunting is something you can not explain to non hunters. The experience of being in the wild with the game is something that can not be replicated by any other feeling on earth. We were once born as hunters but became chicken peckers on these key boards. Live it. Love it. HuntAK
Hunting regs are too complicated and are being used to force out residents in favor of out of state hunters who hire guides.
Hunting regs are way to complicated to have fun. Its way to hard and expensive to access places that are not overhunted. The fish and game uses the drawing permit system for to many areas anymore, it looks like they are just using it to make money off it.
Hunting regulations are too complicated. Need to simplify the "Big Game" regulations. Especially the hunt areas/maps. It's had to determine where one hunt area starts and another ends.

<p>Hunting regulations have become outrageously complicated over the past forty years. If hunting pressure is too great, restrict it by issuing a limited number of permits and prohibit guided or out of state hunting in the area until the population rebounds. If you get a permit, you can't apply for another the following year. I will challenge anyone to accurately distinguish 49 inches from 50 inches at 100</p>
<p>Hunting Sheep in the toke area with my son "priceless" , my hunt to Kodiak for deer we stayed at Blue Fox Bay cabin "awesome" I would like to say is I wish the fish and game had a 100 more rangers to catch poachers "guides" hunting/fishing and the fines would be ten times what they are now.</p>
<p>Hunting the Yukon was a great experience and adventure as you are so far from help. The Native people were friendly to a certain degree, but they did not think the white man should be hunting thier moose. I was lead to believe that if it wasn't for the white man, there was no moose in that area until 1970. I find it hard to understand that the native people want every thing the white man has, but does not want to follow the same rules that we must.</p>
<p>Hunting this past year off chena hotsprngs road was not a good one too many bears ran off the moose. wish it was better.</p>
<p>Hunting trip is an awesome adventure. We traversed through swampy lowlands, climbed mountain peaks, canoed rivers and battled elements and rapids. All in all our hunt is not for the weak in heart. We went into an non-motorized area which is pretty incredible. It was a real hunt and adventure, not just going to a place and pointing a gun and pulling the trigger. It involved work and real hunting skills as well as survival skills.</p>
<p>Hunting was a great and enjoyable experience</p>
<p>Hunting was crappy, but I had a great time.</p>
<p>Hunting with a friend and or other family members is that we share what we catch everything is 1/2 share of meat. So it is always hard if one moose is shared for 5 people. Alaska is a wonderful place. I am very lucky to be a Alaska Native.</p>
<p>Hunting with my family is the spiritual center our our year.</p>
<p>Hunting, fishing, and all of the outdoor activitys available in Alaska is one of the main reasons I moved back to this state.</p>
<p>Hunting, fishing, and trapping are part of our daily lives here in rural Alaska. Without oppotunities for subsistence activities, we could not afford to live here.</p>
<p>Hunting, fishing, trapping is integral to our lifestyle. Moose or deer for the big meat w/ an occasional goat or black bear. Grouse, Ptarmigan, trout, salmon, rock fish, halibut, etc. forms the backbone of our diet. Trapping sales pay for the cost related to acquiring this meat. It's also good exercise and good fun.</p>
<p>hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, backpacking, sea kayaking, rafting, fly-fishing, clamming, berry-picking, mt. biking,</p>
<p>I moved up here from Minnesota to work part time and enjoy the hunting and fishing experiences as I enter my retirement years. I haven't been disappointed.</p>
<p>I absolutely love AK, that's why I live here, no place on earth compares! (yes I do vacation regularly, and can never wait to get back home)!!!! After nearly forty years of life in AK I do wish that fish and game was more aggressive about their game management when it comes to personal oppotunity. The drawing system must be reformed - too many people draw tags repeatedly while others never get the oppotunity at a limited access hunt! And no I am not bitter for lack of harvest, just check my harvest history with the department. I speak for all Alaskans....please do something to help balance the scales! Here is an example: in some states down south there is a preference point system which eventually guarantees you a tag, and/or once you have harvested an animal from a limited access area you no longer have that oppotunity available. We are a far cry from that up here. Other than that I am completely satisfied with what AK offers!!! Thanks for listening.</p>

I absolutely love hunting in Alaska. I have enjoyed all my hunting experiences and have many more to come.
I almost exclusively use controlled use areas or areas that for other reasons are effectively closed to motorized access. Controlled use areas allow hunters like myself to minimize costs associated with harvest of our food supply and to enjoy semi-pristine wilderness during the hunt.
I always enjoy hunting trips with friends and family. My only, and I mean only frustrations with the entire process is the way in which fish and game draws the hunting permits every year. I can understand not getting drawn every other year but 6 straight years is getting out of hand. I have no faith in the system and believe it could use a good scrubbing.
I always enjoy the hunt even if we don't harvest an animal. The time I spend hunting is my therapy. It is a pleasure I relish yearly. I wish we could do something about the arrogant Russians that were in our area. They were completely rude and not very considerate to our area we had been in before they arrived. Other than that it was fun.
I always have a good time outdoors in Alaska. The wildlife is my favorite part of the state.
I am a 70 year old Alaskan woman...have lived here since 1965...went moose hunting (not the first time) ...slept in a tent with a sleeping bag....Yeah for me and all women 70 years or more!!!
I am a career wildlife conservationist and have enjoyed annual big game and waterfowl hunting trips with family and other hunting partners in Alaska for over 35 years. Wildlife viewing is an important component of daily activities and makes travel and fishing outings even more enjoyable.
I am a father of three kids ages 4,7 and 9. My wife and I try to keep them active in camping and hunting activities. Alaska has a lot to offer outdoor wise if you have the money or the toys (boats, airplanes, etc.) to do it. But we do enjoy what outings we can during the summer months.
I am a fisherman more than a hunter, I am disappointed in the management of our chinook salmon. More road accessibility and rising populations have had a major impact on our chinook fishery. I do not mind closures that will ensure proper escapement numbers. I believe emergency closures are too little too late. A 5 year closure plan to commercial and sport fishing of chinook salmon would have a significant impact for our fisheries (mainly the Susitna and Kenai watersheds) I am aware king salmon fishing provides a lot of income for these communities and a five year closure would upset a number of business and individuals. I believe it is our responsibility as stewards of our resource to protect them. I am just worried the wild runs will be fished out of existence and replaced with farmed runs in order to keep up with the demand, in my opinion this would be a tragedy and an embarrassment. I doubt my little rant will be read let alone taken into consideration, however having personally witnessed the fall of the mighty king in these fisheries, I feel it was my duty to give my honest opinion and testimony. A size gap limit (like kings on the Kenai) may be an option for halibut, sport and commercial.
I am a hunting addict and need help! If I didn't hunt I would be rich and living on a beach somewhere warm. I am happy to prop up the economy of AK with my hard earned dollars. Oh yeah, I fish too.....can't get enough of this state. Help me please? Benn all over the state hunting from PWS to ST. Paul to Adak To Cold Bay To Unimak To Kodiak to the slope to the lower Yukon... it is all goog!!!!
I am a life-long Alaskan and I have had many wonderful fishing, hunting and camping adventures in this state. My father took me on my first hunting trip when I was about 12 years old and I loved it. From then on I always looked forward to our hunting adventures every September. It is a way of life I hope to teach my children.

have many wildlife related stories involving Kodiak hunting. I have numerous pictures and stories in the magazines Hunt Alaska, Fish Alaska and NRA Rifleman. My husband and I are enjoying the best hunting experiences of our lives! We just returned on May 13th from a successful 2012 Kodiak Spring Bear Hunt. I have submitted pictures of the bear hunt to Hunt Alaska Magazine. Below is the "Buck Attack" story. In December 2008 Island Air Service met at Trident Basin float plane dock and loaded our gear. We were told that all the gear would not fit into their smaller plane and they would fly half of our gear on a second flight. After a 30 minute flight we landed in Uganik Passage at the Uganik Refuge cabin and prepared our gear for next day hunt and of course the second flight did not come until the following day. You will learn quick while traveling around Kodiak Island that the weather is very predictable and will consist of lots of sideways rain and high winds; I had no sleeping bag but I had water and we had the outboard motor but no skiff, go figure. headed out along Uganik Passage scouting for deer. We came ashore and my husband, Erik said, "go ahead and look over the bank and I will take care of the skiff". So I crept up to the bank and looked over and I saw a deer too far to shoot. By now my husband was beside me at the edge of the bank so, we stepped a few feet away from the bank onto the sandy beach. Erik asked to see my gun and he would take the bullet out of the chamber as I handed him my gun he hung his gun on my shoulder. I turned around to look at my surroundings and a big buck was trotting along the beach in front of me and at the same time we saw each other we were face to face. He tried to stop his trot by digging his hoofs into the sand and in the process kicking sand on me and he turned to the right and I turned to the right then he turned to the left and I turned to the left and then he jumped over the bank and run up the hill toward the trees. I was in total disbelief and I could not believe this was happening. My husband Erik looked up at the same time and all he could see were antlers swaying back and forth. Erik threw my gun on the ground and grabbed his gun off my shoulder and ran up the bank and while standing he leveled his gun with one shot got his buck. It was quite a shot! This was in itself the most exciting hunt I had ever been on. We laughed all night long and told the story to each other over and over and said did you see that buck!! Did he see us!! When Andrew Airway's floatplane arrived we couldn't wait to tell our exciting story to the pilot Dean. All smiles as we loaded our gear and venison onto the floatplane with thoughts of the

I am a local resident. I hunt and fish in the interior several times every year.

I am A Native Alaskan

I am a Native Alaskan LifeLong Hunter I Live Of Our game It is Very Scarce Now

I am a new hunter although I've fished and used firearms recreationally. I moved to alaska in 1996 for the fishing and hunting opportunities and plan to retire on my remote property that I am developing into a home. I keep looking for ways to make a living that would also allow me to pursue more activities and time in the outdoors. I am a concerned citizen and advocate for the outdoor sports and I will vote accordingly.

I am a registered guide with 40 years hunting experience in Alaska. I hunt mostly with the use of horses and hunt mainly in controlled use areas (no motorized vehicles)/ The cost of owning horses is a major expense in Alaska, but is also a very satisfying way of hunting Alaska.

I am a resident and love to hunt Dall Sheep. The Alaska Constitution states that the animals belong to the state and its residents; Yet, guides profit from and harvest most of the Dall Sheep in the state without giving back any \$ (other than non-resident license fees) to conservation of the species. As a resident sheep hunter I would be willing to sacrifice my one Dall sheep a year to conserve being able to hunt this species for a longer period of my life; But only if the state limited the amount of sheep guides could harvest for their clients. I would even support a draw for all sheep; If residents were given preference every year (like 100% of other states do for their residents!). We have the cheapest wild sheep hunts in the world, yet this is the most expensive place for residents to live; Most of the guides take most of this money out of state when the hunting season is over - yet we will hit oil and tourism with the highest taxes anywhere in America! Why do non-residents and non-resident guides get to make money off our game and leave the state. I don't owe guides a job so I don't want to hear that my plan will cause guides to starve or be out of work. Guess what - I became a plumber while earning a bachelor degree at UAA. We need to limit the number of animals (especially sheep) guides can harvest. They can just shorten their season and supplement their income back in the lower 48 (or here in AK) by grabbing a wrench and learning a trade like I did. Also need to make it a requirement that guides should be residents so we can keep the \$ here for our economy. Didn't they mandate that for oil field workers? My 2 Cents... Travis Drake.

I am a resident of Alaska and have lived here 42 years. My son and I hunt Caribou out of Kotzebue and Deer in SE

I am a single mother of 3 children ages 11, 9 and 7. We take canoes and backpacks and hunt for caribou together. Together we got two caribou and one small moose. Luckily friends helped us with the moose. I noticed several large hunting parties with HUGE machines/vehicles to get out into the back country to hunt. If my kids and I can use very little to get out into the far backcountry then so can everyone else. Those machines are tearing up the trails and habitat. And with so many people now using those machines more and more people are coming into our hunting areas. It's unfortunate and unethical in my opinion. Pretty soon the rural Alaska will be overrun with rich sport hunters from urban areas and I won't have as much success at feeding my kids.

I am a subsistence hunter who lives in the remote interior. Roads/waterways are few and limit the access to much of the land. This and movements of Caribou often make hunting expensive (travel). More often than not, the Caribou are closer to my home when they are not in season. Hunting sometimes (especially if unsuccessful) can turn into a hardship rather than an asset.

I am an air taxi owner that specializes in hunting trips. I love to do my own hunting trips also. The stewardship of Alaska's resources directly affects my business and life. We eat primarily wild game and fish for our household meat.

I am an archer. The restriction to 50 or 4 bron tins on a bull moose puts me at a great disadvantage. I do, however, agree with the restrictions and perhaps in a couple of years I will be successful again.

I am an artist and was able to offset some of my hunting costs by drawing and painting pictures of the scenery while out hunting.

I am an avid fisher and hunter. I enjoy the outdoors and in most places I would be considered a subsistence hunter and fisherman. I dip net at Chitna, I fish the Prince William Sound and I hunt all over the state when possible. Sad to see that the commercial interests are taking over the fishing and the environmental groups are trying to outlaw the hunting. Just a shame.

I am an avid hunter and enjoy the wild outdoors of AK,, preferably fair chase hunting. I was blessed in previous years to harvest a 69" moose and three days later, I harvested an 8'3" Grizzly. What a great hunt and time with my hunting buddies.

I am an avid hunter. Hunted goats non Kodiak, Moose in the Interior, Black bears in southcentral, and Caribou hunted the Ivishak (North).
I am an avid outdoors enthusiast (hiking, backpacking, climbing, skiing, biking, fishing, gardening, and hunting). I consider myself a conservationist and environmentalist and hunt for meat rather than sport. That said I get pleasure from hunting and enjoying the wilderness and wish that the regulations would support that more than supporting the sport guiding industry. Subsistence for all Alaskans should hold precedence over outside interests.
I am an avid outdoorsman and live here. I can afford guides but choose not to. I'm for making it a little harder to hunt to keep it safer. If all of Anchorage pours out for a hunt that makes it more dangerous in my opinion.
I am an Inupiaq raised on the Fish River & on the Coast of Nome and have been raised to hunt Sea Mammals and Birds in the Spring, Fish in the summer & hunt Big Game (Moose, Caribou, Bear) in the fall, Fish through the ice in the winter and generally subsist off the land picking Greens, Berries and other delicious edible plants. Welcome to Nome my home you should come & visit sometime. Boogles Johnson
I AM BORN A RAISED IN ALASKA . I LOVE IT HERE AND PLAN TO STAY :D
I am born and raised in Alaska, Peter Creek exactly. I have been subsistence hunting caribou since I was 6 years old with a 30-30. I watched the regulations change for the worst and it needs to stay fair to the old time hunters that don't fit the criteria of subsistence just because they have done something with thier lives to improve there families but still want to teach their children the respect the land and live off the land like I was taught. I agree there should still be a drawing for new hunters to the state to let them have the opportunity.
I am born in rraised i Fairbanks and I have enjoyed hunting and fishing all acorss alaska for many years and plan on conitnuing it for many more years to come.
I am disabled and very disappointed that the state of alaska doesn't take care of it's own in that regard. They should give 100% disabled permanent hunting licences just like seniors get. I mean, the states welfare takes care of thousands and thousands of people who just don't want to work. Why can't the state step up and give what few of us 100% disabled people who can still hunt and fish a bit, the free permanent license. At least we want to get out and catch food to eat for ourselves instead of getting hand outs from the state. My hunting trip north to Paxson area was loaded with people all trying to fill their caribou tag. But, I was patient and drove more than 80 miles on my h4 wheeler on the road and trails and finally got a caribou. Very hard to find.
I am extremely disappointed in the current wildlife management in Unit 20A. The biologist Don Young has totally ruined moose hunting in this game management area. Between him and DNR I can no longer access where I hunted for years off of the Rex Trail. After the past 5 years I am selling my ORV and will be leaving Alaska this winter after 37 years. It is total nonsense to have antler restrictions but still have antlerless seasons. The number of moose has drastically decreased since approximately 2001 or so. Mr. Young needs to be replaced ASAP!
I am from Iowa. Hunting areas are always crowded there. Here, in the Nome area, you can spend a day in the wilderness and not see or hear another person. When I get ready for a hunt, it is not so much about the hunt or harvesting an animal, but the expectations and the preparations. I get to see country that most people never or never will see, and that is where the camera comes into play. Currently I am looking forward to the fishing, and the fall hunting.

I am in my eighties so my hunting is more limited than previously. I no longer hunt moose as i do not use that much meat. Caribou are just right for me and easily available by my means of transportation and give me just the right amount of meat-- as long as the Game Board decides I should have the opportunity to hunt. If I am passed over for a few years; that will be it for me as I feel my physical limitations more each year. Too bad you didn't ask me about my earlier years as I could have given you some lengthy, and I consider them, great stories. Cheers

I am in the military and was stationed in Kodiak and recently had to leave after 8 years. It was the worst day of my life. I love Alaska, it's people, scenery, and the outdoors. After being in the lower 48 especially the south, it makes we want to get back ASAP. I hate not being in the state and miss it every day. I travel back to Alaska at least twice a year to hunt and fish. Last year was a dall sheep in the tok tma and a mountain goat on kodiak. This year I am driving up to tok from south Carolina to moose hunt. That should be enough to tell you how much I miss and love Alaska!!

I am just as happy to harvest a cow moose as a bull moose. I also believe that climate change may require moving hunting seasons later in the calendar year.

I am not a religious person. I do not attend a church. But, I feel closer to what I call a god when I am out in the wild hunting and observing all that is Alaska. I have taken moose, caribou, black bear, goat and 2 years ago I took my first grizzly. When we go out everyone in the hunting party is after much needed meat to help out with the grocery bill for the winter. Who ever is successful shares the spoils and we all have a good time. We have been pretty lucky with caribou lately but moose have been elusive for a few years. With all the regulations I have passed up a few beautiful bulls just because I was not sure of the size. It still makes for a great memory and fun hunt but it sure would be nice to put that meat in the freezer.

I am not a serious hunter or fisherman, but I like to get out and enjoy our state when I can. If it's hunting season, I bring a rifle/shotgun, if I happen to get something it's great, if not that is fine too. I just enjoy being out and enjoying our state.

I am not into hunting just to kill and eat the meat. I just enjoy being outside takeing it all in that is why I live here. We could have taken animals last year but past them up because they were not what we were looking for. I had four enjoyable hunts last year and took no large game animals but did have the chance thank you for that.

i am not that aggresive of a hunter but do enjoy the outdoors

I am out a lot all over this state and enjoy taking pictures and watching the wildlife

I am out all the time.

I am outdoors at least 300 days a year. The summers are great fishing mostly. The winter is spent trapping and predator calling. I have been on an alaskan adventure nearly every day for the last ten years. My wildlife experiences are undiscrible.And it's a shame I did not have a camera everyday.

I am pleased tha tADF&G closed the draw permits this season after the tough winter-kill rates.

I am pretty much a specialized mountain hunter. I like to hunt the roughest, nastiest terrain on earth for Goats and Sheep.

I am primarily a meat hunter. I have made every effort to only eat red meat that I have harvested from the wild. I have bought almost no red meat in the last 4 years except at restaurants. I like the fact that I can bowhunt close to Fairbanks for a relatively low cost. I really enjoyed drving to the Brooks Range for sheep hunting, it was a scenic trip that I would like to share with my family whether I am hunting or

I am primarily a wildlife watcher particularly birds. I sure wish you would dump the current Bd. of Game and start over with a mix of wildlife watchers and wildlife consumers. I did very much enjoy my first hunt and my first caribou at age 62. I plan to go again. There should be no limit on bulls on Adak. Those caribou are introduced. I didn't want a bull anyway and got a nice young cow of the right size for me to butcher and carry out by myself and VERY tender. Really love the meat. Only problem is - we've eaten it all already except for some hamburger. Access is the only problem on Adak. Without a boat it is just really hard to get around. We just lucked out finding an animal so easily on the one day we had off work to hunt.

I am ready to go again.

I am really concerned about the State not really trying to help subsistence users. The State constantly opposes anything the Federal Subsistence Board does to try make things easier for subsistence users. The Board of Game and Board of fish needs to have more and broader representation by Subsistence and Native users

I am strictly a bowhunter and value more than anything the opportunity to hunt balckbear and moose within walking distance from my home, even if the probablity of sucess is low. I also enjoy hosting a hunt wioth my out of State brothrs every couple of years for caribou in the north

I am very diapointed in the ADF&G. A lot of the biologists are using their hearts and not good sience to help determine harvest levels and seasons for game animals as well as predator control. I am very tired of some fat as that sits behind a desk all day determining how I am going to feed my family. We live off wild game. The board of game places too much weight on what the ADF&G personel recomend and very little on comunity input.

I am very disappointed with the way Alaska Fish & Game, set the seasons for hunting and how they run the permit drawings, the working person only has 2 week-ends to hunt moose in the open tag areas,, and the drawings are a Joke,, I have been putting in for Bison and some special Moose hunts in my area,,for years and NO luck,,,they let the people in Anchorage, Southeast, like Juneau these far away places put in for the hunts in my back yard,,,and most of them don't even come up to the interior,,to hunt if they draw a tag,,,specially the Bison,,,that really makes me mad,,,They need to section the Drawings to the people who live in that area first,,as we depend on this meat for the winters,,You would think in 20 years of putting in,,,I should have got a permit,,,Also they let these special hunts out to kill Cows, that are pregnate and calves,, They should open Moose Season up Sept 1st till Sept 30th State Wide everywhere,,,So pick your spot and Sept 30th....Its over everywhere,,,Let the moose have a break,,,you hunt them from Aug to Feb..You need to do a better JOB,,,on management of these animals...Wake up.....

I appreciate that there aren't a lot of other people around when I go hunting. The hunting regulations are not complicated and still allow me to enjoy Alaska.

I attended a hunter safety course in Fairbanks during the summer of 2011. I passed the test and field test. I was very glad that people volunteer time to help out young kids. They were nice people. And very good teachers too. I enjoy hunting small game with my dad and brother. I have a sheep permit for this season and am very excited about going hunting for sheep. My brother has a caribou permit and that will be fun too. We will hopefully get a caribou as our family likes processing them and eating them too.

I basically ventured on foot on my property south of Fairbank a couple of times to try to fill an antlerless moose permit. I also took a couple drives down Standard Creek Rd with a friend or two looking for moose. saw some old tracks and a coy dog, that's about it. Saw a cow in my yard but I was too busy working on something and did not shoot it. Saw another samll cow months later but the hunty has already closed. I think the same small cow got hit by a truck nearby a day or two later.

<p>I began hunting here in 1955 and certainly notice the difference between then and now. Most of the change has been in the availability of moose and caribou. Ducks and ptarmigan seem as plentiful as ever but with more crowded hunting. I had my own airplane then so that made a huge difference as well. Now I rely on friends who still use their planes or drive near "take off points for caribou or</p>
<p>I believe in wildlife preservation. I hate predator hunting and recognize that some of it is a benefit to Alaska's economy. Bear baiting and wolf hunting from helicopters appals me. I worry about the impact of the proposed Pebble Mine on hunting. I like hunting and will continue to subsistence hunt.</p>
<p>I believe the 50" rule leads to wanton waste. It is a subjective standard which is difficult to judge in the field.</p>
<p>I bought a compound bow in April 2011 and love it. I got my bowhunter certification in July of 2011 and don't think I will carry a gun on a hunting trip again.</p>
<p>I buy a license so if anything legal shows up on my property during season I can pop it. No real hunting "trip" just for the sake of hunting. I would be there even if it wasn't hunting season. If the price of the license goes up I would be forced to not buy a combination and would have to choose between hunting or fishing.</p>
<p>I came from outside over 12 years ago. Like many, I fell in love with the wild and beauty that is Alaska. There are moose in my yard. Salmon in the rivers. This is my idea of heaven on earth.</p>
<p>I came up here on a trip in 94 and loved it so much I moved up here in 96 and I'm still loving it.</p>
<p>I can afford to spend money on hunting, so I do. I love the adventure of an extended remote hunting experience. Taking an animal is not all important to me, but It certainly enhances the whole</p>
<p>I can't explain how much I love the outdoors how it has shaped my life and who I am. I love Alaska and everything about it the hunting and fishing is spectacular and although expensive you could never put a price tag on the experiences I have shared with my friends and family hunting Alaska.</p>
<p>I choose my hunting partners very carefully (and actually only have one currently). He and I have seen firsthand, far too many times, the numerous opportunities that present themselves for abject failure in the Alaskan wilderness; and in Alaska the cost of failure can be extreme. We both enjoy taking our kids and teaching them not only how to hunt, but also how to prepare for survival. And hey, we get to take a week off of work without having to do projects around the house. ;-)</p>
<p>I consider hunting in Alaska the ultimate experience. I have hunted here for 35 years and enjoy every minute of it. My biggest concern is the hunting ethics demonstrated by a new class of hunters that want to ride ATV's out, kill something and be home in the same day. Also, the financial greed of some commercial operators that will dump clients right on top of other hunters. Finally, I wish we could simplify the regulations, but realize that the increase in hunting pressure and other demands have caused the complications.</p>

I continue to be amazed at the absence of boat launch facilities in this state. There is no excuse for the poor state so many of the places one can launch a boat in the state are. Combine that with the few improved launches there are and one is truly ashamed of the lack of access to the water ways in Alaska. This state has tons of money to spend on bike trails hiking trails but virtually nothing is spent putting in boat launches. Where does all the money go that we spend on registering our boats. Where does all the money come from to put in hiking trails. Is there a registration fee for hikers? No. Do they buy fuel that is heavily taxed No. There is essentially no revenue from hikers to use the trails. Compare AK to Florida. Fl has free launches and parking and virtually every accessible water way. AK none. One really risk everything including his life (20 mile river) to launch a boat. This is a disgrace, You have the money to put in a decent boat launch at all of these access points and you could do it without charging boaters to use it. Presidence being, you do not charge hikers to use the trail system. Nor do you charge bikers to use the bike trails despite the fact that millions are spent to construct and maintain them. Why?

I could write a book about the experinces i've had and my family,i guess the main reson most of us live in alaska is to enjoy the outdoors weather were hunting ,fishing ,hiking etc....she's a wonderful place,and i really hope that this state figures it out before we loose our very valuable resource.....i've seen alot of changes since we moved to alaska in 68,some i can understand and others i shake my head at.....from game regualtions to the guiding industry i shake my head more times then not....anyhow it's still better then the alternative...

I deployed to Afghanistan in April 2011 and did not get the opprotunity to hunt much during 2011. The times not deployed and when my schedule allows, I enjoy hunting and fishing with the biggest reward being out with nature and family/friends. I always see something new in Alaska that is breath taking which reminds me of our creator and the wonderful sites Alaska has to offer.

I did the vast majority of my hunting in interior Alaska last year. The questions centered on south-central and I didn't really hunt that much there at all--only for a couple of days. I spent ten days hunting in September in interior on the other hand.

I do appreciate the opportunity to hunt, fish and recreate in AK. I have strong opinions against the SOA position on and implementation of Intensive management (predator control)

I do not like how much time I have to spend attempting to ensure that I am complying with the inadequately written regulations governing each potential zone that I hunt in. This includes contacting fish and game with questions. I also do not like the constant intrusive behavior of your fish and game deputies. I do not like being constantly pulled over by fish and game, constantly having them in my campsite invading my privacy, and constantly having to take my time to listen to each one of them and their different interpretations of the regulations. I have even had one of your deputies "buz" my campsite a few times in their Piper Cub. One time I stopped my hunt to make it back to my camp because from the ridge where I was hunting I could see someone going through my campsite, which ended up being volunteer fish and game deputies who were not appropriately uniformed to indicate their authority. Although I love the beauty of an Alaskan hunt, I have never experienced so much differing zone regulations and intrusions from fish and game in any of the other 4 states that I have hunted in.....this includes California. Thank you for taking the time to listen.

I don't see why you focused only on my Interior hunt which was a once in a lifetime bison hunt - so I spent a lot more than I would normally for a single hunt. I also spent a LOT more time preparing, practicing shooting, loading and testing ammo, searching for ammo. I live and hunt in SW AK and do a lot more hunting time there for large and small game. I'm glad you included the butchering fees, should include the air freight fees for the meat - I think the fees I listed included those costs. Some of those questions on whether something mattered or not, like too strict or too liberal were confusing and I didn't really know how to answer so marked neutral value.

I don't think out of state hunters pay enough for licenses. For me to hunt in another state for moose etc would be thousands of dollars just for the license and fees. Other than that my moose meat totals about \$100 per pound after all expenses are calculated. :)

I drew a Bradley Lake Goat hunt and got a magnificent 8 year old Billie. My family also hunted for 8 days in Southwest Alaska with friends for Moose and we harvested two adult male bulls which we eat one to two days a week all year. We also took two Black bears. Also an excellent experience for all.

I drew a cow permit to hunt in the area near Homer, my brother drew one the year before. We were both successful in bagging our animal...with alot of glassing and sitting

I drew an any bull out of the Delta area, and the state reg maps did not accuratley show where the military restricted areas were. It would have also been nice to know that I need to get a permit fot that area for wheelers, prior to me hauling it up the river in my boat.

I drew cow permits for the delta hunt it was next to impossible to get across the river to hunt- the boundaries were confusing even when given information by the Fish & Game in that area, the season as usual is too short more and more accessible areas are off limits. I am primarily a meat hunter and eat wild game as preference. I have hunted in this state for 50 years and have seen major declines in access particularly Caribou. When you have food flown in- and for the most part are subsidized, I would not presume to call that subsistence, furthur more most people living of the road system will take meat out of season without regard to law.The subistence laws are a joke and have reduced me and mime to second class citizen status, the last time I looked we were all considered Alaskan! If hunting pressure is outweighing sustainable harvest numbers then fairness would dictate a lottery system for all Alaskans not just a privileged few.

I drew the homer cow hunt last year, and found that the lack of public land wouldnt be such a problem if atv's could be used more than half the hunting season. There is alot of trail system off of olson mountian road that has plenty of cows for this hunt but found myself not realising that i could only hunt for 2 days during my trip until a friend told me to check the regulations for offroad vechicles in

I drive 5 minutes from my home and park the car. I then walk about 30 minutes on a very popular trail to a "certain place" on that trail and then begin walking up a valley until I reach a "certain meadow". I skirt the north side of the meadow and then walk up the south-facing side of a mountain until the snow is too deep for me to continue. At that point, I eat a snack and find a place to snuggle in and ensure that I have a good field of vision from which to watch the various approaches to a "certain stream" and the meadow below me. I have yet to take a deer from this spot, although I have seen several over the years. I have had opportunity to harvest, but have NOT taken advantage of the opportunity, because I felt I didn't have a "clean-instant-kill" shot. I will continue to hunt this area, because it's almost free for me to do so. One of these years I'll have a perfect opportunity and will

I enjoy bow hunting for moose. Wish there were more locations for archery only besides Eklutna. There are fewer moose there than there used to be at Eklutna.

I enjoy every chance I get to get out in the woods to hunt, fish, or just sightsee. I had the opportunity one year to spend two weeks in the back country of Alaska. We were hunting moose, caribou, and bears. It was the Alaska I had dreamed about as a little boy. We seen plenty of animals of all the species we were hunting, successful in getting a couple of them, but it was being outdoors and enjoying what nature had to offer us. I'll never forget one night out there, we were just about ready to go to bed when the auroras started dancing overhead. All different colors, not just the greens you see most of. There were blues, and purples, and reds all over, it was amazing. The hunting trip of a life
I enjoy every change I can to go out and hunt or just watch the wildlife and take in the scenery.
I enjoy every moment I have in the wilderness. Though I would have liked caribou in my freezer, I still had a fantastic experience.
I enjoy everything in the outdoors in this state.
i enjoy getting away from the people with atvs and enjoying a lot of quiet time in the outdoors
I enjoy getting outdoors and hunting/ fishing. I would like to see the 40 mile herd fall hunt to be improved. I would like to see the dates changed to open on a weekend, due to the fact that it doesnt stay open for a full week typically. Hunting is expensive enough without having to take days off. Also caribou bag limits in general should be changed. Why are bag limits carried over between herds, I thought we were limiting number of kills per year to preserve herd numbers. Then why does taking caribou from a different herd limit your ability to hunt the other. Especially when you can get your 1 40 mile caribou, then go up north and get 4 more. Makes no sense on why that order is necessary. Thanks for your time Kyle Rogers
I enjoy getting to remote locations and hunting or fishing.
I enjoy harvesting animals each fall, if I'm lucky enough, to feed my family wild game through out the year. I enjoy the opportunity and experience of each trip and hope to pass along the love of hunting and the outdoors to my kids as they grow up here in Alaska.
I enjoy huning & fishing in Alaska. I fish every chance I get and hunt of corse. Yet I'm at odds to how many areas non-residents are allowed to hunt. I believe they should not be allowed to hunt in unit 13.
I enjoy hunting and fishing in alaska. its a primary factor in choosing to reside here.
I enjoy hunting and fishing, and hope that we can all do it for a few more years.
I enjoy hunting in Alaska. The survey only asked questions concerning one trip. I also hunted in August of 2011. Probably spent \$1000 for that trip. Both trips were very rewarding.
I enjoy hunting moose, caribou and fishing trout anywhere in Alaska.
I enjoy hunting moose, caribou, bear, upland birds and waterfowl.
I enjoy hunting with a bow and a pistol. I hunted many more times in the south central for small game and moose at other locations.
I enjoy immensely the 9 month long upland hunting season and it is the main reason I live in Alaska. The number and diversity of upland birds and the wilderness they live in is paradise for me and my pointing dogs. Thank you!
I enjoy it every time I get the chance!
I enjoy moose, caribou and bear hunting in the interior and deer and silver fishing in southcentral.
I enjoy seeing all of the animal life, the deer I hunt and the predators that also hunt them. The bears, wolves, lynx, and coyotes are important to me; seeing them is one of the reasons I go hunting.
I enjoy seeing and viewing(observing) wildlife in all forms (birds, fish, reptiles mammals, etc.) not just hunting them. Hiking, Camping, fishing and hunting all give me enjoyment as well as just traveling somewhere.
I enjoy the availability of hunting and fishing in my area.

I enjoy the conservative measures in place for all Alaskans to hunt, I'd like to see more equality with subsistence/Tier II hunts, has we all know any community on the road system is truly not subsistence type living
I enjoy the huge amount of public land available to hunt (and fish). Compared to the lower-48 where most land or access to land to hunt is privately owned or controlled.
I enjoy the out doors seeing the wild life and whatching for northern lights and setting around the campfire taking pictures of beautifull sunsets. If I shoot a moose or bear that would be a plus but if I don't it is still a wounderfull hunt.
I enjoy the outdoors and the opportunity to be their. I would like to see more opportunity to hunt and fish where there is limited or no commercial competition
I enjoy watching the new moose calfs next to the river systems. I have seen 5 sets so far this year at Alexander Creek.
I enjoyed my hunting experience in Alaska in 2011. The tier draw system I hunted under made it fair for all paticipants to access quality hunting ranges as a resident of Alaska. The Alaska F&G does an outstanding job of monitoring and managing the states wildlife resources.
I feel that Alaskan wildlife is first and foremost for Alaskans and that Alaska residents should have preference. I love the opportunities that Alaska has given me and my family for the last 43 years and I hope that my grandchildren can have the same outdoor experiences.
I feel that the high brown bear population, along with road kills, on the Kenai penisula is a primary cause of the reduced moose population. Based on personal experience and the experience of friends, there are many more bears than Fish and Game will admit. In the last 5 years while moose hunting, I have seen many more trophy brown bears than trophy (ore even legal) moose. We need a brown bear season on the Kenai Peninsula!
I fell I have a good chance at the 250
I film and produce hunting trips and wildlife for a hobby. I love Alaska and what it has to offer. I have harvested many of its animals and would like to give back to those who are less able to get out and enjoy it. I do think that the department of fish and game does a good job for the most part in protecting it. There are a few things I do disagree with but it would take an act of congress to get things changed..... For that said, I would get rid of the community hunts, change some rules on subsistence hunting, where the state could benefit more income in doing so. I would like to se a road to Nome. this would increase more jobs and more hunting without high air fare cost. Build it and it would open many doors to benefit all. I been an Alaskan for 40 years, change is the future. Keep it for
I fish and hunt in Southcentral Alaska, I enjoy being in the out of doors, I typically see an abundance of wildlife. there is no where else I would rather be than hunting/ fishing in Alaska.My first official "moose hunt" I took my first moose it was an incredible experience, I am hooked for life. I eat what I harvest, it is awesome!
I fish, trap, and hunt for a lot of my food is Southwest Alaska. The subsistence resources in our area are very important, and we appreciate all efforts to protect our widlife.
I fished 2 times last summer. I duck hunted 2 times last fall I shoot a moose in a February unit 18 moose hunt.
I flew, I landed, I hunted, my buddy shot the moose. He shared the meat. We all win..
I fly out to a remote place to get away from the weekend warriors on 4 wheelers. The quality of the hunt is worth the cost of flying out even we there is no harvest.
I fly to Hoonah for deer hunting and seal hunting and gustavas for moose hunting I fish here in Juneau Alaska from the shore. I see lots of deer and bears while in Hoonah and see a lot of cows and calls in gustavas.

I get out as often as possible in search of fish, small game and large game.
I get out every chance I get and take my daughter with me. Dog mushing, caribou hunting, moose hunting, sheep hunting, and snowmobiling made up the majority of my outdoor experiences in 2011. I didn't trap this season, but usually do that as well.
I go hunting and fishing because it is something I have always done. Being a lifelong Alaskan every summer was spent outside . Hunting is a passion of mine and always will be. I love the fact that you can just get away from it all. I look forward to every september. I wish it was easier for Alaskans to get harvest tickets and draw tags. It puzzles me how the whole fish and game dept in Soldotna can draw multiple tags every year. But it is impossible for e. I wish it was more transparent.
I go hunting at least a few days every month. Have not had much success, but still enjoy getting out.
I go hunting with my parents and hope to continue this tradition when I am no longer living with them.
I got to experience what it is to hunt, how much it costs to hunt.
I GOT TO GO WITH MY DAD ON OPENING DAY AND AFTER THE FOG LIFTED MY DAD GOT HIS MOOSE.
I greatly anticipate hunting mountain goats every year in the archery area just south/east of Juneau. It is an opportunity for which I'm very grateful.
I greatly enjoy being in the Alaskan outdoors with my family in pursuit of fish and game. I do not have to harvest game or catch fish to enjoy the experience or consider the hunt successful. Stalking close to game and observing them undetected is half the fun. I also enjoy passing on the hunting heritage and my outdoor knowledge to my children.
I grew up in AK, born in Anchorage, and raised by an Alaskan. My grandfather came here first back in the 40s or 50s with the military and he is my inspiration with his great passion and skill in hunting fishing and outdoor life.
I grew up in this area of the state so I think I got spoiled because now it seems that the game populations are decreased and harder to access, and the amount of hunting pressure has skyrocketed.
I grew up in this great state and learned about the outdoors and respecting nature from my parents. I now continue the adventure with my three sons and teach them the way of the wild.
I grew up with my father taking us hunting. We have a heritage in our family going way back that includes a love and respect for the outdoors as well as camping, hiking, fishing, and hunting. I was taught to kill cleanly, have respect for the animal who provides nourishment and an almost religious thought process in regards to hunting altogether. Of 4 kids only one brother and I (a woman) have carried on our fathers heritage of the yearly hunting ritual. I am elated to watch as other women discover this experience as well. Long ago I was always the only female. I have been hunting the same area for over 24 years. I look forward to the silence of the wild and the calming effect I always experience when in the woods. I can't say how I'd deal with not being able to spend September at my hunting spot. It's unthinkable. Stupid stuff I know but you asked.
I had a cow moose permit for pt.Mckenzie. I saw over 16 legal cow moose and harvested a two year old cow on the second day of my hunt. I was able to drive within 100 yards of the animal. There were huge flocks of sandhill cranes in the field I was hunting which was super cool to see.
I had a first rate hunting experience. I hit a tag for a caribou in the area in which we live. The unit is non-motorized, so we backpacked into the mountains. We saw lots of other wildlife which enhanced our experience. We packed the caribou back to the highway. Highway accessible non motorized hunting was fantastic!
I had a good time and I used the trip more of a work up to see what I missed.
I had a great hunt around mile 13 of the Denali Hwy. I took a young man with me on his first hunt. He killed his first caribou. We had a safe productive hunt and caint wait untill this year. It was really rewarding to see the look on a young mans fac after his first kill.

I had a great time hunting in the Brooks Range and took a nice sheep and caribou. I also took my grandson hunting on a boat out of Juneau and he took a nice black bear. We also hunted above Eureka and usually take a moose but didn't in 2011
i had a great time with family and friends!! i love living in alaska and will be staying!!i love the way fish and game and wildlife mang runs!!!
I had a moose calf walk up to me to get petted. I am sure that it was once housed at the Moose Federation property at Point Mackenzie.
I had an excellent trip to Nunivak for my musk ox trip but was dismayed by the State extra expense. I can see no justification for the \$500 fee imposed by the state for a musk ox tag when a brown bear tag is \$25 as it should be. Big game hunting is rapidly becoming a rich mans sport and that is precisely what our founding fathers tried to avoid.
I had drawn the JBER bull moose muzzle lading permit hunt. The aspect of makins multiple single-day hunting trips might skew your economic compared to other hunts. Sycg as 51y-old/drop off hunt lasting several days a week.
I had the good fortune to draw a Bull Moose tag for the Fort Richardson Muzzle Loader last and was impressed with the high qualilty of the hunt. The hunt is highly regulated, but still a very good experance and I was able to harvest my first Moose. The amount of coopration between the state, the Joint Base Emendorf Fort Richardson and the hunters was outstanding and is a great exsample of game and hunter management. Hopefully more oppourtunities similar to this can be created in the state and around the nation.
I harvested a moose in 2010 on the Big Sue, relatively cheap trip in comparison to my 2011 caribou trip. The caribou trip was expensive because we paid a bush pilot to transport us. It is very expensive to hunt in Alaska; however i would rather save my money and get air transported to more remote locations. It seems like the easier the area to access, the more people you see. This cause more noise and odor, witch makes hunting extremely difficult.
I harvested a nice bull moose 3 years ago.
i hate the community hunt
I have a great time every hunting season. This one is particularly special to me because I had the privilege of taking a beautiful brown bear on the Kodiak road system. I was also able to help my good friend harvest a very impressive Sitka blacktail deer. I myself was able to harvest my first buck in velvet. I did my first solo hunt. That day I saw a bachelor group of 12 bucks. Throughout the day I saw 40 deer and 25 of them were bucks. Thank you Alaska for being a sportsmans paradise.
I have always enjoyed hunting in the norton sound region, the only thing that gets me ticked off is all the airplanes that are always flying around scoping out for moose and then harvisting them after they locate them. If i owned a airplane i wouldnt fly it around, people need to learn how to hunt for the adventure. Alaskan natives live off wild game, especially the sea mammals that are sick.
I have and do hunt and fish in several states and Alaska is by far the best..I spend hundreds of hours in the field both hunting and fishing and look forward to many more. Although at this point in my life i can afford hunts and trips that for years i couldn't, this never stopped me in spending time out, i just did it with what i could get at the time, only now my gear is of higher quality. I would like to see our license issued in waterproof paper as in some other states...Love the outdoors...Larry

I have been a big game hunting guide for 24 yrs in Alaska if the state does not limit hunting and fishing guide licenses to resident guides and not issue any non resident fishing and hunting guide licenses Alaska's wildlife resources will be further depleted. Areas that were game rich have been shot and fished out by our non resident new generation of trophy junkies. It is my understanding that Alaska's resources are for the subsistence user first, residents second and if the resource allows then limited non residents . What has happened is areas have been closed or put on limited drawing permits, even for residents for certain species. Lower forty- eight hunting and fishing opportunities have become so limited and restrictive guides are flocking to Alaska because the state is so lax in habitat balancing and resource management. Its all about money. Fish and game have to talk to the licensing board and stop issuing non resident fishing /hunting guiding licenses, limit resident licenses. If state does nothing resources will suffer, plan on shutting down dall sheep hunts in Brooks range next, guides are killing every legal ram they see.

I have been a resident of Alaska since I was five years old and had the most successful hunting year yet. I love that I can subsistence hunt and fish to feed my family and we do not take more game and fish then necessary to do so. I love to teach my children the importance hunting and taking only what you need for the year and to enjoy the great Alaskan outdoors.

I have been an active hunter, fisher and outdoors man in Alaska since I was a child. I really enjoy the outdoors. Additional non-motorized areas need to be set aside for hunting and fishing.

I have been doing a fly in hunt for caribou up North for the past 11 years and a remote moose hunt for the past 5 years. My hunting partner and I have been successful every year. I have hunted from horseback, wheeler, argo and on foot for the past 30 years. I have seen country that many people can only dream about.

I have been here all my life things have changes and not for the best.

I have been hunting and fishing in Alaska for 50 years. My family lives on moose, caribou, black bear and salmon.

I have been hunting and/or subsisting off game meat for 50 years in Alaska. I have taken Goat, Caribou, Sheep, Moose, Black Bear, Brown Bear, Hare, Grouse, and many fur-bearers.

I Have Been Hunting For 14 Years Mostly in the Same Area Good Bull to Cow Ratio I found it With a Lot Of effort Dont Ask

I have been hunting for over 20 years and I have shot 19 moose. My wife has yet to shoot a moose and this maybe her first chance because she won a drawing for a cow tag. My father in-law has won 2 cow tags and has went 2 for 2. If it was not for the cow hunts I would not have been able to hunt with my father in-law. I hunt with my grandpa and right now he has gotten to the age he can not do anything but I still have him come out hunting just to hear his stories about his hunting life. The wildlife when you are out hunting is amazing. You see the craziest things at times and it just reminds you why I live here in Alaska. My wife is from Haines Alaska and we have been married going on 8 years now. She loves the camping part but she is also not afraid to jump in and help when we are cleaning a moose. I hunt for the meat to feed my family and that is how I was taught. I shoot the first bull moose that walks out of the woods. I have loved hunting since I was a kid and I hope to enjoy it when I get only as well. Thanks for letting me share.

I have been hunting in alaska for 30 years and my wife has hunted for the last 6 years. This year we took up archery and my wife loves it. She isn't really interested in hunting with a gun any more, we have a nice archery range at the house and she shoots several times/week. This year she will be hunting moose exclusively with a bow thanks to an archery only anterless permit she drew. Thanks for providing the opportunity to enjoy one of my favorite pastimes with my favorite hunting partner, my wife.

I have been hunting in Alaska for over 30 years and one thing that I have noticed is the climate is changing so the animals are changing to the climate! Especially the moose, they are not coming into rut until the season is over, Septmber 20 needs to be changed to the 25 or 30! 20 days is enough to hunt, just change the dates. September 5 thru 25!! Or change the brow tines back to 3, thank you

I have been hunting moose in Unit 19 D since aproximately 1976 and my party has never come back from there without harvesting a moose. We have been very successful. We have witnessed the outstanding success with the EMMA unit around the McGrath area.

I have been hunting with family members in the same area for caribou in alaska for approximately the past 25 years.

I have been hunting with my wife's family since the late 1970's. They have lived in Alaska since 1959 and have wonderful hunting stories and history hunting. My mother in-law was drawn for the first bison drawing in Alaska in 1961. She is still in the Boone and Crockett records for the bison she took. The family has made life time friends on the Yukon River and those friends helped with the recovery of my father in-laws body from the Yukon River when we lost him when his boat sank in 2009. He died doing what he loved, driving his boat on the Yukon River heading to hunting camp.

I have been hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching in Alaska my entire life. I have traveled all over the state to hunt and recreate, and have recreated on work trips throughout the state as well.

I have been in Alaska 7 years. A big part of hunting enjoyment for me is figuring out where and how to hunt. I grew up hunting in North Dakota, so it is a little bit of a change and took me a few years to get it figured out. I always heard how difficult it was to get a caribou tag for Unit 13, and last year was the first year I applied, and am very happy to have gotten drawn. Moose hunting is hit and miss due to the size requirements, but I enjoy the hunting and don't want adjustments made to make it easier to hunt that harm the game populations.

I have been in Alaska for 40 years and started commercial fishing in Craig, Alaska in 1971 and later fished Bristol Bay, Norton Sound, and the Lower Yukon. My wife and I live in Alaska because we enjoy the outdoors during all four seasons. We hunt moose, caribou, sheep, ducks and upland birds. We love to hunt birds with our dogs and have been very active in Field Trials. We both fly and enjoy taking trips to remote areas. We have mining claims in the Wrangell St. Elias but it has been a challenge hanging on to them due to various regulations. Alaska is our retirement home - it's the greatest place

I have been in Alaska for 7 years and due to my having pulled a bison tag, I was able to take my first serious big game hunt. While in KY, hunting was relatively easy (and inexpensive) so we lived primarily on venison. Since moving to AK, I have undertaken a few small hunts but only one other trip that represented "a real opportunity" to get an animal. For me, the primary limitor in my being able to hunt is the cost. I hope to be able to hunt so more in future years because being out hunting this year reminded me of how much I loved being outdoors and hunting.

I have been in Alaska since 1981.I grew up hunting and fishing in Montana so Alaska became a pretty good fit for my family and I. We take the privilege of living, fishing and hunting very serious. We have caught halibut,cod,Salmon(all species)in Kachemak bay, Prince William Sound out of Seward and Valdez. We regularly go to Chitina for our personal use. I have hunted Moose and have been able to harvest this animal on several occasions. when people take the time to get out and enjoy what this state has to offer the experienes are to numerous to mention.I have seen bull moose spar and fight for females,a cow have a calf.

I have been on some of he most incredible hunting and fishing trips in alaska.

I have enjoyed a number of hunting and fishing trips while living in the state for the last 6 years. Ease of access to hunting and fishing - and being able to hunt and fish for food to save money is part of the reason we live here.

I have enjoyed the 40+ years that I have hunted in Alaska, both with rifle and with bow. The family have enjoyed the fruits of the hunt and having a full freezer. Not every hunt has been successful, but they have been enjoyable.
I have enjoyed the opportunities in Alaska to experience a wide range of wildlife, from the perennial favorites of salmon, moose and bear to the more subdued residents such as songbirds etc. The only drawback is also the greatest reason why Alaska remains pristine, difficulty (and expense) of access.
I have fished both commercial and sport. Hunted with rifle and bow for moose,bear,deer,elk,birds
I have gone to hunt in Africa. In AK I have shot: 1 Bear 1 Moose 3 Caribou A lot of small game and targets I LOVE to eat wild game!
I have grown up in Alaska and hunting and fishing is part of the lifestyle. An aircraft and a remote cabin is the best way to get out and enjoy the wilderness and harvest game. It's not cheap, but then life is short.
I have had amazing hunting experiences in Southeast, Southcentral, the Interior, the Brooks Range and on Kodiak Island. I love the wilderness in Alaska and look forward to many more remote adventures in this great state.
I have had many wildlife-related experiences in Alaska. Sorry, I don't have time to list them all.
I have had many wonderful experiences hunting in Alaska. Do to the predator control program the abundant of game has increase greatly; improving my hunting experience and success.
I have had the privledge to hunt and fish all over the State of Alaska.
I have hunted 20 I have hunted 20A for+/- 25 yrs. Had any bull permits now a then. This year, I did not see a bull. I think it has something to do with the cow and antlerless hunting pressure over the last few years.
I have hunted a good number of animals in Alaska. I have been up the mountains after mountain goat and sheep. I have been charged by a grizzly and won and have been on epic fly-in hunts and not pulled the trigger but had an awesome trip.
I have hunted and fished in Alaska for 36 years. I have been a professional hunter now for 30 years, as a wildlife biologist/artist I enjoy viewing all species of wildlife and hope to hunt here for another 30 years....God willing. My hunting/fishing trips are the highlight of my life and know everyone is interested in viewing our wildlife. Wildlife connects us with all other life. I live in the Copper River Valley, our magnificent vista's, wildlife, and beautiful weather here are constant delights. Wildlife related activities has been the focus of my life...
I have hunted and phographed wildlife in Alaska for over 43 years. Always a great experience.
I have hunted every thing that Alaska Has to offer. For years we hunted horse back untile off road suv traffic got to heavy. I shot a nine and half foot brown bear in 16 B . this bear came up to me while moose hunting. I had my 7mm with 165 gr bullets, one shout through the heart and it was all over but the work. He was so big and he died in the alders that it took me 4 hours to get him skined out. as i get older my grandson has been some great help. he will be a great hunter and trapper. at 18 he has 2 black bears , three moose under his belt.
I have hunted for 20+ years in AK with some success. I have gotten some permits and not be able to afford the transportation to the hunts. I enjoy the country, views of lands and animals. As fuel and other items increase in price I find it more difficult to fish and hunt without having others to defray the costs.
I have hunted four different years; I have taken Caribou, Brown Bear and Moose.

<p>I have hunted from the same camp in unit 13 with my father for over 25 years along with many other family members. I now am taking my daughter and niece with me and hope that they will pass this experience on to our future generation. The experience gets them away from the city, TV etc... and teaches them great values and respect for nature as well as survival skill that they would otherwise never experience. Too bad our hunting seasons conflict with the start of school which limits their time in the woods.</p>
<p>I have hunted in Alaska for over 12 years. I hunt and enjoy the outdoors we have a great group that all hunt together. Are families camp and hunt together. The friendship is the most important we work hard to fill freezers while still having a great time.</p>
<p>I have hunted in several states in my lifetime but Alaska tops them all for beauty and a real outdoor experience.</p>
<p>I have hunted moose for meat for thirty years. I enjoy the outdoor experience and the opportunity to harvest food for my family.</p>
<p>I have hunted on the Haul Road twice inside the coridor, outside the coridor once by boat, these were 7-10 trips. I have taken short day trips for the rest of my hunting in southeast and southcentral.</p>
<p>i have hunted the same area for 43 years and there is just no other place like alaska to hunt</p>
<p>I have lived in Alaska since high school and worked in several west coast cities, Alaska wins hands down as the best.</p>
<p>I have lived all over the U.S and some foreign countries and living in Alaska is what got me started in hunting and fishing</p>
<p>I have lived and hunted in Alaska for 33 years. Always enjoy the beautiful scenery and multitude of viewable wildlife. I have taken many species of game animals, but the enjoyment of being outdoors with friends and family are more important to a succesful hunt than obtaining an animal.</p>
<p>I have lived here all my life and rely on what I kill each year to supplement my diet. I enjoy hunting more than you understand.</p>
<p>I have lived in Alaska 45 years and have been able to see a great deal of it. It has been a wonderful time. I fly and have fished and hunted as often as I could.</p>
<p>I have lived in Alaska almost 35 years now. I tried to leave once, but came back quickly. I work hard all year and look foreward to hunting season. I have a remote site that never disappoints as far as game, fishing, peace, quiet, and beautiful surroundings. I encourage friends and family to come hunt with me each year.</p>
<p>I have lived in Alaska for 32 years and I hunt and fish every year. I have not had a truely bad hunting or fishing experience. I was overcharged once by an Air Taxi operator and never used him again. Other than occaisional equipment failures have enjoyed every one of my trips.</p>
<p>I have lived in Alaska for nearly 24 years, and the changes that have taken place during this time have become very disturbing. The lack of balance in regulatory adjustments is most frustrating, as changes to the hunting and fishing regulations have been made based upon the interest of political influences and large economic stakeholders (i.e., hunting guides) instead of for the citizens of Alaska. Many of our residents rely upon a subsistence lifestyle to maintain their families, and unfortunately, the state of Alaska is making decisions based upon the financial interest of the state's politicians and business owners instead of the well-being of its people. This is a trend that I am certain will not change. Perhaps these comments will allow someone else to take notice and better understand the detrimental effects that are occurring in our state and nation.</p>
<p>I have lived in Alaska for nearly 5 years, and I have loved every minute of it. Thought I have yet to harvest anything during a hunting trip, the experience of being in the outdoors is amazing.</p>

I have lived in Alaska for over 50 years and love the beauty and remoteness this great state provides. The wildlife in 13c has dropped to very low numbers over the past 10 years. The Bear and wolf have put a big depletion on the moose population.

I have lived in Alaska since 1997. I have noticed a trend if more and more Alaskan hunters going out of the state for hunting. During the 1990's the trend of the state appeared to be to manage for watchable wildlife. No predator management occurred during this time, and as a result our predator prey ratios have scewed. To compound this issue it is widely held that hunters are not knowledgeable or responsible enough to participate in functional reduction programs. I believe hunters would spend more time and money hunting here if they could cull these out of control predator population, but the Department and Board of Game policies make it difficult for responsible hunters to participate. Instead we perpetuate our imbalances by insisting all reduction be over regulated, over-watched, and under funded. The state can not afford to administer these programs so population continue to languish at low densities regardless of constitutional requirements to manage for abundance. The bottom line here is as follows. If the BOG would losen regulatory requirements, and the Department would support public lead reduction programs in the form if liberal methods and means, hunting seasons, and fewer if not no reporting requirements we could put many of these low densities back to appropriate management objectives in a short amount if time. After predator prey ratios are restored methods and means, seasons, and reporting requirements could be implemented again. In anticipation of the argument that we would not be able to track or manage population in this way, I submit to you that in a majority of the state we cannot accurately estimate these populations anyway! Public participation is the key to every successful predator program this state has. Moose populations are only thriving in areas with close proximity to major human populations. There is only two ways to manage for sustained yield and abundance. 1. Spent enormous amounts of taxpayer dollars on predator management, which will cost twice as much as option 2, and will be 1/4 as successful as option two. 2. Let the public spent enormous amounts of money on hunting and trapping of predator population in a way that they find it rewarding.

I have lived in Delta Junction for over 10 years. I have been able to always go out and find multiple moose on a very regular basis. But, as soon as the cow moose hunts have begun, I have seen a sharp decline in the population. As a matter of fact, the last summer ATV trip that we made, we covered over 70 miles and only saw 2 moose (one cow moose and one small spike bull moose). I fully believe that the cow hunts in Unit 20D have severely damaged the moose population in the area.

I have lived in Seward since 1994. Worked for the Chugach NF as Fire Management Officer. I hunt and fish on the Kenai Peninsula because it is close to home. I retired in 2003 and hunt and fish as much as possible. In 2011 I did a lot of fishing and very little hunting because of the timing. Had a foot injury during most of the hunting season.

I have lived in the Interior all my life and staked a remote cabin lot on the Teklanika River in the 80's. When i go there all of my gear is already there along with much more to make it comfortable to stay for a length of time. We use this recreational property year round. This past hunting season my nephew joined the crew and harvested a bull moose. A good friend also harvested one in a nearby slough as well. The trip was one of great success and good people. The pastor of our church was able to join us as well and he is still so over joyed by the opportunity. As for me, I cannot remember how many times i have been out in the woods in places all over the interior. If I wrote down all of my adventures it would take me quite some time.

I have lived off wildlife in Ak for 45 years. Eating the food i grew up on is very important to me. I have never been a trophy hunter.

I have made similar trips a total of 4 times and love it.

I have many fond memories of spending my time in the outdoors either hunting or fishing. It doesn't really matter to me if I come back empty handed. I just love getting the chance to get out and enjoy the beauty of Alaska. I always look forward to opening day of duck/deer season. These are times I get to spend time with family and friends and make great memories.

I have many... Not sure what to tell. I love to hunt and fish and I happen to have friends all over the state who are often willing to let me come hunt in their region with them. I planned a trip to Adak this year, but the weather didn't let us get there. I've hunted moose near Fairbanks, Caribou near Koyuk and because I'm outside a lot, I've had many wildlife encounters.

I have never had a bad wildlife-related experience. Every time I go out in Alaska I have a most enjoyable experience and always look forward to going again as soon as possible.

I have owned a cabin in unit 13 for 9 years. Recent changes to hunting regulations have brought a large increase in hunters to this area from the Kenai area. When the game is gone my cabin will still be there and I'll be eating unhealthy beef.

I have shot many moose over the years. Just a few days ago while 4 wheeling in the back hills we came to Anchor River And Looking upstream we saw a brown bear fishing below the falls. The falls was made on a ledge of coal about 3 ft thick and the width of the stream.

I have spent most of my time here deployed so the one hunt I attended was my only experience. It wasn't that great of an experience. It's hard finding locals that welcome us outsiders and show us the ropes. Honestly, before I came to Alaska I was so pumped. Now that I am here it's kind of a big letdown. everything is so remote and the restrictions on taking game near any place accessible by a vehicle are so restrictive. It takes months of planning and gobs of money to conduct a reasonably successful hunt. If you don't know anyone with the proper equipment that will actually welcome you into their hunting party then you are forced to purchase it yourself. It would just be nice if there was more vehicle access so that the people that can't afford all the fancy modes of transportation can actually participate with a reasonable expectation of success. You definitely can't just jump in your truck after work and go hunt for a few hours.

I have spent my life in Alaska-Outdoors used to be so easy to get to-fish were abundant-but I have seen such an increase in gas prices I may not be able to afford this years hunt. Last year I was only able to because of a friend to help with expenditures. I hate the city and my calming factor is the outdoors and going to the places of my youth. Solice and serenity along with living with and off what nature provides. Weather was so bad last year for my hunt-Campsite was broken down by high wind and rain after I took my friend for 37 mile 4 wheeler ride through mile 70-Susitna bridge/Butte creek- across mountain tops/tent was ripped apart and had to stay at the Gracious lodge-more expence but they are my friends for many years-they were kind enough to open a room though they had winterized the rooms. Any time I can escape the city and meet others that love the outdoors is a true memory-or show others friends/child-that is what is held true. Used to do nuscience beaver trapping for the state-would love to help out again -call if you need.

I have two great experiences while hunting in Alaska. The first was my first caribou taken off the north slope. It was the farest shot that I had ever taken my with my rifle (on a hunting trip). He was 294 yards away and I was able to drop him with one shot it was great. The second was my first bear off a bait site above the Yukon river at 13 yards. I have never been that close to a bear before.

I HAVE WORKED IN THE WILDERNESS FOR 40 YEARS, OF WHICH 30 OF THEM WERE IN ALASKA AS A LAND SURVEYOR. YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH ROOM HERE...

I heard a Brown bear killed a seer behind Rosie's Bar and Grill in pelican Alaska just before dark. Scare the pee right out of me.

i highly disagree with the substinance program in alaska, these hunters as a general rule of thumb are devistateing and abuseing the fifh and wildlife populations in high traffic areas, where non substinance hunters are also using the same grounds, alaska is wonderful i love the wild of the state but we need to change to the times ahead and keep fair and equal opertunity for all hunters.

I hope to do it again this year.

I hunt a little in the spring, and through most of the month of September. In mid-September, after duck hunting, I go with my boys on a 12 day moose hunting trip. We trailer the boats 180 miles one-way, a significant portion of which is really bad road. We put the boats in and travel 70 river miles to camp. We have hauled boat gas in with snowmachines. Since 1992 we have only failed to harvest at least one moose in two years. There are grouse, waterfowl, an occasional bear (great sausage), fish, sometimes too many wolves, and all the other critters to view at length, along with the pleasures and challenges of being in a remote ares and having to travel at a time of year when weather can range from 70 above to snowstorms. Kind of frustrating that the context of your questions boxed me into giving you data about a hunt in which I had a cow permit and was leaving the house every morning to drive 30 miles, unload the snowmachine, and hunt a short distance from the road.

I hunt about 45 days a year in mostly in southcentral Alaska. My family and freinds go out to see the wildlife and to gather meat for the winter. My trips are awesome in Alaska! I love the mountains, glaciers, and the tundra. I have seen sheep running across the rocky ledges, the herds of Caribou in migration. Last year I watched a sow grizzly watching her cubs play and wrestle each other. I love the thrill of being out in the wilderness away from the hustle and bustle of the cities. I took a trip to the north to show my son the caribou migration. we hunt for moose and bear in southcentral. I have never been disappointed in the beauty or quality of Alaskas wilderness. My trips usually cost a lot less than they did this year I spent the money so My son could see the migration of caribou. Hunting and fishing were a sideline for this trip.

I hunt and fish in southeast Alaska, usually moose hunt in southwest every year. Cost for fuel and plane charters are restricting what I do.

I hunt and fish with my husband. We have a young daughter that we hope will enjoy these activities with her family soon. We love hunting trophy animals and harvesting the meat. The only thing we use grocery stores for anymore is fruit, veggies, and milk. It's a nice way to live.

I hunt as much as I can afford too. Alaska is where I have lived all my life and I would rather vacation in Alaska than anywhere else. I hate the idea of Pebble Mine. Brown Bears over bait needs to be allowed in parts of Alaska, not just in airplane access only. If the hunt was for residents only and take away the Boone and Crocket value on the brown bears harvested over bait. If the hunt was aloud for just a year or two are moose populations would increase greatly. Moose calves don't have a chance in most areas. In not to many years we will have more brown bears in areas than black bears.

I Hunt AS often as I can-- And Fish when I cant

I hunt every weekend starting the end of october, strickly meat hunter.

I hunt for food, not sport. I love not seeing others when I hunt. Remoteness and hard work are expected. Low cost is crucial and part of what I look for in "subsistence".

I hunt for moose and caribou when I can and have been baiting black bears for the lat 14 years in the Tok area.

I hunt for the meat and enjoyment of being out in the outdoors. Shot a great spike fork bull moose that is nearly gone now so I have to try and get another one this fall along with a caribou.

I hunt GMU 13E for Moose and Grizzly in September and take my daughter for Grouse in GMU 14 between September and Ocober.

I hunt Hawkins or Hinchinbrook island Alaska for buck every year for the last 12 years. I have shot 34 blacktail buck and have hunted for most every big game animal in the U. S.....By far my favorite hunting is going after the blacktail deer on the islands.
I hunt in every month of the year. I live in the Bethel region and 100% of our family's hunting takes place within 75 miles of home.
I hunt mostly moose. Rabbits with my little boy. Hunting is tough. I put a lot of hours in and saw a lot of moose. Just not teh right one. Just teh experiance of being outdoors in this state is an experiance in it's own. I got lucky and drew a tag this year and it seems to be very hard to draw a tag. I believe in our fish and game system, and I continue to support them as much as I can.
i hunt on average 2-3 weeks a year and spend on average 14 to 20 days a year sportfishing. Not only these consumptive uses but wildlife viewing is an important activity for my family year round.
I hunt on average 3-5 different animal as every year and is basically the reason I live here. Fishing and hunting are my life.
I hunt on the kenai pen mostly and have killed more moose and bears than most people.I have also trapped for years doing good only in the interior. If we are going to save hunting on the kenai we need to kill some of the wolves in unit 7 & 15 They are out of control.Also the bears are out of control I have seen them kill healthy moose right in plain sight. 25 years ago if you saw a brown bear track it was a big deal! Now there attacking dogs,moose & people right in Camelot subdivision. I have hiked almost every square inch of the kenai an the moose are almost gone! We need to make it just resident only for moose and put a bounty on black & brown bear & wolves. Also closing moose hunting all together maybe whats needed to save them! I was born and raised in Seward and my grandpa was born in Bristol bay in 1896 it sure is terrible to see the fishing & hunting in such bad shape. The Anc to Seward train kills more moose than we are aware of I have snow machined the train tracks all my life and have seen to many dead moose the coal train casualties. I have taken polar bears,black bears,brown bear,moose ,muskox,sheep,goat,caribou,walrus & all critters that can be trapped in Alaska. Moose & sheep are the only ones not doing good. James unrein
I hunt only with local Yup'ik and have learned a lot from them and have enjoyed their friendship and kindness. These will be experiences that will stay with me for the rest of my years.
I hunt the same place every year with son and friend for 25 years. More people showing up every year, so bad last year we almost came home empty. Hunting places are getting more crowded every year. Except for nearly coming home emty we always have a great time!
I hunt to eat.
I Hunt to Feed My Family
I hunt to feed my family and live in Alaska, it seems like this survey was geared more towards people from out of state. I make more than one hunting trip a year and sometimes it is just a drive out the road.
I hunt unit 20C because that is where I live. I could not afford to hunt away from my home. Where I hunt there are no other people. Most of the time I hunt I don't take a firearm because there is not much legal game. I like to hike from my home cross country or use my ATV to access my outdoor area. I just like being outdoors.
I hunt with my best friend, which is my wife Katie. It is one of the most enjoyable times of the year for us and we look forward to this time each year. We love the wild game we harvest and share each year. Thanks, Ron
I hunt, fish, camp, climb, back country ski, mountain bick, hike, pack raft, sea kayak, some 4 wheeling & snowmachining etc. I spend a lot of time in the backcountry of Alaska.

<p>I hunt, trap and sight see in unit 13. I am there every weekend between November 1st and February 28th. After that I miss a weekend or two at the end of trapping and before bear hunting. I help out a little with gold mining in the summer and cabin repairs along with camping. I start getting ready for moose and caribou hunting in late august with trucks and wheelers. I have booked 19,000 miles on my last two snowmachines and just bought another one.</p>
<p>I hunted 10/11 elk on Afognak by a draw permit. I stayed in a corporation cabin and hunted via logging roads. I didn't see or hear any elk.</p>
<p>I hunted caribou in the Central area, and hunted moose around Healy. Harvesting a animal is my ultimate goal but enjoying the outdoors of Alaska is a privilege and experience I'm thankful for everytime I go into the wild.</p>
<p>I hunted in Alaska for 40 years- I am long time retired - To febel to hike much - have cabin on lake Louise - I live alone with my dog. I hunt at Habin. Have boat, snow machine, the nearest lodge is 3 miles, and mail box is 5 miles. I go to lodge and mailbox seldom. Your proxy hunts needs to be modified as I don't have transportation, generator but no computer, no modern facilities so to speak I hunted in the landmark gap lake region mostly. I got one young two-year old bull on the second day. The meat was delicious. We then fished, boated, and picked blueberries. The weather turned wet or we would have stayed another day. All was great! We love the outdoors and hunting.</p>
<p>I hunted moose around my house in area 14A got close but since i had to get just right with the fixed broad head the moose spooked if i was able to use a mech. head that would not happen mech heads are use allover the world with good results we shouldbe bale to use them here. I whent to Kodiak to hunt deer on the road but it was only open to kids. Who was the ass who thought that up? we Alaskan take our kids with us when we hunt and they do well. I am handycaped and couldnot hunt I dont have unlimited funds to hire guides like you rich people do so I could not fed my family wild meet this year THANKS. we had fall and winter hunting seasons fall cow before the rut and bull after in the winter. Also hunting big game in th heat of the fall runes more meat then its worth. if the troupe hunters that you guys catter to want to hunt in Alaska make them come get cold so the meat is better taken care of and the wast of the animel is not so bad. this is not the lower 48 but the way your getting the reg's the confusions in when and where make it harder to feed our familys with good clean meet.</p>
<p>I hunted moose for the first time in 2011. I harvested a nice buck. My hunt was very enjoyable. I Hunted as a new resident.</p>
<p>I hunted moose with a permit on JBER daily after work and on weekends. It was an excellent hunt.</p>
<p>i hunted off the denali hwy near mile 100 and 4 wheeled 1 mile off the road then hiked a couple miles and shot a caribou with a double shovel</p>
<p>I hunted some property in wasilla that belongs to a friend and killed a small bull. I called the troopers because the bull had 1 1/2 inch extra tines that disqualified it from being a fork and the animal was confiscated.</p>
<p>I hunted spring bears in Kodiak and harvested a great 8.5 FT boar. I was an excellent trip. I also hunted caribou near Lake Iliamna. We saw quite a few caribou but did not see any bulls. We also saw two grizzly bears and one wolf while hunting caribou. It was a good trip but would have liked to have seen some bulls.</p>
<p>I hunted with friends a father and daughter. We had a succesful hunt harvesting two moose on the second day of the season. Both our families enjoy game meat that we try to harvest yearly. As we live in the area we hunt around Nome.</p>
<p>I hunted with my dad, mom, and sister. We always end up using our canoe because the moose always go back in the water.</p>

I just basically love to hunt and fish in my own backyard. I really appreciate all the hard work that fish and game and BLM put into everything that we enjoy. I definitely will live in or at least around Delta for many more years to come hopefully so i am blessed to not have to drive very far to see some of the most beautiful sights in the world.
I just began bow hunting and enjoyed moose hunting in a bow hunting only area. Even though the hunt was unsuccessful, the time spent hunting was very enjoyable.
I just finished the dipnetting season on the Kenai River and I'm glad to have my fish. This fishery needs to be better managed on a human level....too many people in too small of area. I would also like to see the wildlife managed for those that are meat hunting and not trophy only. Taking the spike/fork bull moose out of the season left many on the peninsula without meat.
I just had a comment about your survey. Instead of focusing on the last hunting trip, I think you would get better information if you asked about a hunter's most and least expensive hunting trip. Because of the way this form is set up I entered data for my grouse hunting trips around town, but did not answer any questions about the long and expensive caribou hunt that I took up north.
I just like to be outside and hunt
I just love being in the outdoors hunting with family and friends. It is also nice to have a freezer of moose and deer meat to get through the winter. That being said the older I get the more important it is about being out there. I don't know how many deer I let walk that I could have shot, because I enjoy the hunt more than the kill.
I just love the oportunity to witness wildlife and scenery that can be seen only in Alaska. I grew up in Virginia, so there are many things here in Alaska that I could have never seen back in Virginia or many other places in the world. God bless Alaska
i just love to be out doors whether it be hunting fishing hiking or what ever and what better place than the great state of alaska ps the winters are kinda depressing hahahaha LONG AND COLD!!!
I just realized how expensive a trip is.
I landed a 60# king on the Kenai last summer...I'm pictured in the April issue of Fish Alaska Magazine. Now that I have attained most fishing goals I am shifting my priorities to hunting.
I like boating, hunting by boat and Snowmachine. I like being outdoors peace and quiet.
I like seeing all wildlife
I like to eat meat but refuse to purchase meat from the store mostly because of the wildlife habitat lost to housing and feeding livestock. I'm thankful the Alaska wilderness can provide my family with food and pleasure. Please don't tell any more people about this place; I don't want to share it.
I like to hunt & fish from my home in Kodiak.
i like to hunt and fish
I like to hunt in areas where there are no motor vehicles. Non motor makes the experience more fun and safe.
I like to pack the meat out on my back and do not appreciate the use of 4 wheelers to get all these shooters close to game. I like to actually hunt. and I'm old. 73.
I like to travel the state and encounter wildlife in remote settings. The fewer encounters with other people the better. I enjoy viewing as well as hunting. I appreciate state efforts to manage the game resources based on biological sciences more than economics or politics.
I like trees, and sleeping beneath them. I make moss friends.

I live be outside in Alaska! Growing up, we always would spend most of our time together outside hunting, fishing, and camping. Because of my work and school, it had been several years since I had been able to join my family on these outings. Last fall, for the first time in years, my entire family was able to get together! There are nine of us siblings, plus spouse and a few children. We spent about a week out at a remote lake and it was the best experience I have had in a long time! We hope to go again this year, but, unfortunately, we won't all be able to be there. I am still looking forward to it and can't wait for fall! Alaska is so beautiful and I love that I can spend time with my family without any interruptions, where we an just enjoy nature!
I live for it!
I LIVE HERE
I live here and hunt here all of my life, some times I don`t get a moose but I still hunt.
I live here in Southwest Alaska and have been hunting fishing as routine part of life in the seasonal round of subsistence for the last 40 years. One of the biggest problems facing us is the interference of conservation/animal welfare groups and their ideals related largely to lower 48 perceptions which prevent or preempt management of our wildlife resources at decent levels to provide for our subsistence uses.
I live here it's awesome!
I live here on the west side of Kodiak Island. I watch the wild life every day, year round. I don't like seeing (deer) winter kill, do to over population. This island wasn't ment to have deer on it. Vegetation can't keep coming back do to over browsing. Raise the bag limit and let the hunters help controal this problem. Manage this resource biologicly not politicly. We lost at least 50% of our deer last winter do to the cold. not snow. cold. Things freeze up, the deer dehydrate. when the snow comes the deer move down, when all the deer are down they wipe out all the vegetation with in a 500' (elevation)band around the bays. Young deer eat the kelp until the salt kills them. Increase the bag limit, let the hunters help regulate this problem. Thank you.~Steele Davis~ Owner/Operator Spirit of Alaska Wilderness Adventures. www.spiritofalaska.com steele@spiritofalaska.com.. Ps start penalizing the Natives for keeping there lands closed. TAX them for non use!!
I live here. It's wet and cold.
I Live in 22b Its My Home this is(Questions) hard to answer I Am a subsistence Resident Hunter
I live in alaska
I live in Alaska and travel throughout the state for work. I am blessed to see the abundance of fish and game here. My family's food is greatly increased by harvesting the fish and game here.
i live in alaska because of the alaska outdoors you never know what you are going to see on any trip from thousands of caribou to swans fighting over which lake is thier's
i live in alaska so that i can have better access to hunting and fishing. i hope that the state prioritizes land protection and conservation over giving away resources and opening up more mines and roads and clear-cuts

<p>I live in Alaska, and the last time I went hunting I did a road hunt. The day started at 4 A.M. I walked in and about 4 miles in I started up a mountain. I found a great spot with an open area that I could for about 50 yards on either side. I started to calling for moose. Then after 6 1/2 hours I heard a moose, it was coming at me and my heart started to pound I got excited. Then he turned to leave this happened 4 times, he finally started to come out but just as he did we both heard a wolf cry out, the moose started to leave but I called him back this happened twice. The third time though he took off and the howling got louder and I would say there was a whole pack after me cause the moose was got. The pounding of the wolf's feet got louder and louder and so I got my gear and ran for a mile down the mountain and over a stream or two before I stopped. Then as I was headed to my truck to find a different spot there 100 yards in front of me another hunter. He called out looking to find his friends and walked right in front of me I held as still as I could in fear of getting shot if I startled him. I was only 200 yards off the road when this happened then I realized that I had about 20 hunters in my area. I saw them but they never saw me so I packed up and went home in fear of getting shot cause I have to hunt alone cause I'm learning to hunt no one will go with me or take me.</p>
<p>I live in Anchorage, I was born and raised in NW Alaska. I love coming back home for hunting on my native land, I look forward to it every year.</p>
<p>I live in Golovin, in most years, out of our fall moose allocation, hunters from Nome usually take most of this moose. We propose changes a couple times, the Seward Peninsula RAC has most of the members from Nome, the ADF&G and RAC will find something wrong with our proposal and deny those changes. I believe that extra effort is made to justify the denial of a proposal from Golovin.</p>
<p>I live in SE Alaska since 1964, my children grew up hunting and fishing. We only take what we consume. We do not trophy hunt, hunting and fishing is a very important activity in my family. I would not live here if we could not do that.</p>
<p>I live in Seward and the regs on Moose are so hard to hunt that we have to go way up north to try and get meat. I know the population of moose are down compared to what it used to be, but I believe if you open up the brown bear hunting it would increase our moose population dramatically. We have so many brown bears behind my house and I know they are prying on the moose.</p>
<p>I live in Soldotna, and went waterfowl hunting in Homer. I only hunted 3 days last year due to family business. I normally hunt about 2 weeks a year.</p>
<p>I live in Southeast Alaska and would consider myself a local hunter with the ability to travel to nearby areas for the purpose of hunting or fishing. We saw lots of game and love the country.</p>
<p>I live in southwest Alaska. Everyday is an exercise in admiring picturesque scenery and fulfilling a hunt that provides subsistence for my family or friends.</p>
<p>I live in the bush and do spend some time hunting and fishing during the year. Hard to answer some of these ??'s as we live here and maintain property. This is why I stopped doing the survey before this.</p>
<p>I live in the bush in unit 20A. The moose hunting has gone way downhill in my area due to all the winter cow hunts killing all the cows. No breeding stock left. Very few bulls seen during hunting season. Not like it was 10 years ago. Gold King area of unit 20A.</p>
<p>I live in the Eastern Interior, approximately 5 miles from the Yukon Border. I hunt, fish and trap year-round (during appropriate seasons) and live a true subsistence lifestyle. If I did not live in my current location, I would not be able to hunt, fish or trap very often due to financial limits. Of course, if I didn't live here, I would likely have to get a "real" job. I'll take poverty and being able to see wildlife outside my front door every day of the year.</p>
<p>I live in the interior so it is a short trip to the boat launch from my house. I love to go out in the boat and see what kind of wildlife is living in the area the more exposure the more opportunities for experiences to see wildlife and the beauty of nature, I look forward to enjoying this part of life.</p>

I live in this state for the outdoor sports. I see a decline in opportunity due to lack of active management. I have done extensive self study and understand this topic well. I would like to see ACTIVE management of the south central moose population. Some suggestions are controlled fire or chaining in unit 15A and very limited fire suppression in 15A and 15B. I would like to see aggressive predator management in units 16 and 13, to include hunting of female brown bears with cubs and state employees shooting wolves from helicopters to decrease the negative PR associated with other forms of aerial hunting. I would like to see the state not bend to outside environmental groups in regards to management. Wrangell-Saint Elias, Katmai, Denali, Gates of the Arctic and Arctic National Wildlife refuge provide huge tracts of land as essentially wildlife viewing sanctuaries for non-consumptive users, they also provide seed stock for predators. These parks are larger than most states when considered cumulatively. I would like to see moose harvests on the level of at least Sweden.

I live in Tok and travel up the Taylor highway north of Chicken to harvest Caribou and Moose for my family. Every year more and more people from the south east or south central are coming up here to hunt, because the regulations down where they live are getting more and more restrictive. It is putting a dampering on my hunting spots which I have used for years, and also making for a very unsafe area. Most of the time, you cannot go 2-3 minutes without hearing an onslaught of gunshots and they are usually fairly close. Its bad enough that the price to harvest these animals as food is going up with fuel prices, let alone having "gravel pit cities" along side the highway, which are trashed at the end of the hunting seasons. Every year, I see people shoot animals, more than likely maim them, and not track down there kills. I have reported a few of these, each time they are people who have never hunted before, not from the area, and are residents of the state. Non-resident hunters are fine, as they often are avid hunters and seem to be very responsible and respectable. Because of all of the above, I now hunt during Federal subsistence hunts, just to be in a safer area with less people. These hunts are heavily restricted and you can only hunt in designated areas on a map, resulting in less animals harvested and more time and money spent on the hunt. It is getting to the point of it is almost cheaper to purchase meat at a grocery store. Sorry, just my 2 cents worth of ranting.

I live life to be in the wilderness of alaska.

I live on 80 acres on the Gulkana River. My family spends a lot of time in the outdoors around our home running traplines, predator hunting, and small game hunting. We also spend many days a year hunting the Tangle/Delta River and off the Denali Hwy. We bait black bear every spring, harvesting meat and hide. While we certainly enjoy being in the woods, our primary purpose for hunting is filling the freezer. Most of our hunting is walk-in or canoe/raft since I don't have an ATV.

I Live on Disability I Hunt Bunnys I shoot em My Dog gets Them

I live remote and hunt near where I live. There are plenty of animals and very few hunters because it is to hard to get here, just the way I like it.

I live remotely on Alexander Creek. I only hunt once a year during Tier 2 for moose. Love to fish but Kings are a problem now a days as the creek is closed to Kings. On that note I would like to say that so far the Pike program headed up by Dave Rutz and Sam Ivey seems to be making a difference. We are seeing way more Rainbow trout and Nice Grayling in the fall! Although I myself am not a bear hunter and I dont agree with the snare and helicopter method to exterminate them I have to admit that the Moose population has increased greatly in our area (16b) since the program began. Alexander Creek is a great place to live! This time of year is so cool, the Swans, ducks, geese and just about every imaginable bird show up, the calves are born and the otter and beavers are busy,busy, busy! Life doesn't get any better than this!

I live to hunt, and Alaska is the greatest place to have this problem!

<p>I live where I hunt and this last year I saw a black bear cub with out the mother and later heard that someone shot her that was in berry season. that fall during the cow season there was a calf running around by the state camp in the general area of a fresh gut pile and here in the sub division the cow with twins was shot one of the calves didn't make it and the other the last I seen it was in march don't know if it made it or not was awful thin.</p>
<p>I live, work and play in rural Alaska. I have lived here for 20+ years; I grew up living a subsistence lifestyle and working for sport hunting/fishing lodges. I trap all winter and commercial/sport/subsistence fish in the summer. I wouldn't live here if I couldn't do these things; I like having the freedom to get out five minutes after I have the idea to do it. I generally have a companion picking berries, fishing... while I look for black bear. The whole family is involved in putting up the winters supply of fish at the end of July. I live for it.</p>
<p>I Lived In Alaska All My Life and Hunted Here It IS Now Very Expensive Even For subsistence Fishing and also ther are To Many Regulation All In All Its great To BE Outdoors away from Our Villiage Alaska Our Home!!</p>
<p>I llike getting outdoors,calling moose,hunting caribou,wachting birds and animals when out hunting.</p>
<p>I look forward to moose and deer hunting every year. This is the time of year our family can spend quality time enjoying the outdoors of Alaska without thinking of work or any other complications of the real world. This is our favorite time of year. We spend a lot of time camping ,fishing, hiking and hunting and just enjoying the outdoors of Alaska this is what makes life worth living with a happy face.</p>
<p>I look forward to spending time with my relatives in the woods of Alaska waiting to take a big game that we can share</p>
<p>I look forward to the trip every year. I enjoy getting out in the bush and camping. I also like to be with the friends I go with.</p>
<p>I love AK and hunting in AK. However, I'm extremely frustrated with the registration permit process. To me, the regristration permit issue process is racist, biased, and preferential. All regristration permits should be available on line and/or in person at EVERY fish and game office. Fish and game needs to quit perpetuating this inequity and treat all resident hunters equally. I'd appreciate a response regarding this. My email is jpbilafer@gmail.com. Respectfully, Jude Bilafer.</p>
<p>I love AK and try to pass this on to my family and friends!</p>
<p>I love AK, going bear hunting for the next two weeks. PWS and at my cabin.</p>
<p>I love AK!!!</p>
<p>I love Alaska</p>
<p>I love Alaska and all it has to offer, sometimes you get what your looking for and sometimes you don't...its hunting not catching</p>
<p>I love Alaska and all of its outdoor oppertunities. I belong to our local sportsmans association & Ducks unlimited, as wells as the NRA. I activly participate in in sound consevation programs that enhance wildlife habitat and hunting opportunities.</p>
<p>I love Alaska and all the opptunities hunting and fishing. This is one of the reasons I retired from the military and made my home here. I live in a place that most can only dream of. Some will take a second mortgage out to come and visit, all we who live here have to do is walk outside and it surrounds use. No other place for me then right here.</p>
<p>I love alaska and hunting seeing the scenery to get to the hunt spot is as much part of the expeirence as the hunt.</p>

<p>I love alaska and the hunting. But the road system is getting very crowded and needs to be dealt with over the last thirty years the crowds have exploded and the quality of the animals are going down in my opion at an alarming rate. I hunt near donnelly dome area and I would like to see a lottery system and limit people hunting there year after year and limit it to every other or every three years. Even close it for a for a few years and let the bulls in that area grow up. There getting smaller and smaller and fewer and fewer year after year. I'm glad someone has finally given the hunter a voice. Nice Survey keep up the good work and keep our wildlife safe so my 4 year old son has a chance to hunt</p>
<p>I love Alaska and the opportunities to see and hunt some of the best wildlife there is. However, I don't like the fact that a hunting/fishing guide from the lower 48 can come up here for a few months of the hunting/fishing seasons and make money off Alaska, then take that money home with them. I live here 12 months out of the year and feel that I have earned the right to hunt and fish our great state whereas they have not. I have no interest in being a guide but I feel if someone is a guide here then they need to be an Alaskan resident.</p>
<p>i love Alaska and would never want to be another place, Its just beautiful</p>
<p>I Love Alaska But Ted Spaker And Don Young Both Need There Heads Pulled Out Of There Buts Our Moose Poupulation Is Getting Eat By The Bears And Wolfs But These Idiots Think We Need To Be Shooting Are Cows And Calfs And Not Let Us Shoot Nothing But Spike Fork 50. They Both Need To Go Find A New Job At Pizza Hut Our Mc Donalds Thats About There Smart Level When It Comes To Wildlife Management. 20 A has been raped And pilaged hopefully some one wakes up and does some thing soon.</p>
<p>I love Alaska like fishing, hunting, trapping anything outdoors i live in alaska all year round</p>
<p>I love alaska outdoor, this is my home and I enjoy wildlife with family and friends. I hope everyone helpping keeping alaska clean for everybody view of outdoor.thank you.enjoyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyy.</p>
<p>I love Alaska!</p>
<p>I love Alaska.</p>
<p>I LOVE ALASKA.</p>
<p>I love Alaska. I go hunting every year at least once and while I don't bring something home everytime I have never had a bad hunt in Alaska. As long as no one gets hurt, there is just no way that I could not or would not enjoy myself on Alaskan hunting trips. And when I do shoot a brown bear or muskox or moose or caribou it is simply spactacular. And when I don't, it is still spactacular. I want my sons to grow up quickly so that I can share this with them.</p>
<p>I love Alaska. It is getting awefully crowded with increased population centered in the same couple areas, with limited roads. Not sure anything can be done about it, just the way it is. Despite that fact, I still see moose, bears, sheep, goats, and even the occasional lynx. Hope the population pressures have a minimal affect on the rules, access, and regs that are currently in place.</p>
<p>I love all the hunting Alaska has to offer I just need my own super cub to hunt more</p>
<p>I love bear baiting and watching the bears come to our station they all seem to have their own personality. I also really like being outdoors tracking moose and calling them in, just being outside in the crisp fall air makes me happy.</p>
<p>I love being able to drive some where on the road system and hunt on over the counter tags. So does every body else it seems. I wish the state would have more bow hunting only seasons/part of the season like every other state. It would be nice if there were a few more off road vehicle restricted areas also. Have you seen the Denali highway in september?</p>
<p>I love being in beautiful remote Alaska camping and hunting. My husband and I have enjoyed many hours watching, hunting and photographing Alaska wildlife. We hope to spend many more years in the great Alaska outdoors!!</p>

I love being in the outdoors and love living In the great state of Alaska . I love to hunting And fishing I wish it was more affordable and had some better access to hunting Areas less restrictions on some game animals Overall it has been a great experience last year was great hunting I am looking forward to 2012 season I am very interested in getting on a fish and game board and have a great respect for our wildlife so future generations can also enjoy the same experiences we do now!

I love being out in the woods and just the anticipation of seeing wildlife gets me out in all seasons. I would live on wild game and gardening if I could spend the time, and do to a large extent.

I love being outdoors especially during the fall season. I enjoy viewing wildlife at all times not just during the hunting season. I actually think the Alaska department of Fish and Game does a good job of wildlife management despite the people the Governor has appointed to head the departments.

I love being outside Hunting/camping with family & friends.Traveling by 4 wheeler to see more country side in a shorter time. In the past 7 years I have been lucky enough to shoot 2 moose with 50" plus racks. Both times by myself & had to gut them too. My friends were near by to help with quartering & hanging the second one. We named this moose IRONY. I stopped at the camp site that was not my friends because paper plate signs directed me to.(My business name is R&R) The signs had an arrow & R&R. No one was around so I hook the meat trailer up to my wheeler to look for them. The trail ended about 1/4 mile with no sign of any one or any game. So I broke off a load of dead branches to bring back. Coming through the woods 4 cow moose popped up one at a time. Then a bull showed up & a bigger bull behind him. Through the scope looked to be 4 brow tines so I shot him. After gutting the moose out I went looking for help to finish the job. It was then that I met Randy & Rachel whose sons had been back there calling for 5 days with no sign. Randy offered to help me but my friends had not handled a animal this big & wanted to learn. Its important to be ready to take the shot & do not give

I love being outside in the Fall. Love hunting in Alaska, in semi-remote locations. Not willing to pay for guided trips.

I love consuming meat, fish, and fur from my local environment. It gives me a very primal and fundamentally good feeling to be a part of my ecosystem instead of observing from a distance. Our household hasn't bought meat or fish from the store in more than 20 years, and that is the staple of our diet. I enjoy eating wild foods every day, and get a big kick out of making real high quality meals

I love everything outdoors that Alaska has to offer. It's beautiful and rugged all at once. The fish and game is why I live here.

I love getting out in the state of Alaska. So much to see & so many places to go! The wildlife is spectacular. I've seen the Nelchina Caribou herd a few times & it is something I will never forget!

I love getting out into the wilds of Alaska, whether it is hunting, fishing, or camping and hiking with my family. We also rely heavily on the food that hunting and fishing provides for our family and are extremely grateful that we have the opportunity to do so here in Alaska.

I love getting out with my family in Alaska whether it be for hunting, camping/fishing or just going for a 4 wheeler or snow machine ride. We are always scouting for the next hunt. I enjoy our trips to go dip netting or pole fishing with my friends. I got my first caribou a few years ago and now a moose last year. On a recent bear hunt I was unsuccessful(maybe too early yet for the spring bears) but I did get a porcupine. Hopefully I saved a calf from this porcupines quills.

I love going hunting with my husband. It always amazes me how smart of a hunter he is and he continues to teach me to become a better hunter, too. We share our meat and fish with our (elder) friends and family members. So, it is really important that we continue to hunt and fish.The men are teaching their girls how to hunt, too.

I love going out hunting, on foot, or by boat and then on foot. The quality of the hunt and safety is sometimes directly proportional to the density of hunters. Last year we had a bad experience with a group of hunters hunting the same area we had hunted for years by established low-impact methods. They cleared trees for tree stands and threatened us to stay out of their area when we passed through. I don't mind other hunters, but they should be considerate of the land and others.
I love going out, and hunting moose. However, I'm terrible at it. I've found (and reported) poached moose, but never have been able to take one myself. I find more dead ones than legal bulls I am able to shoot. I carry a box of ammunition that I've carried for moose hunting for about 5 years. One might call me a conservationist; perhaps even a hero.
i love huntin in alaska,i really love to bow hunt for all wild game and our family enjoys fish birds,venison,as well as wild berries
I love hunting and being outdoors. I like to fish, trap, ride 4-wheelers, go camping and go on my boat.
I love hunting and fishing here in Alaska. It is why I live here! Our hunting trips this past year were great. We saw a lot of animals and had a wonderful trip. It is the outdoor experiences, the animals, and the mountains that seem to make it all worth the expense. It is an eye opener to see how much I really spend to hunt in this state. I used to live in Utah and for a week of elk hunting I might spend 200-300 dollars in tags, gas, food, and maybe a little bit of new gear. It costs so much more to hunt in this state, but it is totally worth it. I am also a business owner, and my business and others in town benefit from local and out of state hunters. It is a large part of what drives a lot of our local spending.
I love hunting and fishing in Alaska ! It keeps me here , year after year . I wouldn't trade it for anywhere else . I just wish it were a little cheaper to live,hunt and fish here , we are seriously thinking of leaving Alaska because of the cost of living and the prices of fuel are getting out of hand !it truly does break our hearts to have to leave because we actually can't afford this lifestyle any longer !
I love hunting and fishing in Alaska but the increasing cost is making me cut back on the amount I do. I also think twice about hunting unless I get a special permit because the amount of hunters I have to compete with and the difficulty of finding good quality animals to hunt.
I love hunting and fishing in Alaska.
I love hunting and fishing in Alaska. Alaska is takes care of its outdoors so others can enjoy it. Keep up the good work!!!!!!!!!!
I love hunting and fishing in Alaska. I would like to see the fees increase for non residents and new residents including military (I myself am retired millitary).
I love hunting and fishing. Our family depends on our Alaskan resources to live.
I love hunting fishing and traveling throughout alaska because of the wildlife it is amazing can never get enough of this wonderland
I love hunting for moose with bow and arrow. I like that I can provide meat to feed my family that is natural (free of hormones).
I love hunting in Alaska because of the wildness of the land, the abundance of the game, and the freedom to hunt almost anywhere.
I love hunting in Alaska but since I am not a good writer I wont say anything else.
I love hunting in Alaska, always is one of the most memorable trips. Getting out and enjoying the vast terrain Alaska has to offer is amazing, peaceful, and relaxing to me.
I love hunting in Alaska. It is a good deal for residents.
I love hunting in Alaska. There is nothing better than being able to go out your back door into the woods and hunt

I love hunting in Alaska. I am great full for being priviledged enough to be born in a place as wonderful as Alaska where I have to opportunity to hunt and fish everyday. The Pebble Mine must be stopped, the risk is to great.
I love hunting in Alaska. It is the best hunting i have done.
I love hunting in Alaska. You can go to places where you don't see any other people while you are in the field. Even if you don't harvest an animal, you can still have an amazing trip with all the wildlife viewing and scenery that comes with being in the outdoors.
I love hunting in and around Juneau. There are lots of opportunities and I hope it stays that way. This survey was not designed all that well for my particular December trip. I live in South Douglas and drove my boat to North Douglas to hunt for deer and ducks on a single day trip by myself so some of the questions were not applicable to me. Thanks.
I Love hunting with my daddy.
I love hunting, fishing and trapping in the GREAT State of Alaska!!
I love living and hunting in Alaska the scenery is amazing the wild life, I Look forward to every year
I love Sheep and Goat Hunting have a nice day.
I love that I can be hunting in less than an hour.
I love the Alaska outdoors
I love the Alaska, best place on earth. thanks for making SO MANY great hunting oppertunities!!!
I love the annual ritual of hunting for your meat supply in preparation for the winter months. The experience of being in the middle of nature is a thousand times better than spending a night at the most expensive hotel in Last Vegas.
I love the forest service cabin to camp in.
i love the hunting and fishing. it costs money to go on major hunting trips but that part of the getting away from all the people. the drawing for certain hunts is a pain as not many people i know get drawn but i have one time. i love living here and spend all my time away from work outdoors. my family is very outdoor active.
I love the late season any-moose hunts. Not interested in antlers. Also, not interested in competing for hunting grounds with a bunch of horn hunting party hunters. The cow moose I harvested is hands down the best moose I've ever had. We didn't see anyone else while hunting either; which is ideal! There was a foot of snow on the ground and it was nice and cool. Couldn't have asked for better conditions! I would gladly relinquish all trophy-status bulls for life, if I could get after- season any-moose hunts for life! Let me know if you are interested.
I love the opportunities that I am allowed hunting to share the experiences with my family
I love the outdoors, I love to hunt and fish and hike. It is even better with my family and friends.
I love the outdoors. I spend most of my free time hunting or scouting for new hunting location. I wish everybody could see the places that I have seen in Alaska but then again, if everybody were there, it wouldn't be as special.
I love the remoteness of the area we hunt. The challenge getting in and out of the hunt area is o good portion of the enjoyment of the hunt.
I love the state of Alaska I moved here 10 years ago. I am in the US Army and I am going to retire here because of the the land and the hunting oppertunities
I love the subsistence lifestyle that alaska offers for city dwellers like me.
I love the wilderness and the hunting experiences involved along with the tremendous opportunities for wildlife viewing.
I love this place. My three week visit turned into 42 years and counting. Too many bears up there these past few years. Mean bears.

I love to big game hunt here in alaska.
I love to fish the most but have been Moose hunting for the last 10 years and have taken 2 myself. My group has taken one or two in most the last 10 years and i love the meat.
i love to get out as far as possible and look at the country. the wildlife is exceptional.
I love to get out on my boat both hunting and fishing as what I catch or kill are what we eat as far as protein. I also share my meat with older people on fixed incomes to amke sure they are getting a healthy diet
I love to get outdoors, enjoy the sites and do photography while on our hunting, fishing or scenic trips, just getting outside with family and friends is reason enough to make the trip
I love to Hunt Alaska beautiful Like Nowhere else! Game Restrictions are Very Tough Many people Use the easy access areas Maybe a Longer and Larger Permit Process would Help
I love to hunt and fish in Alaska. I'll be doing another interior trip next fall and the costs are substantial with transportation. I'll spend \$3,000 just in ferry, fuel, and air charter. It's an expensive endeavor to hunt and travel in Alaska.
i love to hunt and fish. the december 2011 hunt for any moose on jber was a great hunt.
I LOVE TO HUNT AND FISH. WHEN YOU WORK YOU NEED TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS ON WEEKENDS. OPEN UP MORE DUCK HUNTING AREAS NEXT TO ROADS.
I love to hunt any kind of game and other than hunting I love to pick berries, and gather any kind of eatible plant. And on question 13b I didn't understand the question.
I love to hunt goat. Have done it for the last 16 yrs.
I love to hunt, so does my sons. We hunt every year. Denali area is a great place to hunt. Unfortunately the bulls that are legal are very hard to find. I can not get a tier II tag in 13 because I do want to kill a bull moose and I can not apply for a tier II if I plan to hunt in other areas that may be more likely to produce a bull.
I love viewing as well as hunting but as a person with physical limitaions, cost and accessibility are my biggest issues when it comes to hunting.
I love watching the Bears I bait in, looking for the size bear I want to kill and enjoy Mothers and cubs even though they are eattng my food/bait
I love watching wild life. I am more thrilled just watching the bear than shoot one. If I shoot one... it will be only for food. At this point I don't even care for hide... meat would be a priority and than what ever comes with it...! Beautifull State and its nice to see it at least as it is... Thank you.
I loved it. Went on two hunts: one successful for the party; and one wasn't. Beautiful country.
I made a mistake the hunt in question was actualy 5 days not 3. I do lots of hunting other than waterfowl even tho I do alot of that. I hunt deer and moose every year and spend a lot of time doing this as I rely on the meet for my family. I return home most nights, but do quite often rent forest service cabins. Hope this may help.
I misunderstood the question that ended with my October activities. I DID NOT hunt caribou in October, as at the time when Tier 1 reopened, I had a nasty cold and did not wish to add to my illness. Of course, the season was closed bt the time I was well enough to go.
I moose hunt the Taku every year
I mostly do hunting from a small boat - spending multiple nights onboard in remote areas.
I MOVED FROM MINNESOTA 7 YEARS AGO...ALASKA IS WONDERFUL COMPARED TO THERE.
I moved here 7 years ago and had the notion that hunting in Alaska would be easy, that has proven incorrect. Hunting here is difficult but fulfilling. You must put in time and energy before during and after your hunt to be successful.

I moved here twenty one years ago. I fell in love with this state and stayed. I currently hunt three other states. I also love calling in a bull moose every now and then. I enjoy hunting the McComb caribou in Delta. Bear hunting is by chance in the fall, No grizzly yet ! I do enjoy hunting waterfowl on the first day of September to start off the season ! I do miss my hunting ground in 20A , cow hunts destroyed the most dense population of moose in the state !!!!

I moved to Alaska 26 years ago for what it had to offer, and it has been an amazing experience. That said it has been disappointing to see the amount of pressure in a lot of areas around the state. South Central and the central Brooks Range I have seen change quite a bit.

I moved to Alaska 39 years ago to enjoy the wilderness and to hunt and fish. I have accumulated over 8,000 hours flying time in Alaska only as a private pilot specifically for the purpose of my own personal hunting and fishing. This survey does not adequately reflect how much time and money I spend to follow my passion for the outdoors. My biggest frustration is the increasing complexity of our game regulations. They are enforcement and bureaucratically friendly and NOT hunter friendly.

I need to eat. I don't spend a lot on hunting & fishing because there is a cost/benefit aspect to providing food. The seasons need some tweaking & I would like to see fins & fur stop issuing cow permits so that tannana flats moose #'s would go up. It would also be nice if there was a locals only hunt where you had to live within 100 or 150 miles of the area you are hunting, that way people out of Anchorage & the Americans on guided trips would stop decimating interior game #'s so that it is harder for local people to feed their families.

I often see more wildlife just driving through the State (or in my backyard) than when I am actively hunting. This also allows me to observe those species acting "naturally".

I only wish I had more money, more time, and an airplane so that I could maximize my access and opportunities to hunt. But, a crowded day of hunting in Alaska is lonely compared to a lonely day on public land in the lower 48.

I own a cabin in Gray Cliffs. We love to go there and try to do so often. Did not hunt much this last year with the restrictions on moose but did try for black bear. We were charged by a young brown bear 2-3 year old. Not much moose as the brown bears were thick. Not many black bears either. I feel there needs to be more pressure on brown bears. I can't think of any other place I would like to have a cabin. This year I am booking a trip with Alaska West Air for better chance for winter meat. I agree with the restrictions on moose on the Kenai but would love to see more aggressive action on predators in this area (brown bears). We need to protect our moose and not the brown bears. There should be a larger number taken each year of brown bears, black bears and wolves. I try to hunt every spring for black bears and do hunt every fall for moose and black bears. We as a family love Alaska and the wildlife. We also love to eat moose. This is becoming harder to do.

I own a floatplane that I use for fish spotting it helps me to find the elk every year on Kodiak Is

I own a fishing lodge in Katmai National Park. My son did a day hunt from the lodge and killed a moose.

I primarily hunt in the interior of AK GMU 20A. And I am absolutely convinced that Don Young's cow hunting program in the interior will be the number 1 reason for the decimation of the moose population in the interior. I have grown up and lived in rural Alaska, I've seen the moose population vary from year to year, but I have NEVER seen such a downward spiral of the population like I have in the last several years. I know the majority of the interior population wants this cow hunt abolished and I find it a true shame that ADF&G chooses to ignore the pleas of the people in favor of Mr. Young's theory that by killing breeding stock we are in some backward way preserving the population. With that said my wildlife "experience" in Alaska is pitiful. Where there was once game to harvest there is now barren hill sides!

<p>I primarily hunt moose for food and the are where my relatives own remote property and a cabin had more restrictive hunting regulations due to a decline in moose numbers. My family has relied on this resourse to offset the cost of meat for over 15 years and the declining population is a great concern.</p>
<p>i primarily hunted in eklutna for moose and black bear in 2011.i enjoyed hunting there,and hope to hunt there many more years to come.</p>
<p>I probably hunt more than most people, even in Alaska. This includes substantial time subsistence hunting for deer in SE Alaska where I live. I also make annual hunting trips north to partake in the great sport hunting opportunities AK has to offer. Last year, major trips included a sheep/caribou hunt on south & north side of Brooks Range, Kodiak brown bear & deer hunt, and duck hunt trip to Stikine River near Wrangell. I also was lucky enough to draw a Utah desert sheep tag and got to hunt those around Zion area last September. I grew up on a farm in OR and have hunted most of my life. Although my family loves to eat wild game, every year I care less about harvesting animals and more appreciate spending time living out in beautiful wild country, watching nature and animals, doing traditional activities and enjoying making memories with friends. The unparalleled outdoors, fishing and hunting are the primary reason I live in Alaska.</p>
<p>i really appreciate the fact that there is so much ATV access to hunting areas, without being able to drive ATV to our hunting areas we would no longer be as successful and would probably quit hunting.</p>
<p>I really enjoy hunting here in Alaska from float trips down beautiful rivers to horse back/atv rides up into beautiful open country it's my cup of tea and it fills my freezer and helps out a lot of people in need.</p>
<p>I really enjoy hunting in Alaska but it is difficult and expensive and the opportunities to explore a variety of hunting locations and successfully harvesting a game species are becoming more and more limited. Some detractors to the experience are: 1. The lock up of a very large percentage of PRIME recreation property in Native land selections. It is difficult to plan a trip and be certain of your access rights and responsibilities. This action has removed significant opportunities from a majority of Alaska citizens. 2. Requiring a 4 brow tine moose further reduces the opportunity for success and may have the long term effect of a reduction of the hunting population. If people don't see a reasonable chance of success, they will quit buying licenses and quit hunting. 3. The recent requirement to pack out meat on the bone can be burdensome and downright impossible in some cases. The reasoning is understandable but it is safe to assume that Alaskan resident hunters are meat hunters and will take care of their downed meat. Packing out a large 4 browtine moose shoulder is difficult for a small framed hunter or an older hunter. This legal requirement seems discriminatory against someone who has been hunting in Alaska for many years and still fit to continue packing reasonable pack loads.</p>
<p>I really enjoy hunting in Alaska, the experience of the outdoors is just as exciting as harvesting an animal.</p>
<p>I really enjoyed hearing wolves in my game management unit. I did not harvest a moose, but the experience of the trip (camping/rafting in remote area), including the presence of predators that eat moose, greatly contributed to my trip enjoyment.</p>
<p>I really enjoying hunting in the Southcentral region close to where I live. Thanks for your great game control so tht there are moose to harvest in our area.</p>
<p>I really hate the fact that in unit 20 our state has been authorizing a mass killing of cow moose! This is really going to kill future generations and moose are not overpopulated in the area. I have seen more and more bears and wolves than ever! Stop killing the cows.</p>

<p>I received orders from the Air force when I was 18 to come to Alaska. I spent six awesome years in alaska and I have recently been assigned to a base in MT. I Love AK, it's in my blood, and I will return to live in AK again. I've had many successful hunting trips while in AK and some where I didn't harvest game but I still had a blast. I don't agree with all of AK F&G decisions but I feel like they are close to the right direction than MT or my home state of WI. In short, hunting and fishing in AK is the coolest thing you can do in North America.</p>
<p>I received this in the mail so why are you asking such stupid questions.</p>
<p>I resent having to share hunting space with ATVs because of the noise and rude behavior of some riders. I saw a magnificent bull moose within 1/2 mile of home. Chose not to shoot thinking that it might not be a legal another spread. Could not discern #</p>
<p>I routinely drive from Fairbanks to Prudhoe for work and hunt along the way. I run a small environmental business in Prudhoe which is why I drive. I also hunt in the interior for moose with my family, including my 10 year old daughter who got her first moose with an antlerless permit in 2011. I mainly bowhunt along the Dalton Highway for grizzly bear and caribou. I also do some trapping along the highway and am planning to start a trap line in the Tanana Flats.</p>
<p>I saw lots of caribou up noth and in southcentral this year. I did not see very many moose to which Im disapointed.</p>
<p>I saw more Caribou on this trip than on any other trip in Alaska. South Central is Great if you can get a permit!</p>
<p>I see wild life all the time, mostly mouse and bears. I enjoy to watch as well as hunting.</p>
<p>I shot my first black bear on a hunting trip across Kachemak Bay in 2007. That hunt was an amazing experience which included boating and hiking, and I've participated in a similar hunt or hunts each year since. I look forward to harvesting a second bear in the future.</p>
<p>I Spend a considerable time freshwater fishing and waterfowl hunting. Most fishing outings occur on the Kenai River. For waterfowl hunting I prefer to access the Anchorage Coastal Refuge and locations in the Mat-Su area off of the Knik River.</p>
<p>I spend a lot of time in the outdoors and experiencing wildlife is an integral part of the alaskan experience. As a long time Alaskan, the harvesting of wildlife resources is extreemly important to me and my family, and our way of life.</p>
<p>I spend less time hunting in Alaska than I did in the lower 48 due to the time and money required to do so.</p>
<p>I spend on average 30 days in the field per year. Last year we went on trips to SW region for sheep and caribou. SC for moose and interior for moose. We often bird hunt locally for spruce grouse and ptarmigan. We almost exclusivly eat fish and game harvested by our family. My colestorol has dropped into a normal range without medication. I am retired and am able to spend more time hunting and fishing with my family.</p>
<p>I spent 32 years in Alaska conserving wildlife habitat and enforcing hunting laws, but seldom had time to hunt for personal recreation. In retirement, I've found opportunity to spend precious family time in wilderness Alaska pursuing game. For this I'm very grateful and only hope that state and federal wildlife managers will continue to manage Alaska's game for sustainability and quality of experience.</p>
<p>I spent many years in the military and hunted in several states. Nothing compares to my exigencies here in Alaska. The hunting opportunities were a major factor in my family deciding to make Alaska our home when the military sent us to this state. We love all the available land for hunting, hiking, camping and all the other many outdoor opportunities this state offers. It also allow us to provide a great source of natural food for our family.</p>

I started hunting in Alaska when I was 8 with my dad. I shot my first grouse on Fortrich. And first caribou hunt at 11 or 12 on the Denali highway. Winter hunts for moose up the little sue. I enjoy getting out in the wilderness and eating game meat. I don't understand the 50 inch and 4 browline rules for moose. What is the reasoning behind this? Is it for trophy hunters? I would like to see that go away. How many animals need to be hunted? Issue permits bull and cow as the only criteria and allow permit holders to harvest. Shut early when numbers are met. The same way caribou are in unit 13. Crazy_legs32@hotmail.com

I think due to the Predator Control Programs the State has in place, has increased the herd size and the quality of game animals in the areas I do hunt and view wildlife. The last two years has had a noticeable increase in both Moose and Caribou populations.

I think it's sad to see that so many people are willing to pack food and beer in, but fail to pack empty crushed cans out in the same pack they brought it in with... I just went to the Denali highway to scope out the next fall hunt and see if any bears were roaming yet. It was disheartening to see what has thawed out on the motor vehicle trails

I think living in Alaska allows the residents including myself a way of life and the ability to have outdoor experiences which can not be beat anywhere in the world. I feel very lucky to be a part of this state and using the wildlife resources.

I think non-residents need higher fees, and smaller number of permits with smaller areas designated for them, and farther away.

I think that the rules which are used for hunter's of moose or caribou that restricts hunters to only hunt in that unit-13 for big game is unconstitutional and restricts hunters to freely hunt outside that unit...it needs to be changed and made for free men and women to hunt where they please if they do hunt or take big game in the unit-13.

I think that the wildlife in my hunting aria is slightly on the increase, and we all enjoy seeing them. It is one of the reasons we live here. That and the fact that we can really get away from it all is pure excitement.

I think that wildlife regs should be changed so that if you draw blood on an animal, that counts as your harvest. I find lots of wounded animals when I hunt. It is ridiculous and wasteful.

I think the number of moose population has dropped dramatically because of the cow tags. It doesn't seem fair that certain people should have the ability to kill a cow. It's already hard enough for them to raise their calves in the wild with all the predators after them.

I think the state should abolish the subsistence hunting. All residence should be able to hunt any and all types of wildlife. Living in certain areas of alaska should not be used to determin if you can hunt or not. Once your name is drawn in the hunting lottery, it should be your name can not be drawn again for 3 years for that same game hunt. Let everyone enjoy the hunting lottery. The same people always win a ticket.

I think the terminology that applies to sport and subsistence hunters is discriminatory and racially biased. For five years I was unemployed I was unable to legally live off the land because of where I lived yet 50 miles away people with equal access to a store, and receiving income from Doyon dividends, were allowed to hunt spring waterfowl, yet we were in equal need of the resource, yet by geography and race I was restricted. I observe native "subsistence" hunters wasting copious amounts of game, yet lobbying for laws to restrict "sport hunters". I think everyone that is travelling a short distance to hunt, hunting out of home, should be entitled equal access to the game.

I think there needs to be more wildlife management. It seems like you never see a wildlife trooper.

I think your survey is poorly put together and probably will lead to inaccurate data.

I thought Adak Island was a flat grassy knoll. It was not, what a beautiful mountainous island.

I thought the no-hunt corridor for 40 mile winter caribou were a good idea
I took a 19 day moose hunting trip with 7 friends from my home in Anchorage to the Koyukuk NWR. We accessed the Yukon from the Dalton Highway and spent a leisurely 7 days making our way by boat to the Koyukuk stopping in at Tanana and Galena for hot meals, a little fuel and to stretch our legs. The weather was beautiful, the scenery amazing, and the people we encountered on the river for the most part very friendly. Arriving at our destination on the Koyukuk we set up a base camp and spent the next 5 days hunting. Everyone in the party who wanted a moose got one. 4 in all. I took one with a 60 inch spread and saw several larger moose. After filling our moose tags we spent an additional 2 days trying for bear, unfortunately without success. We then reluctantly packed up and headed back to Galena for a rest stop and fuel. We also shipped our moose back to Anchorage via air freight from here. The journey home was uneventful and our moose was waiting for us at the freight terminal. I
I took a 32 yr old female on her first caribou hunt in April 2012 - she got one.
I took a antlerless moose with a permit. It was close to home and the meat will all be put to good use. Win, Win, Win
I took my son on a youth hunt that was scheduled with the regular hunt. I would not have taken him if I would have known that schedule. It is hard to teach a boy safe legal hunting skills when everyone around you is acting to the contrary. Please consider this when making future hunt schedules.
I travel all over the state for work and love seeing wildlife, even though I am a hunter being able to see and admire all of the different speices around the state pleases me. One of my most memberable experiences that I have had was working in Barrow in December and went to the job site to see polar bear tracks. Although I never actually got to see the bear I still thought it was amazing.
I travel the southwest region maintaining ILS, VOR and communications systems for the FAA, I enjoy veiwing and fishing in Iliamna, Aniak, McGrath and Sparrevohn. My first hunting trip with co-workers was the best hunting experience ever and I have been hunting since I was very young. My family and I left our home and most everything we had to live here and we have not been disappointed. we love his state! My family would like to enjoy more but yes everything is very expensive. I'm hoping my family and I will be capable of experiencing so much more that this great state has to offer if we can
I try to kill a moose every year for the purpose of having quality meat to eat. My success rate is about 50%.
I use hunting as an opportunity to share valuable time with my teenage sons, to teach them and to connect with them. The meat is valuable for our winter food supply to have stretch our budget. The scenery we have experienced and have been able to occupy and be part of is priceless. We have trips with no success in harvesting game; however, we continue attempts...
I use the cabin all year, I hike out of it as well as hunt, usually caraboo or black-only back if it is a big one 6' +
I used to get tier 2 permits for moose and caribou, now I must apply for tier 1 caribou only. Since the change the elder family members that have received those permits in the past are not as likely to participate in the hunt or go on the trip.
I used to hunt more in Southeast when I lived there - with my Brother and Father as well... Those were good times! :)
I usually go hunting to provide food for my family so I do have to consider cost because if it cost as much to go hunting as it does to purchase food it would not make it beneficial any more because I do not hunt for the experience.

I value remote wilderness and dislike "development" that is forever changing the character of our lands and hunting experiences. I prefer that when restrictions are needed to conserve wildlife we restrict methods/transportation instead of opportunity. State land is being destroyed by ATV trails - often by people too lazy to hunt with their own two feet. More legal access to public lands that are surrounded by native land is needed, especially for areas where aircraft is restricted for hunting and foot/overland travel is the only way to get in. Federal subsistence hunting, trapping and fishing regulations are unfair, abused, and divide people. The importance of consumptive wildlife uses to an individual or culture cannot be measured by area of residence, income or other indicators that the Feds use. Thanks for letting me vent!

I very much enjoyed my hunting experiences in 2011. Even though I did not harvest anything, it was great to be outdoors and enjoy this beautiful state that I am proud to call my Home.

I want to kill a moose!

I was bear hunting in Minto Flats and a Brown Bear kept me in my bait stand for about an hour. Very exciting he just walked around me the whole time huffing and slapping trees till he finally left.

I was born and raised and still currently live here in bush Alaska. I am always out going into the wild, hunting, fishing and gathering eatable plants and berries.

I was born and raised in Alaska and I live a subsistence lifestyle. All the money I make working goes to sustaining that lifestyle and it really sucks having to compete with outside hunters, poachers, law breakers, thieves, trespassers and so on, ruining my trips of which I make a few hundred times a year. The price of fuel is making it very hard to live a subsistence lifestyle and outsiders are making it worse because they have no respect for the land, water, or indigenous people that live off the land year round. Not to mention the encroachment of development on all sides which mainly include oil & gas exploration, mining and people thinking that they should set up a camp or hunting lodge on every piece of unscarred land they see. Its pristine because the natives that have lived in the interior have been good stewards of the land since time immemorial and we plan to keep it that way.

I was born and raised in Alaska and went on my first hunting trip last year, successfully getting a Caribou. It was a good experience. Troopers stopped and talked to us, very nice and willing to answer questions that we had. No complaints overall!

I was born and raised in Alaska so i do all my hunting here. I love Alaska.

I was born and raised in Alaska, and most of my immediate family still resides in Alaska. I am currently serving active duty in the US Navy. My trip last year was a fortunate extension on a military training duty up in Eilson. I have drawn a bull moose permit for this season in the Delta Junction area which I will unfortunately be unable to participate in due to being deployed to Afghanistan. However I plan on getting the permit deffered to next year and plan on participating in the the draw program for the 2013 hunting season. I personally would like to see more oppurtunities for Alaska residents who are currently serving on an active duty or reserve status out of the state to be able to come back to hunt.

I was born and raised in Alaska. Hunting and being outdoors is why I have stayed in Alaska.

I was born and raised in Palmer-Wasilla. I started hunting with my dad in 1964. We have hunted unit thirteen for over 50 years. It breaks my heart to see the damage done by ATV's. It gets harder and harder to obtain enough Fish and game for my family that has been a tradition my whole life. I believe the longer you have lived, hunted, fished and eaten game and how much you consume on a yearly bases in a particular area should be used to determine weather you gualify for permits in that area, not just giving out permits to everyone that applies(their I). There are no permits to apply for moose in unit 13. We can't afford to go anywhere else and it doesn't seem fair. I am very unhappy with the limitation of caribou and moose for my family. Our yearly hunt is the most looked forward to event of the year and I want my son to be able to continue the tradition. Two years ago we did not receive a caribou permit because of the change in regulations two years in a row. It was the first time in my life(52years) that my family did not have moose or caribou in the freezer and in our diet. I am grateful for the Teir I permits but one caribou is hard to stretch for a year and I don't think they should be given out so liberally. I am looking forward to thisyearsvhunt and the many experiences and excitement it will have. I hope to take my wife and son this year which will make it that much more memorable. I truly love our greatstatevand I am proud to call it my home

I was born and raised out in a rural village and have been a subsistence hunter all of my life and have brought up my sons and helped train some of my nephews in subsistence hunting, fishing, and gathering.

I was born here and have enjoyed Alaska all my life for the very reasons that many come to the last frontier. The Hunting and Fishing and natural beauty weather it be summer or winter this experiance should be on everyone's to do list.

I was born in alaska and have huted and lived of Alaska's wild game my whole life. the hunting experiences are more of a family vacation that a meat harvest.

I was born in Alaska and have lived here most of my life. I am primarily a backpack style hunter and I usually don't fly out (but I have in the past). Because of this I heavily rely on permit draw hunts AND controlled use areas. I believe that hunting within the Clearwater Controlled Use Area is SO much better (to the north of the Denali highway and east of the Susitna) than it is to the south of the highway and west of the Susitna, where motorized use is prevalent. I believe this is true in both numbers of legal animals present as well as in the experience offered. I have encountered legal moose and caribou within a quarter mile of entering the controlled use area and within a half days hunt. Although I have never hunted south of the road, I have heard that moose are usually very hard to find and that caribou can be if the main Nelchina herd is not conglomerated near the highway. I attribute this scarcity of animals on the south side of the road entirely to large numbers of motorized hunters pushing them back further from the highway and into the brush and conversely I find the presence of animals on the north side of the road to be attributable entirely to the complete lack of motorized hunters within the Clearwater Controlled Use Area. The bottom line is that there are still great and AFFORDABLE hunting opportunities from the road and during the general season as long as atv access is forbidden during that time (at least for hunting). Hunters just need to get off their atvs and work a little and they will often find they won't have to work a lot. I also find the lack of motorized noise/activity to be aesthetically pleasing and spiritually fulfilling.

I was born in Alaska and have stayed here all my life, I hunt a little, fish and enjoy the outdoors year round by hiking, snowshoeing, skiing, boating. We see wildlife a lot and enjoy it when they are present, we take regular drives in order to see bears in our area.....

I was born in Alaska. It is getting harder to compete with commercial guides and non-resident hunters. They have high power tools to take much of the available harvest. Alaska needs to fund wildlife management and be less reliant on selling off our game for license fees and P&R funds. Alaskan preference should be implemented on all road systems and other areas residents can afford to reach. Displacing non-residents to more expensive areas is nothing more than value added to the Alaskan economy.

I was born June 13, 1944. Raised in a camp with two other families in the camp, and I still have a camp about 1/2 mile down river from the original camp site. Where I take my whole family for subsistence fishing. We don't sport hunt or fish, just subsistence.

I was deeply disappointed that unit 7 was opened to moose last year. My first day of caribou hunting under a draw permit was ruined when dozens of moose hunters descended on what should have been a quiet area open only to permit holders and a few sheep hunters. What is the point of winning a draw if the uniqueness of it is removed?

I was drawn for a cow moose permit off the south of Maud Rd. My dad and I were playing cribbage when the moose ran through our camp. It ran across the creek and I shot it with my 270 and died.

I was drawn to hunt tier two musk ox in Kotzebue Alaska. One of the other hunters who was drawn shot a cow musk ox and he was drawn again this year. I do not feel that this was fair. I took considerable time to make sure I shot a bull. I HAD A FRIEND WHO SHOT A COW MOOSE and it stood up so he shot it again only to find out he had shot two cow moose, he lost his license for one year. I think Fish and Game should be more consistent about how they punish people who intentionally or unintentionally break the state regulations. I depend on caribou and moose for food through the winter to help with the high cost of living in the Arctic and I am thankful for everything I hunt here.

I was frustrated with the exponentially increasing number of people hunting sheep in the area we hunt in the Brooks Range. I attribute it to both the locking up of the Chugach Range to draw and the insane amount of guides hunting every square inch of state land.

I was going hunting....with a friend. but he backed out. So I went on alone. The weather it changed and a chinook blew in. then it rained, and it rained, and it rained, and I did like it, more than one little bit. Then the trail got blow out, all stumps, tussocks, and roots all covered with ice. Most men would have winced then complained, but not me you see I was having the time of my life. Because a cold day in the rain out in bush is better than a day in the office listening to other grown men whine. So I was going hunting but instead had really really grand time. I loved the views, clean air, and most of all..... the silence. The silence of wind and trees. Moose or no moose it was a splendid time.

I was out predator calling. The weather was extremely cold and my success was limited. I also had a child which limited my time to spend in the field.

I was raised in Alaska and I never tire of seeing wildlife, both in and out of hunting season. I enjoy seeing wildlife even more than I enjoy harvesting wildlife whether it is moose, deer, or waterfowl. I have been saddened by the decrease in the moose population on the Kenai Peninsula in the last twenty years, but understand that is the product of a lot of factors. As much as I love hunting moose, I urge the State to work on the stabilization of the Peninsula moose population even if it means even more restrictive measures of harvesting moose at this time. Whether it is duck hunting, grouse hunting or moose hunting, I do not know of a better way to spend a September or October day in

I was unfortunately outside my hunt area & was sited for my miscalculation. My prep time before a hunt is now very extensive.

I went caribou hunting twice in South Central on the Denali Highway. First time, just spotting and looking for large bull caribou. Second time, hunted more aggressively, went off road with four wheelers and shot a nice bull. Great trip and will definitely do again.

I went looking for moose antlers in the spring and found the largest set ever measuring 69 inches. My hunting buddies son got a 8 ft grizzly this spring. Which makes the 5th one we have got at my cabin.
I went on the Rex Trail winter moose hunt DM761 last November and what's going on in that unit is a shame. I've been on that moose hunt with others twice and for myself once, and each time I've gone the moose numbers have declined considerably each year. Major restrictions need to be implemented in that unit to save what moose are left. Also predator control measures need to be increased in unit 15 on the Kenai Peninsula, the bears and wolves are wreaking havoc on the moose populations there as well.
I went to the Bush Co once. That's where the wildlife is.
I wish the moose regulations weren't so restrictive. 4 brow tines is almost impossible to find. Also Bison hunt shouldn't be restricted to every ten years, especially for older folks. I got my bison at age 62...now I can't get another permit til I am 72.....it would be great if I could apply sooner than every 10 years.....
I work for F&G, my life revolves around F&G (not the agency:), and I live for sharing it with my family and children. I look forward to seeing the survey results.
i would just like to say i love hunting in alaska.there are so many great things i have seen in the woods of alaska. it would take me weeks to type lol. i just want to say ty. keep up the good work
I would like to comment that I am not in favor of the cow or calf moose hunts in unit 20A. I do not believe that there is an abundance of moose in this unit and that overgrazing exists.
I would like to have more opportunity's to hunt in non-motorized areas. It is a much better hunting experience.
I would like to know how some guys can get tags they draw for year after year and others can not get a single tag. Make that system more transparent and fair and equal. I know a guy that has been applying for a caribou tag in 20A for many years. Another guy I work with moved up here and drew that tag the first year he became a resident. Not fair I say.
I would like to see an elimination of the requirement for guides by Non-residents. There is no good argument to be made about why they are required to use a guide other than lining a guides pockets. Some of these rules are made even more ridiculous by the fact that Non-residents themselves can be guides. I think this would be an excellent opportunity for the state because of increased license and tags that would be purchased. These non-residents will still spend large amount of money to be given the chance to harvest game without a guides help.
I would like to see the rules of hunting grizzlies over bait stations changed. The moose population seems to be dwindling in much of the Unit 13 area.
I would like to see the teir II caribou come back, my family depended on this hunt and has hunted that area for over 55 yrs. The people I see hunt there now do not respect the herd. I have see waste and over harvest.
I would like to thank the department for allowing me to take part in this survey. The only thing I would like to add is that the survey seem to be primarily concerned with the economics of the hunting experience which I believe helps all Alaskans. If you are seeing dwindling dollars being spent in Alaska it is because of dwindling wildlife resources, accessibility and excessive regulation because of the low numbers. Increase the number and quality of animals along with an opportunity to chase them, and the dollars will follow. It is the one sure thing I know to bet on.
I would love for ADFG to stop shooting cow moose in the Homer Area! Along with road kills going up, they have all but wiped out our moose in 15c.
I would love to see more Muzzleloader hunts available...they are a blast!

I would not live in Alaska if I was unable to hunt. Hunting and gathering wild food is very important to our family.
I would rather hunt and fish and get nothing with no people around ,than get something with lots of people around. Too many people equals litter and broken glass,(sorry). We are very lucky here in alaska, most people dont know how lucky we are to be able to spend time outdoors in beautiful surroundings with (many times) very few people around. Thank you for trying to improve it ,I think ??
I'd like to see more management areas geared toward quality of animals rather than quantity; specifically areas of Kodiak Island such as Sitkinak Island that currently have disproportionate buck:doe ratios exceeding 1:20, which promote inferior trophy quality and poor genetic health in that herd.
I'd need more space. Call me and I'll tell you about it.
I'd rather have game available for my kids and grandkids, than guides and outfitters destroying the harvests as fast as they can. I'd rather have more draw hunts, knowing that I'll get to hunt less, if it keeps the game numbers great in the state. Unregulated guideing/out-of-state guides are destroying the wildlife...to much mass-harvest nowadays, and getting worse.
I'll do whatever I can to be able to hunt and continue to hunt, as it is a lifestyle
I'll write it all down one day. Many wonderful experiences.
I'm 11 years old, I following my dad when he hunts so I can learn and when he gets old, I will hunt for him. Saw eagles, pocupine, geese,ducks, fished for pike and really enjoyed the warm and beautiful weather with trees all around. We have no trees in Scammon Bay.
I'm a born and raised resident of Alaska.At this time I only hunt waterfowl and the last 5 years or so,only the Mendenhall wetlands.My money expenses and number of game bagged are estimates to the best of my memory.My Mendenhall wetlands permit,questionnaire would have more accurate info on number of waterfowl harvested.Alaska Department of Fish and Game has done a good job of keeping the wetlands open for hunting.Hope this info has helped.
I'm a life long born and raised Alaskan resident.My family and I take care of a family friends cabin in which we hunt and fish from. This year I was able to take a buck from Manisfield peninsula. It was the first day of our hunt and I shot it about two miles from our cabin. Nice long hike back... It was worth it and a wonderful experience. I intend to remain in Alaska and raise my famly here so they can have the same experiences I had growing up in our wonderful state.
I'm a lifelong Alaskan and I hunt for food and for physical and mental health. T think the drawing permit system should be points based. You gain points each year you apply for a particular hunt but are not drawn, and points for length of residency,etc., and the highest point holders are drawn and then you start over. It is pretty disheartening to be putting in for drawing permits for 30 plus years and only being drawn 3 times, while new residents and non residents get drawn first or second try, and some people get drawn many times. I think residents should definitely have a priority. Thanks.
I'm a recreational prospector, "There is gold in them there hills" I was able to hunt Caribou and mine near central last fall. We all shot A good bull and found a little gold. The weather was picture perfect. It was one of my personal 5 best trips ever
I'm a resident. I'm in the woods hunting or fishing as much as possible
I'm a sixth generation Alaskan, and Alaska is our mother... Some want to treat Alaska like a whore-not cool...
I'm an efficient hunter. I spend much more time and money watching and photographing wildlife. I didn't harvest anything on this trip, but our party of 3 took 2 moose.

I'm curious how the harvesting of the largest animals only promotes the best stock. Since regulations exist for moose hunting only allow in most regions of Alaska, the ability to harvest the largest males and a few cows. While I understand the concern of over harvesting the younger male population, this left people to focus only on the most mature and best breeding stock. The removal of the spike/fork horn rule from harvesting and only having 50"+ /3 or 4 brow tine seems short sighted.

I'm getting to the point in life where quality of the hunt is more important than the quantity of hunting, thus the expenditure of \$1000s for a float plane flight for deer in Southeast to a remote cabin on Admiralty. I also spend a fair amount of money and time on moose hunting in the Interior, dragging a river boat to Fairbanks to get out away from crowds. If I never kill a moose but help my friends drag out theirs, it's still a wonderful way to live.

I'm glad we have grocery stores that sell meat!!

I'm not sure what this survey is all about and I was willing to take it up to the point of you asking about money and race. Thats none of your business

I'm particularly concerned about the increase of hunting presure in the Hulahula river area for sheep. Some idiot shot a record book ram and told the whole world about that place. I've caught word that scores of people are bound for that area. I believe the area guide took out 8 rams last year alone, which is an astronomical amount of sheep for a 5-10 mile radius of hunting pressure. Sheep populations are very delicate and I'm concerned. With the severe winter we've had, I feel the hunting pressure should be able to be reduced under emergency order until an accurate assessment of the remaining populations can be completed. There's no need for hunters to shoot up the few animals that remain after a tough winter.

I've been fortunate enough to view a family of wolverines from a safe distance looking out over a beautiful lake and watch moose saunter through the woods. I've seen bears, brown and black, walk the rivers and climb the mountains. I've seen sheep and goats climb seemingly vertical walls and scale mountains that look like I'd need climbing gear to navigate. A lot of outdoorsmen and women don't get the opportunity to see what I have and for that I am grateful.

I've been hunting and fishing in alaska for over 20 years. Moose hunting mainly. A large portion of our protein is from moose and fish harvested in Alaska.

life were spent in the wilds of AK. I've bow & gun hunted the north slope for caribou & bear and blew my boat motor up 20 miles up the Ivishak river in 05. While that was a bad experience, it's part of the AK experience and one I'll never forget and we also harvested 4 bull caribou). I've bowhunted the Dalton Hwy north & south of Coldfoot (one of my favorite areas) for moose & bear...while not successful yet, I'll keep trying each year I'm lucky enough to draw a tag. I hunted dall sheep on Nabesna rd in 2011 but did not harvest a ram. The last day of the trip was exciting as I awoke at 7 am to a grizzly climbing on my truck. I was sleeping in the cabover when I heard some noise and felt the truck rocking. Suspecting it was my partner rolling over in his bunk, I sleepily glanced down at him and realized he hadn't moved. I heard a vehicle stop on the gravel road in front of my truck, so I opened the curtain to see some foreign tourists snapping photos of something. I jumped out of my bunk, yelled at my bud that something was outside messing with the truck and grabbed my .338. As I eased the camper door open I saw a griz standing about 20 yards away chewing on something. I watched her for a few minutes as she started coming closer with her neck hair bristled up. I looked around for cubs or signs that she had cubs, and decided to shoot her. She never turned broadside, so when she pointed her nose upward to sniff the air, I shot her between the neck & shoulder. She dropped in her tracks, the bullet having travelled through her vitals and breaking her rear hip. Upon walking around the area I found prints where she had put both paws on the hood of my truck, then used the mirror to pull herself up on the running board and look in the window (as evidenced by the nose & paw prints). She then took a big bite out of my ATV seat which was apparently what she was chewing on when I shot her. We skinned her and started home, but we ran into the park ranger (whom we had chatted with a I've been living in Alaska since 1979 and have hunted since I was able to. Lots of deer, elk, mountain goat, bear, and moose along with sea ducks. I have 4 kids and along with my wife we heavily depend on wild game for at least 95% of our meat diet needs. We rarely need to buy meat at the grocery store due to our hunting lifestyle.

I've been living in Kotzebue for two years and Golden Eagle outfitters dropped me off east of the Buckland hills at the base of the small mountains where the tundra and valleys meet. My buddy shot a 64" moose and I shot a 61" moose on the first day of hunting. It took another 4 days to pack it out. When we were done they flew in, landed on the little gravel spot on a mountain spur picked us up. It took one flight out and three flights back to get all of our meat home. The expenses were mostly the \$600/hr of flight time (one hour each way) and the shipment to anchorage and processing. Other than that we already had all the gear we needed. It wasn't our first time.

I've been to Brooks camp in Katmai twice, probably my favorite experience in Alaska with wildlife, 2nd to winning the lottery for driving into Denali.

I've enjoyed hunting and viewing wildlife here in Alaska for almost 30 years. I've been fortunate to harvest moose, caribou, spruce grouse, and hares. This provided many delicious meals of wild game. This survey is for hunting but I've enjoyed dipnetting for salmon on the Copper River and on the Kenai River - lots of tasty fish for eating in the winter.

I've grown up hunting and fishing in AK my whole life, and a couple years ago started trapping. I've probably spent thousands of dollars on these activities throughout my time, but I believe my harvested food off sets my cost of living, and that it is why I do it. I don't hunt for sport, I hunt because if I succeed my family is better off because we don't have to buy processed meat from the store, and we can spend that money where it may be more greatly needed. Although with my "toys" I spend much time not hunting, they were bought FOR hunting, any other time on them is a bonus. I hunt for it to be cheaper than processed meat. Many of the information I have provided here are rough estimates, and many of them are one time expenditures that will not be made again until the item wears out, hopefully years from now.

I've grown up in Alaska, hunted since I was 12 years old. Dall sheep, caribou, moose, bear, mountain goat.... all these hunts I have taken with my father who taught me to shoot and hunt. I have loved living here and being able to harvest wild game for my family to eat.

I've Hunted in Alaska since 1964. (I've harvested much). My father, Bill Griffin, worked a a game biologist for Fish and Game in Tennessee and Alska most of his life, now retired and 86 years old. I still hunt- I have all my gear, guns, boat, 4 wheelers, planes, etc. I don't harvest much anymore unless it's easy or worth te work, but I love to observe and film. I would not take a grizzly unless he was my size and I could a parka of his hide. Moose or Carabou only if easy pack. My attitud.

I've hunted Kodiau south end for the last 3 winters- I hunt with a group of my parents friends an all mens group. usually a few teens. I have taken deer and ferral raindeer(Caribou). I have also obtaining my goat tags for this annual hunt, maybe one of these years I'll put in for a Kodiak Brown bear tag. I enjoy the time on the boat, as long as I keep my grades up my parents let me hunt.

I've hunted moose, caribou and sheep in alaska sence 1958 with my family and for my family. I'm a subsistance hunter only. But we make it a recreational experience as well. I hunt moose out of Galena and caribou up the 40 mile. (taylor hiwy.) Now, because of my age, I relie on my sons to take me with them on their hunts, and for me it's mostly a fun time with family. but if i get a chance to take an animal. thats just an added pleasure.

I've hunted mountain goat, black bear, and deer while in Alaska. My base for hunting all of them was a hatcher on Prince William Sound, so my trip expenses will be lower than most other hunters because I don't have to pay for gas to get to my hunting locations since they are close to the hatchery.

I've hunted near Pile Bay from our cabin with the same people, all from Anchorge, for 17 years. Now we are told that each of us must fly there to get permits each year. The Native Corp people who are controlling the permits don't seem especially anxious to give us permits, which causes an inordinate hassle. Coupled with the traffic and construction being done from Williamsport to Pile Bay to accomodate Pebble Mine, the quality of the hunt and the availability of animals has greatly deteriorated. The State seems hell-bent to approve the Pebble project and at the same time to keep outsiders from hunting the area, even though they have done it for many years from their own inholdings. Frankly, the whole situation is a mess.

I've lived in Alaska 47 years and remember going on Moose hunts with my Dad when I was 10 years old, now my Eldest Son is really getting into the Big game Hunting with me. It's just nice to get out with my Son and enjoy the scenery and animals. Last season we could have shot plenty of Cows or small bull Caribou but we held out for bigger bodied animals and it just did'nt happen. Were we disappointed? Nope! It was just great being there together.

I've lived in Alaska for 26 years. It is hunting heaven, and I have truly been a fortunate man to have enjoyed it as I have.

I've lived in Alaska for more than 30 years and would not consider living any where else. The hunting opportunities in Alaska are endless. There is no other place in the USA that even compares to the experiences and opportunity to hunt a wide variety of big game.

I've lived in Alaska for over 30 years and enjoy the lifestyle that Alaska affords my family and me. Hunting is a huge part of our lives and I've enjoyed showing my children how to hunt and fish. I've hunted all over Alaska over the years, as the cost of fuel and guides increase I've stayed closer to home. My hope is that my children will be able to experience the hunts that I have someday. I'm concerned that with increasing costs to hunt, those hunting experiences will only be available to the upper class who can afford it. It's a shame that hunting may turn into a "destination" experience for the wealthy instead of a continuation of a family tradition.

I've lived in Kodiak for two years. Homer, AK for five years prior to that, seven years in the Aleutian/Pribilof Islands prior to that. Kodiak has good hunting opportunities and good access.
I've lived in rural Alaska for 27 years. Fees for non-residents to hunt in Alaska could be increased a small bit more.
I've lived in Wrangell since 1994 and have hunted and fished every year since then. Before that I was born and raised in Fairbanks, AK and my earliest memories are going hunting and fishing. I appreciate the opportunity we are allotted via the ADFG to use our animals that live in our areas for subsistence use.
I've lived, hunted, and fished in Southcentral Alaska since 1974. I hunt every year at least once in the fall (moose/caribou/bear), and usually spring bear as well. Many years I include a fall hare and early spring ptarmigan hunt. I've never had bear problems in camp with the exception of one curious black bear on a trip that was NOT a hunt (and in an area where bear hunting was closed to firearms). I buy a trapping license every year, but do not trap. I do it because I snowmobile a lot (especially ice fishing) and want to have the legal opportunity to shoot fur animals if the opportunity arises.
I've used the same equipment & gear for many years therefore my costs per trip are low. If I'd had none of these prior to 2011 my expenses would have been considerable.
I've written all about it extensively... http://hodgemansoutdoors.blogspot.com/
I am a Disabled Hunter I Get My Exercise By Hunting I Love Alaska
I am new to hunting just in the last 8 years. I have yet to claim my own game but have assisted in a couple the last 2 years i have watched and tracked my moose but was unable to shoot due to being out of distance
If Alaska did not have the terrestrial animals that it has I would move to Chile. Chile is the last frontier but without the animals we have. Way less corrupt government down there and many more beautiful lakes, rivers and unexplored islands than here in Alaska. Wildlife is THE reason Alaska has the world recognition that it enjoys. Thank you. And thank the ADF+G.
If Alaska didn't have great hunting and fishing opportunities I wouldn't live here; the cost of energy is just too high.
If gas wasn't so expensive i would be able to hunt at more hunting sites. example way up river not just one area. didnt have enough money to do alot of hunting .
If it weren't for the outdoors of Alaska, I'd move out of this State in a heartbeat.
If the State of Alaska continues to pander to Natives and further restrict others who abide by the law I will likely look to move back to the lower 48 and begin commuting to my oilfield job. I moved to Alaska to hunt and fish and enjoy the outdoors. If it continues to become more restricted I will only work in Alaska and do my hunting and fishing elsewhere.
If you really want to know where and how much people spend to hunt in Alaska you should ask them to tell you about the largest or most expensive hunt not there most recent. Myself and two others from southeast Alaska went up into northern Alaska for a much more expensive hunt for Moose and
Il wish the regulations for Bison hunting would not specify gender. These hunts are expensive and time consuming and it is very frusterating to have several good oppourtunities to harvest an animal but can't because it's the wrong gender.

Im pretty new to the state, I can tell you without hesitation its much more costly to pursue hunting fishing in AK because of the required gear, logistics to go to the good spots. Airplane is nearly a requirement. I find the experiences are more rewarding, but fewer in number due to the expense and time required to just arrive on site ready to go. lots more prep, planning required for a fishing / hunting / camping trip. I love it here its truly tougher in AK. I must say the fishing (numbers of sport fish caught) is much less than i anticipated. Fishing was better much better down south. Hunting game was in greater numbers as well, nothing to go into woods to see 10 deer a hunt. Caribou and moose save you, as well as salmon.If not for Salmon, Moose, Caribou i can say i would not be here and would largely not hunt / fish here. But, its amazingly pretty, wild, and the remotemness makes it truly special, id like to see more game but would not want to kill more, just see the game, and let the fish go. i only want 1 animal a year to eat and enjoy, only a few fish to cook afield. Keep em straight, protect the resourse the best you guys can. I will do my part Ty

Implant more deer to southeast alaska and decrease the stipulations on harvesting wolves

In 2009 our family took a hunting trip somewhere in the Talkeetna mountains. I was 12. We were flown in, and it was a very remote location. There was no one around, and it was beautiful. It was in August or September. We saw one caribou on the first day, and two or three days later we shot one. It may have been the same animal. It was a young bull. We kept the meat in a seperate tent we'd used for food.

In 2011 I completed my fourth subsistence moose hunt in Haines, Alaska. We didn't get a moose this year, but the best part for me is getting to enjoy the experience with my dad, brother, and husband. I love being in nature, away from civilization, technology, and distractions. I am fascinated by observing the natural scenery, the beauty of a swamp, and observing wildlife in its element. Even the insects become a spectacle while sitting in the swamp. I feel strong and capable when hiking through the muck and mud, keeping up with the boys, and it feels a piece of my soul. This yearly venture is a highlight in my lasting memories.

In 2011 I did do more in state, out of state and out of country hunting than in previous years. I live in this state because I really enjoy hunting, fishing and outdoor activities. Unfortunately, costs for these types of activities are increasing rapidly, probably directly related to increasing fuel prices and decline in the value of the U.S.Dollar.

In 2011 I hunted moose in Fort Richardson. I took a nice cow which we have in our freezer and use for personal consumption.

In 2011, I shot a dall sheep and assisted with a successful antlerless moose hunt.

In a several year period I hunt moose each year, sheep frequently, deer when weather allows, caribou (rarely right now), ducks several times each year

in Alaska all my life, work as Alaska smokejumper first time in 21 years I got to hunt the fall hunt, thank god for the winter hunts I been just doing winter hunts.

In areas like southcentral, why not go to a drawing for moose, resulting in less hunters, harvest, and regulation, and higher hunter satisfaction. Also, if the harvest is light, there could be a late season registration bow hunt when moose are easier to call. They do this for elk in Oregon, and it seems to work well. I have lived, commercial fished, and hunted here all my life, as did my father and granfather. I consider it my heritage and myself a native, even though my skin is white. Unfortunately, the land I grew up hunting was given to other native groups who put up no trespassing signs for people with my skin color. It doesnt seem right. Thank you to all who work hard to protect our

In general a large amount of of my time is spent in the pursuit of game in Alaska. Having been fortunate enough to harvest a moose this past year (in addition to a successful personal use salmon trip) I have not had the necessity to purchase any meat for the entire year. Financially, though I invest a large amount of money into the pursuit of game, the greatest impact to myself and my hunting partners is the saving from grocery purchasing. Growing up in a quasi-subsistence lifestyle in Anchorage, my family nearly never purchased beef, rarely pork or chicken, and never fish. Most of the summer few if any vegetables were purchased due to gardening. Presently as a single person/single income household, the harvest of fish and game is paramount to my ability to survive on my present income. I thank you for the opportunities provided. Tim

In general they have been good. I would like to see more weapons restricted hunts that provide longer hunting seasons. Too many hunts in Alaska are short-duration rifle slaughters. Weapons restrictions decrease success but lengthen opportunities to hunt. Muzzleloader and archery only seasons should be implemented as much as possible to increase hunting opportunities even if success is low.

In general, the quality of hunting in Alaska is slowly, but steadily decreasing due to sprawl of the road system/human development, the locking up of land that used to be available for the public to hunt on, too many people hunting for too few animals (and the highly restrictive regulations that result from this), and sharing hunting areas with an increasing number of hunters with a very low wildlife ethic/respect for wildlife regulations.

In my opinion, hunting and fishing in Alaska are over-regulated. This is somewhat indicative of why so many moose are killed on the road and rail systems in the state. There are so many bull moose that fall within the "illegal" classification and are not allowed to be harvested. Even more plentiful are cow moose and the opportunity to obtain a permit for cow moose is extremely limited.

In my whole life in Alaska my wild life experiences are little. Not much of a hunter. I do go out hunting, only when it is necessary when hunting season opens. Most likely unsuccessful in most hunting due to the number(s) of decreases in animal(s) we hunt. P.S. no job since 2008.

In short, I've been a resident since 1955 and enjoyed hunting and fishing since I was a small kid. The opportunities are much fewer now, as far as places to hunt, (for the average person who can't afford to hire a guide or air service. Even hunting off the road system is not a cost effective endeavor anymore, inasmuch a way to keep alive an attachment to the outdoors and to be able to impart that to my grandson. Since my disabilities have gotten worse, I have concentrated more on hunting caribou, as they are smaller than moose and easier to handle alone. It is also more practical for me at my current age as I am not hunting for quite as many people anymore. It pains me to hear the ADF&G biologists say that the caribou herds (Nelchina) is at a healthy level, or, as I have heard in years past, that they are in danger of overgrazing their range. These folks have no distant memories of what that herd used to be like. I know what I saw a few times when I was a kid, but to talk with folks who were here during WWII or before, when they could cover the landscape. I do not mind a very limited, restrictive, hunt opportunity if the aim is to build that herd back to that level, at which point there would be an opportunity for everyone who wanted to hunt a caribou, but it can and should be done through suppressing predator populations until the caribou population increase is at a fast enough rate.

In the 5 years I have been going to Petersville I have not taken a moose or nor has a family member. I would really love to get one.

In the past few years I have been able to take my son hunting. He has been able to draw a few of his own permits. This past year he was able to harvest his own grouse and ptarmigan with a longbow off the Dalton Highway. Also this past year I had two out of state friends come to Alaska to hunt moose.

In year 2000 I had a Dall sheep permit and went TWICE to the Raspberry F&G office to ask for maps and guidance to define the hunting area. I went to the F&G desk twice. After waiting a long time at the second visit, I told the counter guy that I would figure the hunt area out myself. I harvested a female (ewe) sheep for meat then was charged with an illegal animal after I took the head into the Raspberry F&G office. Like who in their right mind would submit the head of a game animal to the office if he knew it was illegal? I had to forfeit the meat and turn in my rifle. Multiple threats came and were rejected by my attorney. We went to court. I was acquitted. I hate all relations with F&G. My attorney said F&G was going to hang me as a trophy. Rolland R. Grabbe, Ph.D. Chemistry, retired US Environmental Protection Agency.
Interior and SE areas were good this year. BUT - the SE Goat restriction was not a good idea, at all. Wish F&G had done other choices rather than close Baranof Island and surrounding areas to Goat hunting. PLEASE check into changing back to allowing hunting for Goats on Baranof Island.
It doesn't get any better than goat hunting in Kodiak Alaska God bless America
It has been great to live and hunt in Alaska.
it is a lot of work hauling the wild game, but it's a lot of fun enjoying the great outdoors...
It is always fun and a learning lesson.
It is difficult to get out for long remote hunts so my family and I rely on closer to town hunts. The drawing permit process is a JOKE, which is too bad because it would really be helpful to the Alaskans (born and raised) that happen to live in Anchorage to be able to hunt close to home to feed our
it is extremely fun to live in a place where you can step out your door and be in the wilderness
It is imperative that hunting opportunities be readily available to me while I live in Alaska. If I could not pursue my hunting passion, I would consider Alaska too expensive to live in. I consider the cost of living here very high.
It is one of my favorite activities and a large part of why I still live in Alaska! I love hunting and eating the game I harvest.
It is the greatest place on earth to hunt and fish
It is the playground of the soul.
It is too difficult to access remote areas without 4-wheelers, airboats, or planes. Alaska needs more bow areas and walk-in only areas. Moose hunting along roads is almost never a quality hunt.
It is wild. Love the great outdoor.
It just doesn't get any better than being out in the woods looking for moose or bear. What makes a perfect hunt (in addition to bagging an animal of course) is seeing very few people and watching wildlife during the hunt
It never gets old
It used to be that the enforcement agencies were there to help facilitate safe hunting and resource development for our future. It now seems that the attitude is to see what we can ticket someone for. This is not what the intention should be. People who are following rules and have the intent to safely and respectfully harvest Alaska's assets should not be in fear of seeing any enforcement agency
It was a good time, but never found an animal to kill
It was a trip into the interior to hunt the area of the 40 mile herd. Took a day and a half on wheelers to get to camp and in the week we stayed we never saw another human being. We did see another camp way up the trail but never saw the hunters. Out of the 4 of us that went one moose was harvested, a bull with an antler spread of 63". Had a great trip, saw beautiful scenery, and enjoyed every minute. Would have been equally fun even without killing a moose. Can't wait to go again.
It was amazing, with the exception of too many bears on Kodiak I saw some breath taking parts of AK and harvested a really nice goat.

It was awesome to walk amid a large herd of caribou that were moving through the area. strange to see no sign of any predators - other than people.
It was awesome.
it was fun and would do it again.
It was good
it was great - it was my son's first black bear. FYI, on one of teh cost questions I negelected to include the taxidermy costs, I added it in on one of the later questions regarding cost of the trip.
It was great moose hunting trip but me and my son never catch any moose yet since we bought our first permit
It was just the regular moose season, and our family loves to hunt and be in the woods. So every year we try to go get a moose for the family. Many great memories up the river with the family.
It was kind of tough for me to answer some of these questions as with how my family hunted during our last "trip" was simply stepping off of the porch to go look for ptarmigan near our house. Most of our hunting in the last couple of years has been all relatively close to home... we live in the bush. That is one of the reasons we live where we live. We like being able to go out our back door to hunt, trap, and fish.
It was my first hunting trip. I always have wanted to go but had no one to take me out and show me. The weather probably could have been better but had a great time. I got my Caribou it was very satisfying bring home food you really worked for. looking forward to going out again this year.
It was my first November trip to the North and it was absolutely amazing. We went up a little late in the month so most of the Caribou were out of reach. We spotted a few herds and met some hunters and we all worked together to try and harvest a few caribou but no luck. We had a few opportunities to take some cows but we were out for bulls. Overall I was pleased with the hunt but then again I just like being outdoors.
It was my first year hunting, my husband taught and showed me a lot in regards to hunting both with bow, rifle and shotgun. What scared me were the number oh hunters in our area who had total disregard for hunter ethics and lack of ensuring what lies beyond the target animal. Thank you.
It was nice would like to do it again. The cost of fuel will determine if it can happen.
It was OK but the weather was not good
It was pretty simple. Dad and I wanted to go hunting, but Mom and the girls wanted a vacation, so we tried to split the difference. We went out to Trapper Creek, set up the camping trailer, Dad and I headed out onto some of the trails, while Mom and the girls stayed at the trailer and relaxed. We were unsuccessful due maily to ill-preparedness and inexperience.
It was the first successful hunting trip for my son and me. It was a great shared experience.
It will never again be what is was like in the 60s, 70s, and early 80s in south central Alaska for hunting and fishing anywhere near the railbelt due to the population increase. Not everyone can afford airplanes etc that are necessary to get away from "town". We must build a road to Nome which will open up our great state to generations of Alaskans to come. This will provide all potential user groups, private and commercial, with vast new opportunities, state revenues included.
It would be great if there were more side roads on the haul road going back five miles with a big parking lot and camp sites. This would move traffic off the main road and provide parking and camping in an organized way. Dumpters would be good even though people should remove their own trash. Also, if the roads were plowed there would be great snowmachineing in the winter. There should be fines for leaving a trash around and fire pits could be made from short peices of pipeline. I know this would cost momey but it would help develop the area and create jobs building roads. Opening and closeing dates would have to be set up for snowmaching to protect the tundra as snow levels vary

It would be nice if the state would trasplant more deer in southeast, they transplanted elk and they are doing incredible. It would also be nice if the state would lessen the regulations on harvesting wolves due to their desimation to the other wildlife
It's a major part or our lives. It's a wonderful experience, always an adventure.
It's a privilege to hunt big game and no one is entitled to obtain/harvest one each time they hunt. The most important condition for a successful hunting trip is the opportunity to control hunting pressure, which means traveling to a multiple square mile area and being the only hunters working the game in that area.
It's Alaska.....no were else.
It's all about ACCESS! We need more access to the lands in Alaska via off-road vehicles. This state has the most prohibitive access regulations I have ever seen - and it's getting worse.
It's all about getting out into the wilderness, not necessarily harvesting an animal but just be out
It's all good!!
It's always a great family adventure. Always took my son. My wife went for the first time last year. We are all going this year. 3 generations will be in the field this year. My Wife, My Son, and Daughter In-Law, My Grand Kids and myself. Yes my cost will go up, but you can't put a price on these kind of
It's cheaper to hunt out of state than to hunt in state. Alaska's big game/ permitting system needs to be fixed.
It's getting harder each year with the increasing population and number of hunters to find areas with high concentrations of game. As a family that depends on a successful moose hunt, we have been forced to travel further into the woods. Alternate methods of access have also become vital to our success. We have stopped using ATV's and begun to hunt walk-in areas. The pressure on the animals is far less but the physical demands are far greater. I would like to see more areas become walk-in only. It levels the playing field for hunters who cannot afford airplanes and jet boats allowing people who need the meat to have a chance at success.
It's great I love Alaska
It's harder and harder to find a secluded place to hunt. More people should move and live in rural Alaska, not just go there to hunt.
IT's more enjoyable hunting in your own hunting land for all legal prey.
It's nice to get out and enjoy the outdoors, even if nothing is harvested.
It's really all about the experience of going out in to the wilderness for me and my wife. Harvesting an animal it a great bonus in which will help with the grocery bill. The more and more expenses go up the harder and harder it is to go out. We try accomadate this by bringing out friends to help with the costs. We spend most of our time out in the PWS to which holds a vast amount of different wildlife. It seems everytime we go out there we see something different.
It's the reason we chose to live and work in Alaska, and make it our home.
It's tough. Limited access and anywhere there is a road it is overrun by others. without a boat or plane you're screwed.Then if you are successful and the warden stops you they automatically convict you on the spot of doing something illegal. They seem to have the theory that if you got something it was done illegally,and you must unprove the gult on the spot.
it's why I moved up here.
Its always the greatest to be outdoors enjoying the great view and the wildlife. Also the great time with the family to be together and learn about where is where and how to be out in the wild. We are on the mighty Yukon River which is a popular hunting area and its real good to always see friends and relatives from all over. Living off the wild is a real tough duty and teaching it is a real treat to ourselves and to the ones you're teaching. So it's always good to be out.

Its Beautiful out In Denal Going Back Next Year
Its been great i have seen animals that i never would have if i had not come here and a lot of them.I have been on kodiak bear,bison,caribou,elk,mt.goat,moose,deer,and lots of small game hunts did not kill every time but enjoid just being out there.
Its getting crowded on the rivers.
Its getting to expensive to hunt in remote regions, mostly due to air charter costs
Its good, time to enjoy with family, still learning the country and how to hunt alaska,and where.
Its the best place i ever lived in. Best state! I had to leave. Too expensive. I was living in debt to be there. I hope to someday return.
Its great but the regulations are too strict. Brown bears should be open to residents and moose should be back do wtospikeforks
Ive been living and hunting here in Alaska for most of my life, and am appalled at the way the lands have been handed over to the native corporations in strips and chunks that cut off access to hunting grounds that the rest of us Alaskans could hunt if only we could get to them. Ive had to continuously change hunting spots over the years as access has been eliminated. Having went to elementary school in Kenny lake, and high school in Glenallen, I used to hunt and fish with many alaska natives, and consider myself and my children who were all born here as native Alaskans. Un fortunatly they will not be able to experience the same Alaska I did 45 years ago. Where I killed my moose last year, I wont be able to hunt this year, its been selected too. I also believe that making it so anyone who now puts in for a tier one caribou permit, and their family members can only hunt moose in unit 13 is causing crowding in those access areas. I used to get a tier 2 caribou permit every year they were available and used them. But I try to go where I am most likely to fill my moose tag and it is not the same every year, I also like to hunt moose with the bow, getting a tier 1 caribou permit would not allow me to do that. So I have not put in for a tier one permit and have to hope I can draw a unit 13 permit. I could allways go up to the haul road and get caribou with the bow, but looking at it from a subsistence veiwpont thats just to expensive a trip unless I can aford it just for the fun. Perhaps if they also had a moose archery hunt in unit 13, I would put in for a tier 1 caribou permit.
Ive hunted in Alaska for the past 38 years over the years subsistence has gone back and forth. Wish they would get their shit straight and do it one way or the other. Every year its a different story Bla Bla Bla. Other than that, Its been a very good place to hunt and fish. Thank for the opportunity to partake Jim
Ive only taken 1 moose in my 21 years in Alaska, but i take a king salmon every year!
Judging by the number of tracks we see on the river, Wolves & likely bears have depleted most of the cows and calves in our hunting area. We use to see many of each. We now seldom see either in a season.
Just being outdoors and seeing all the wildlife and scenic views is important to me. The harvest of he animal is second.
Just didn't have the time in 2011 to hunt fish and enjoy the outdoors as much as I normally would. Hopeflly this year is different.
Just great to be outdoors with the anticipation of seein the BIG ONE.
Just had a great time showing my three boys about Alaska and the great outdoors.
Just love being outside, in the woods or on the boat. Even more, I enjoy spending time outside with my family.
Just love getting out with the family and hunting exploring and riding ATV's
Just love to hunt!
Just love to share the outdoors and wildlife veiwing with my family

Just lucky enough and happy to go! No complaints.
Just recently, I was able to watch a grizzly bear for over an hour without it giving a rat's behind about me being so close to him. He did not mind the fact that I was in a motorized vehicle, and was close to telling us that we were not molesting him. He just continued to eat grass and willow buds.
just road hunted around fairbanks with my bow going back and forth to work. Did not go any where on a specific trip. I got into bow hunting for the hope of getting meat without having to take any days off from my construction job.
Just went moose huntin for a couple days and didn't see anything but was an awesome ride
Keep issuing as many cow moose permits in units 20, 13, and 16 as possible. Consider going back to the tier II system for unit 13 caribou
Keep listening to the public, keep politics out of it
Keep the lands and access open. The old Alaska is fast fading.
Keep up the special opportunities for bowhunters in AK!
Kodiak deer hunt was great,although i feel there should be bear hunting allowed as registration hunt. We enjoy hunting Healy for moose,sheep and bear,too many restrictions.Areas closed to motor vehicles and you can't go here or there you can't part on this bank ect. bow area should be closed to bow and open to rifle last 10 days of moose season.
Kodiak is a great hunt if weather cooperates.
koykukok (sp) moose trip (with permits)....one of the best trips we have ever had....my 12 yo granddaughter took her first moose....a real trip of a life time..... please keep alaska this way for our grand children and those that follow
Lack of access to hunting areas. If you don't have a plane,boat or off road vehicle you can't get away from people to hunt. to many people hunting in limited access areas. Need more road access around the state to make hunting access easier for people. The limited access makes for more people in one area and makes it hard to take game because there isn't ebough around. I have looked into hunting out of state and will probably start doing that. the cost is almost the same as alaska. I can fly to the states and hunt more area with easy access and less restriction for the same amount as I can fly in state and have to charter a service to get me to hunting areas to have sucess. I can go to Minnesota spend \$640 for round trip air and \$150 for out of state license and have easy access to black bear and whitetail deer. you are able to take up to 3 deer and a bear. It would cost me more than that to fly to kodiak and charter a boat to take 3 blacktail deer in a lot harder hunting conditions. I looked into a prince of whales hunting trip and it would've cost me \$1800 for the trip plus food and now they've made the restriction so tight that i would not be able to hunt bear at the same time because you can't use a vehicle to hunt bear at that time of year. Regulations in Alaska are so hard to understand and hard to judge in the field it makes hunting very unpleasant. You spend more time trying to learn the regulations than you do hunting. I had a caribou permit and the hunt went from august to november and january to march and i didn't hunt the first session and it said that i needed to report my hunt at the close of season so i was waiting to report in case i plan a trip for march but i lost my permit ability for a year because i didn't report in november and it never said that i had to report both sessions.
Last day of moose season after much calling,& raking the brush, my 16 year old granddaughter and I called in a bull. He came within 60 yds. of her and although not a shooter It was an experience she and I will never forget....they are awesome animals!
last fall(2011) we went up near goverment creek and little susitna river to hunt moose we were driving are atv and came to a spot were we couldnt go any farther and turnd it off then we herd loud growling in a dense spruce thiket we think it was to brown bears fighting over a moose gut pile and we got out of there fast

Last May I was able to not only harvest my first bear (6' cinnamon), but I was able to do so using the same Winchester Model 94 .30-30 rifle that I used to harvest my first deer in Montana in 1990. That same rifle was given to me by my father, who had received it from his father.

Last summer took a 2-week solo canoe trip down the Yukon. Despite the weather, a fantastic trip!

Last year I drew a moose tag for Arctic Valley so I had the chance to hunt in my own back yard. On the third day of the trip I was charged by a brown bear which I shot in self defense. By the time I got the bear hide out of the woods and turned into fish and game, I was out of time to hunt for moose. I hunt locally, almost exclusively, because of expense and time available. Local access and game availability are very important to me.

last Year My Wife Got 2 Bucks She Enjoyed and now Hooked

Last year was another epic year of hunting and wildlife viewing. I love Alaska for its wide open spaces and great opportunity to enjoy many of the wonders it has to offer. One exciting experience was of a goat and sheep hunt in the Wrangle mountains. My buddy and I fly into the Wrangles to hunt every year and this past year was a great adventure as well. We landed and seen at least 6 nice rams on the ridge across the river and thought of crossing it to get the prized creatures but decided after looking around to travel to the east where we have harvested many trophies in the past. After traveling for 3 days with 50 lbs backpacks were into the goats. After climbing around in the rocks another day my buddy and I were in shooting position of 2 nice billies. I shot mine at 75 yards and my buddy shot his at 497 yards. It was great. After the shooting was over it was another 2 hours of climbing back to the goats to retrieve them and put them in the packs. Climbing back up the steep rocks with 2 goats was another story that did not happen as planned. We kept making our way around the mountain to find an easier route that never presented itself. On the second day after running out of water we retried down the mountain to the river for water. At the glacier we drank and drank. I think almost 1.5 gallons each. Then after spending the night again at the river we found another route to the top and our camp. 28 hours of climbing the mountain with 2 goats we made it back to the top and back to the landing strip with no time to spare for hunting those big rams that await us for next year. They have been in many dreams and I am sure will be on the wall by next year. Enjoy!

Last year was the least hunting I had done in 30 plus years living in Alaska.

Learning! Never successful, always fun!

Left the house at 5AM, shot a moose at 0900, hanging in the garage by 2100. Good day. I think we should limit ATV use in some areas. lazy hunters are tearing the crap out of some really pretty areas. If a guy needs to drive a \$15,000 six wheeler to a hunting spot he sure as hell does not hunt for meat. If a guy likes to hunt to enjoy the outdoors then enjoy it without tearing the shit out of everything. Get off your fat ass and walk like a hunter should.

Less federal police on the hunting grounds.

Lets get back to biology and away from the political BS. Throw the feds out of game management. How about if DNR and F&G start making more of the state accessible to spread out the pressure, and get the feds out, and make it easier for all of us to harvest game and better for the overall game populations. Why am I restricted to a certain size, type, or season, and others have no such restrictions? or regs are loosened to allow for easier access or higher potential for harvest. Get real, there are very, very, few people that depend on game for food. Even more ridiculous is the notion that if you live in one area versus another, you need that animal to survive and can harvest an animal that would not be legal under a harvest ticket.

Life long harvester of this land. Subsistence and everything that goes with it is my lifestyle.

Life long hunter in Alaska. Started Hunting with My Grandfathers , Father and Uncles when I was 10

Life member of RMEF, an avid outdoorsman loving the land and it's animals. Huge supporter of the wildlife and this state. Just love having the opportunity to hunt everything but not getting charge an arm and a leg.
Lifelong Alaskan - love seeing the scenery and wildlife whether I'm hunting or not.
Lifelong Alaskan, love the opportunities the state offers. That's why I'm here.
Like to hunt and fish! Like going up river by boat,seeing the country side. Its always good to camp by river in tent and hear the water. Like boating around to find moose and also climbing mountains to look down valleys for for big game!
Like to moose hunt with my super cub. Let friends and relatives pull the trigger and share the meat and work with them.. Not a trophy hunter, targeted a younger bull moose.
Likes: Wildlife variety: I love the broad range of wildlife oppertunities. Birds, predator, small game, to large game. I can not remember an outing that has not revealed some sort of wildlife that can be observed. I particularly enjoy seeing and watching otters. They are the most comical animals to watch that I know of. I live in Southease and I'm fortunate to be able to visit them frequently. Hunting Locations: I really enjoy the options and variety that Alaska has to offer. Drive up camps, state cabins, drop in float trips, boat access, etc... Most frustrating element: "Road Hunting" should be defined as "Road Shooting" - fine to drive up and down the road all day if you can't hunt but not ok with the riffles hanging out of the window. Particularly common scene north of Tok and North of Heally.
Limit guides and not residents getting through the next of kin loophole. The Brooks Range is turning into a zoo. We were fortunate and did not run into others while sheep hunting, but everyother person I talked to did. I hunt in Southeast and am concerned about the federal subsistance deer hunting going on. I know this is federal but something has to be done. I know there are many people who are taking well over 30 deer with proxy tags, most of which are shot from the road or spot lighted. These people are using this system to sport hunt and are going out and collecting tags from people who would not otherwise hunt, and using these tags to keep going once their tags are filled. THIS SYSTEM IS BEING ABUSED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!There must be limitations in place.
Live In Juneau, typically hunt deer & bear in southeast only. Usaually hunt on Chichigoff, Admiralty, and mainland.
Live in the boonies, surrounded by wildlife. Hunt small game, moose and caribou.
Live in the rural interior. Overrun every year by hunters from the cities. Not able to compete for food with the pleasure hunters. Struggling to make ends meet. Trails are getting torn up.
Lived in Alaska my whole life. Grew up hunting and fishing my whole life. Ive successfully got 6 moose my whole life. My first moose I've got was when I was 13 years old. I love the great state of Alaska and will never leave.
Lived in Nome for over 27 years, Love that country. I hunted and fished for that amount of time up there. My son lives there now, and it is a pleasure to be able to hunt with him and be back in Gods Country.
Living in Alaska is the best! The mountains and remoteness, and seeing an abundance of wildlife. I wouldn't live anywhere else.
Living in Unalakleet for the last 10 years has been a most rewarding time in my life, both for the job that I had and the chance to be out in the wide open for hunting. moose Caribou and muskox.
Living the Dream

Long term hunter that does not mind spending a reasonable amount for the privledge of hunting. Have changed some habits in the past caused by excessive costs for example caribou hunting across the inlet from Anchorage. The airfare just got to extreme. In other years we use the Alaska Ferry system to travel to Kodiak and this works well for a economical hunt. We just wish that the schedule could be put out sooner.
Looking forward to September moose season!
lots of fun
lots of fun hunting alaska but it is expensive
Lots of griz on the KP. One year too late for the registration hunt as the AF sent me out of state. It took me 7 years to get stationed at Elmo. I hope it takes less than 10 to get back. If not, I'll never be able to afford to enjoy the great state of AK ever again. At least not how I want to. Enjoy what you have. You never know when it will be taken away from you. BCR
Lots of them, I hunt,fish & trap often. Mostly I enjoy hunting ptarmigan & snaring hares w/my 10 yo son via snowmobile or snowshoes. Seek areas with few folks, and yes it is possible on the weekdays!
Love Alaska just wish residents were chosen for drawings before non residents.
Love Alaska, make my living hunting, fishing and photographing
love alaska, would not live here if i did'nt
Love Alaska. Greatest place in the world to hunt.
Love Alaskan outdoors. It's the reason I live and plan on living here in this great state. It is getting harder to go places that others haven't moved into location or people using hunting trails during times of hunting for personal recreation that somewhat affects your outcome.
Love all the fresh air!
Love being outdoors in our great state
love being outdoors, camping, taking short walks, enjoying the scene, and spending time with family
love getting out into areas where there are fewer folks. enjoy watching animals and birds with some photography. If lucky enough to successfully take an animal, that just makes the experience much better.
love hunting and fishing
Love hunting and fishing in AK, just need more time to do it.
love hunting and plan on doing more this year. Wish I was good at it. Worked to much last year.
Love hunting and the outdoors----thanks for the great wildlife management.
Love hunting with family. Want to kill a moose!
Love it
love it
love it
Love it
love it here
love it keep up the good work
Love it!
love it!
Love living in Alaska and getting the opportunity to hunt for our food
Love my moose meat.
Love remote alaska
Love the hunting there, wish I were still a resident.
Love the Out Doors Just Sitting and Listening to the wild life A great Reward
Love the outdoors

Love the seclusion yet accesebilitu by 4 wheeler and or trail.
LOVE THE VIEW NO MATTER WHERE I GO UP HERE
Love to be in the woods I do not get to hunt like I would like So some time I take picture, I like the late hunts in Dec. because I'm working in Sept. can't get off,
Love to get outdoors and see wildlife. While I saw 1 legal caribou on this trip, I didn't get a chance to take a shot. It would have been nice to see more animals in the Lake Louise area.
love to hunt and fish in alaska
Love to hunt and fish in our great state. Is the place to experience a true outdoor adventure. The added bonus is the great food one can feast on during the winter as he relives his adventure every
love to hunt in alaska.
love to hunt in alaska. the exepeiencies will last a lifetime. no othe rplace i have ever lived provides us with these opportunities and ease of access, year round
Love to hunt in unit 13
Love to hunt...but am starting to feel my age.
Love to See the Beauty Of Wildlife/Sharing Friends and family
Love to see wildlife have hunted and trapped in Alaska for 30 years
Love watching and photographing all bears
Loved Alaska wildlife. Truly miss Alaska's beautiful wilderness.
Loved all my hunting experiences in 2011. I guess I have fewer issues with the hunting regs, areas, etc but more so with the limiting of the fishing possibilities around the coasts as well as the interior. We will not be halibut fishing at all this year because of the changes in catch and we usually make at least 1 trip each year from Fairbanks to the Kenai to fish them. With the economy, the more restrictive you make things on the sport fishing side, the fewer the numbers of folks who will want to travel to the state and thus that will spread the good word a out Alaska.
Loved it
loved the remoteness and beauty
Loved the Yakutat Area!
Lower gas prices!
make hunting access easier for people who have dissabilities, cut cost on fees for the disabled and allow speacial hunting areas
MAking memories with family and freinds is priceless!
Maybe we could delay the moose hunt opening to the tenth of sept. Moose don't come down until it cools off.
me + Gun - Bear = me Happy :)
Me and my 3 brothers were hunting in China hot springs road for 8 days. We rented a cabin there and had a great time. One of my brothers flew in to Fairbanks from Wenatchee Washington. We all spent alot of money, but well worth it.
Me experience with wildlife begin with my parents killing two moose in the fall and one during the winter to feed their family of ten kids any regulations telling them how much to feed their family. I'll always think that nature have first priority at the wildlife, and only through them outside hunters would be able to hunt on their land.
Minto Flats is awesome
Moose and Caribou populations are increasing due to predator control. Please continue the predator control.
Moose are the number one most hunted animal in the state by sportsman, and it is harder and harder to find quality animal.

Moose Hunting area 22 Impose antler restrictions to Build Herd
Moose hunting has declined. More predator control is needed.
Moose hunting in Southcentral and black bear in the Interior. Rifle and Compound bow. Boat in with and utilize ATVs for travel once at the hunting area. Hope to go sheep hunting with my sons..TBD. Hunting and Fishing Alaska are my two #1's for any activities for recreation.
Moose hunting in SouthCentral needs improvement. Not enough moose to hunt.
Moose hunting interior and southeast grizzly hunting all Bow and riffel statewide
Moose hunting opprotunity on the Kenai Peninsula is terrible.
Moose hunting provides our main year-round source of meat, whether taken by myself or by hunting partner and shared with my family (subsistence). My wife and I are bonded with Alaska wilderness and a big part of our living here is because of our enjoyment of wildlife.
Moose hunting with my 16 year old son is the best. However, spring bear hunting is less than enjoyable due to the large percentage of brown bears in Unit 16A.
Moose population in our area has dropped dramatically since the huge antlerless moose hunts of recent years. Those hunts encouraged a cabin lesee to carry in planeloads of 'hunters' who probably unintentionally bumbled in to our stalks, and intentionally rode ATV's up onto our camp site to 'try to get a cell signal'.The cabin owner was definitely guiding, but since his plane is supported by his church, it is not 'really' guiding. It was really sad. The first portion of our trip to camp was all shredded with mess from the Eva Creek wind farm, I am afraid of what it will look like next year. I can only hope that the project and the drastic reduction in game will have an effect on the hordes of ignorant 'hunters' that have been pouring into the area since the big antlerless drawings started. There is a huge wilderness across the river that is not open to off road, but is open to planes-so the trophy hunters from the lower 48 and the rich folks can hunt over there.I realize that the Big Game hunters spend a lot on their trips, but the people of Alaska spend a lot on fuel and electricity. If we can't hunt, we can't afford to live here much longer. I can honestly say that moose camp is my vacation, and it is my only vacation, and if I can't find a legal moose, I will have to eat overpriced vegetables from the outside most of the year, it is a bet, I cannot afford groserly store meat.
More moose and more liberal hunting on predators, especially brown bears. Allow baiting for brown bears as well. Quit wasting state money on predator control programs when all you have to do is let the residents do the work for FREE! Bear hunting is too restrictive. F&G should ask volunteer hunters who hunt black bears over bait and have trail cameras on their sites, to offer their pictures of all the numerous brown bears that are being pictured at hundreds of sites across the state during bear baiting season.
Most of my hunting experiences take placce as an asst guide so any time outside of work is a great time for me to spend with friends and family. The adventure and availale access oppourtunities are most important. My BIGGEST concern is the federal subsistence regs and "rural" designation along the road system. This should be managed in state not federally.
most of my hunting is done in 16B, I've been hunting out there for 30 years and have seen the highs and lows of Moose population. It seems to me that the moose are comming back strong with all the preditor control programs going on out there. I feel that the ADF&G need to stop the Tier II program and just give us residents a Sept. 1 through Sept 30 hunting season again until the population gets stronger and then let non residents hunt.

<p>Most of my wildlife experiences in Alaska have been great, but there was a bad experience and I believe F&G can address. I drew a cow moose tag for Chena Hot Springs Rd. this past August. I believe there should be a minimum requirement to be off of the road for hunts like this. There were multiple people driving up and down the road, and witnessed two people shoot from the shoulder of the road. I understand that this is legal, but it really takes away from the term/experience hunting. Again I have made multiple trips to the slope for caribou, bear baiting, PWS halibut, etc. and have the ultimate outdoor experience from being there in AK.</p>
<p>most of our game gos to the city and moneyed hunters or seasons are cut do to closers do to to many outsiders and gas is so high most loc hunters can not aford to go hunting anylonger with out the federal seasons ect we would not have or food they need to take over all game in Alaska the way AFG is running things is right down the shitter</p>
<p>Most of our hunting is done locally (within 120 miles of Fairbanks). We love the winter 40-mile caribou hunt and are usually successful. Moose hunts are less productive.</p>
<p>Most predator control is a waste of money. Pike need to be managed, you'll not get rid of them.</p>
<p>Mostly fish but have taken 5 black brears in the past few years in PWS, shrimp,salmon and halibut are also high on our list along with \$1,000 naps on the water</p>
<p>Mostly gonna hunting fall, winter times with my friend. First time, i take my friend to moose with snowmachine. lots of fun to ride long way.</p>
<p>msh sixe keep changing more fuel costs</p>
<p>Much less time to hunt last year, as needed to help terminal Cancer neighbor with housing maintenance. Hunting is two things for me: MEAT & Time away from all the presures of the civilized lifestyle. I believe the meat is better for me than grocery meat, and even the home processing is part of my life and satisfaction at the end of the work.</p>
<p>Much of our family diet is related to hunting and fishing. The meat we harvest has is culturally important to our family. Our family trips are planned around these harvesting opportunities and our children take part in harvesting and processing our food. School teachers report to us that our children talk about family outings of hunting and fishing and that our children tell them they cannot wait to go fishing and hunting - one teacher told me this year, "these are lifetime memories that your son will tell his son someday".</p>
<p>Much too crowded. Access is difficult.</p>
<p>Multiple moose hunts into Koyokuk River area. Prince William Sound Black Bear hunts by boat and two caribou hunts near Chicken.</p>
<p>Multiple trips, single day to multi-day trips.</p>
<p>My 16year old son harvested his first caribou and a trooper informed him that there was an emergency closure at midnight last night. The trooper took the caribou; my son paid \$1050.00 and lost his hunting privileges for a year.</p>
<p>My boyfriend said, "Let's sign up for a mountain goat tag." I asked "Why?" I drew the tag. He didn't. I busted my butt going up and down mountains all fall, and our weather in Ketchikan was beyond horrible on the first days of hunting. I had fun but would have loved it so much more if the weather was better and if we actually got something for working my butt so hard! :)</p>
<p>My Daughter shot a Brown Bear on kodiak & I shot a nice moose in unit 13</p>
<p>My Elk hunt on Etolin Island was the best hunting expeirence I've ever had in Southeast. We left by boat from Coffman Cove. After a grueling hike and 7 hours later, I had shot my first Bull Elk in Alaska. Would love to do it all over again. The weather was perfect!! I cannot wait for my girls to have the same expeirence. Joe.R</p>

<p>My experience of hunting is to try and don't give up and you'll be shore to get some thing. I know because I've done it.</p>
<p>My experiences for moose hunting in the interior are the highlight of my year. The scenery, the smell of fall, the colors and of course getting out of the Rainforest of Southeast all enhance the experience. The hunting regulations however significantly take away from the experience. I have hunted in areas with no antler restrictions and for those years only managed to spot cows and calves. I have since changed to hunting areas with antler restrictions and manage to spot and stalk many wonderful bulls each year.....only to discover three not four brow tines and maybe, maybe not, 50 inches. Although less frustrating than not seeing bull very disheartening.</p>
<p>My experiences have made lasting memory for my family. One of the best ones is saving a baby moose from drowning on the river.</p>
<p>My families idea of a successful hunt is one where you see alot of wildlife and nobody gets hurt. We do not have to harvest an animal to have a successful trip. With that being said, we did see alot of animals while hunting in 2011. None of the animals we saw were legal by regulation to harvest. We saw alot of bears, but none met our 6 foot plus criteria for harvesting. We will continue to hunt and enjoy Alaska whether we harvest an animal or not.</p>
<p>My family and I do a lot of outdoor activities and hunting is only a small portion. As a family we spend alot of time just being in the outdoors and love being able to enjoy the wildlife and scenery.</p>
<p>My family and I go hiking frequently. Friends and I go hunting and fishing on a regular basis. Most of the information provided was for last Septembers moose hunt which was my fist time out looking for moose.</p>
<p>My family and I have hunted the same area and used the same camp from 1983 till the present. With luck we will continue the same for another hundred years. We don`t hunt for tropheys and we never take more than we can use. We try hard to control predation by bears and we have very few others in our area.</p>
<p>My family and I love Alaska!! We've had many adventures in the short time (9 years) we've lived here. We've actively hunted for Moose, Deer and Bear (black & brown) plus we've hunted Ducks, Grouse and Rabbits. We're active snowshoers and love the Alaska outdoors. We also enjoy the fishing in Prince William Sound.</p>
<p>My family and I love to hunt and fish wether it be moose caribou bear or something smaller and we travel Alaska to hunt</p>
<p>My family and I truly love Alaska, but I do feel that the wildlife management and direction is going downhill!</p>
<p>My family has been subsistence hunting for several generations. Expense and regulations have severely limited that experience. It is increasingly difficult to continue this tradition with increasing restrictions. Alaska fish and wildlife should be available to Alaska residents first. Any regulation must limit non-resident harvest first. This is guaranteed by the Alaska Constitution.</p>
<p>My family hunts for food. It is part of our way of life. We respect the animals, the land, and the beauty of Alaska.</p>
<p>My family hunts primarily for moose. One moose and 60 red salmon seem to satisfy our need for meat for the year.</p>
<p>my family loves hunting. we go mostly for small game but are always ready incase a moose presents itself. we enjoy campaing and usally enjoy a weekend of camping /bird hunting each fall.</p>
<p>My family loves to hunt and fish in the state of Alaska we spend a lot of time on the rivers during the summer months.</p>

<p>My family moved to Alaska in 1970 when I was 5 years old. My father started me shooting and hunting small game animals at 8 years of age. When I was 13 years old, I started hunting big game animals. I have harvested numerous Moose, Caribou, Black Bear, and Black tailed Deer in Alaska. I conduct all of my hunting and fishing activities in the great state of Alaska only. Thank you, Jeffrey Allen</p>
<p>My family relies mainly on meat that is hunted, we have 4 freezers that are mainly full with caribou, musk ox and marine mammals such as beluga and oogruck, and from time to time moose. Salmon are also kept in the freezers, we hardly ever buy meats from the stores because of the high prices.</p>
<p>My family relies on hunting and fishing to supplement groceries and teach the children about the outdoors and its bounties.</p>
<p>My family went to Kodiak island in 2010. we loved going fishing on the Buskin river for pinks and watching the bears catch the fish. We had alot of bears at all the rivers we went to and got some great photos. We all want to go back soon.</p>
<p>My father raised me a meat hunter. He worked for hte Wyoming Game and Fish. I have hunted and provided for my family game meat to l;ive on. In Alaska I hunt and fish for my family. I do not worry about the trophies. I love to be out doors and enjoy our state. Hunting back 35 miles from the road does help reduce the number of hunters around our hunting site. I have hunted Deer on the islands in Prince William Sound. When I lived in Cordova we waited until after October 1 to hunt either sex deer. My children did not like us leaving Cordova and moving to Valdez due to the fact we would not have the deer meat available as easily. Alaska is my home and we enjoy the seafood and the wildlife. My family love to be able to drive the highway or boat the Sound to view our wildlife. The marine animals in the Prince William Sound give us a life time of memories. I plan or Moose hunting trips one year out. My family know I love to take the week to ten days and go back in the area and search for my moose. Even if we do not get the moose we enjoy being out with friends. Safety is always a concern but as a member of the fire department I do carry enough gear to assist anyone in need. I would go closer to Valdez but the guessing as to the rack being 50 inches is too big of a gamble. I know it is part of hte game management tools to keep the herd up but I do not need the publicity or the fact I would loose the meat we rely on to be taken from me. I take care of hte area I hunt in and we usually spend a day or two cleaning up the trails and making our foot prints on the area as small as we can. I do not like seeing the big rigs going into the areas and tearing up the trails. Some time we will be forced to regulate the size of the motor vehicles even down smaller due to the industry making the bigger more powerful ATVs that carry more and more back further into the hunting areas. I left Wyoming because we were being regulated on the lands more and more. I see even in Alaska as big as it is the swapping of land from public owned to agencies such as the Native Corporations and University lands that are tying up the lands for the public use. SOme areas now are now only for ht erich to hunt in because hte permits to hunt on the land is way to high. My area in hte interior now has surveys being completed and it is new Native Lands that we will soon see a cost to hunt on. I wish the state would keep a lot of their lands for the hunters and public to be able to enjoy and view or hunt now and into the future.</p>
<p>My first hunt as a resident didn't get a moose, but the adventure was worth it. I'll be hunting caribou in August can't wait. It's all Good.</p>
<p>My first hunting trip was when I was 7 years old. I went on numerous hunting trips every year but it wasn't until I was 14 years old when we shot our first animal. It was never about harvesting an animal it was about being in the wilderness with family. I now have 3 boys that have all hunted since they were 7 and they all enjoy hunting as much as I do.</p>

<p>My first hunting trip, I was 2 weeks old. Haven't missed many since. I was a registered guide until the fees and regulations got stupid. I worked only for other guides yet to renew my license. I had to lease a minimum of 2500 acres from the state which did not give me exclusive rights > A jump from \$100 a year to \$475 a year is a bit much.</p>
<p>My friend had an "any bull" tag for the Tanana flats. He also owns an airboat. I had a general harvest tag. We spent a 3 day weekend on the flats. Saw a ton of ducks, several cows and calves, but only one bull. We called it in from about 200 yards out and my friend shot it at about 100 feet away from the airboat. This was on our third morning hunting. We spent the rest of the day butchering and hauling the meat back to town. I didn't have a chance to do any more moose hunting than that last season.</p>
<p>My friend owns a plane and paid for 99% of the trip as he does every year.</p>
<p>My greatest concern is regarding the killing of sub legal animals (moose) in the state. Over the years, I have experienced an increase in finding dead moose, under 50 inches, lying in the field, where another hunter failed to report the incident to ADFG. Some of the areas I hunt have a lot of hunting pressure and are not heavily patrolled. I believe that the current process of prosecuting those that step forward and take blame are prosecuted more severely than a poacher because they admit their mistake and guilt. The state doesn't have to prove their case, they admit wrong doing. There should be severe monetary punishment for those that come forward and I know a few individuals who made mistakes, reported it, and were severely punished. They said that they would never report a mistakenly killed animal again and don't recommend it to another hunter.</p>
<p>My Hunting experiences in Alaska have been good for being in the outdoors but lousy for harvesting game.</p>
<p>My hunting partner and I hunt somewhere in Alaska every year. Mostly for moose but sometimes other game. Since 1998 we have traveled down the Yukon river five times hunting moose.</p>
<p>My hunting partner who is my wife hunt every opportunity we can, probably around 125 days a year. We have labrador retrievers for duck and goose hunting and English Setters for upland birds. We predator call and snowshoe for predators in the winter and in the off season we are always out looking. Big game is part of our hunting but is less important than getting our dogs in the field.</p>
<p>My hunting trip in 2011 was very unsuccessful. I hiked up a mountain and hiked back down the next day no moose my partner was under geared and cold. So we went back within 24 hours.</p>
<p>My hunting trip this last year was the pinnacle of everything I feel it means to be Alaskan. I was born in Alaska, but being part of a military family I never got a chance to hunt in Alaska until then. The moment you get about 20 miles away from civilization in Alaska, it's like you're transported 200 years into the past. The land is clean and untouched, the animals wander in herds and you begin to connect with the first people to set foot on that land. Words cannot begin to describe the sheer joy I got from my trip with my dad last year.</p>
<p>My hunting trip to the Hope area for caribou was a quick two day trip and was fun. My friend and I did not see a caribou, but we did get some ptarmigan, which were delicious.</p>
<p>My hunts are walk-arounds from my remote oyster farm on Etolin Island. Use of a boat is the only transportation I use, and that is not every time,. By the way, the questions regarding the strictness or laxity of the regulations were bogus. They are too confusing when framed in the context of influence (e.g. was the influence greater because they were too strict / lax? You need to consider that these were misleading / confusing when you put these reports together. A better way to frame this in the future is to say something like: "The hunting restrictions are too strict." with the choices running from: "Strongly agree" to Strongly Disagree" This would provide you with better data. JBK</p>

My husband and I are extreme outdoor enthusiasts. We live to hunt. When we are not hunting, we are fishing. He is a big Cajun and I am originally from Iowa. We could not imagine living anywhere else. We are truly blessed to live here. We love Alaska and all of its beauty.

My husband and I live in the eastern Brooks Range. It is not an adventure or experience, but a way of life for forty years for us.

My husband and I traditionally hunt caribou every August for the past somewhere around 40 years, frequently with our son and now his wife and now a son-in-law. We have been able to teach them how and usually share the meat with them. We always backpack, often many miles and usually try to use walk-in areas which are a wonderful resource for those of us who love the wilderness experience even more than the meat. The pressures of expanding population and expanding development are the biggest threat we see. Also, the use of ATVs have really changed things in the state and not for the better. I can't remember one hunt that wasn't special.

My husband puts in for moose and caribou drawings in order to feed our family the best quality of meat available. We live in Alaska, bears are out our back door, we try to avoid hitting game animals on the 300 mile drive to the city. Animal encounters are not always fun, but they are special and part of our way of life. If we didn't like it, we'd move.

MY LAST HUNT WAS FOR CARIBOU IN SEPTEMBER, I THINK. THE FIRST SESSION OF THE CARIBOU HUNT ALONG THE DENALI HWY. IT WAS A GREAT HUNT. MY BEST FRIEND AND I SPENT FOUR DAYS UP THERE. WE TOOK OUR CARIBOU ON THE LAST DAY OF THE HUNT AFTER OBSERVING MANY HERDS, BIG AND SMALL. PLENTY OF CARIBOU UP THERE IF YOU HAVE THE MACHINES TO GET WAY OFF THE ROAD. WE WERE APPROX. 35 MILES IN FROM CANTWEL AND 9 MILES UP THE MOUNTAIN ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE DENALI HWY WHEN WE MADE OUR KILL. A FANTASTIC TRIP!!!

My last trip was a kayak hunt out of Juneau. Leaving False Outer Point under my own power, quietly scouting beaches and forests through the mist, away from roads and noise, just deer on the mind. It's a beautiful experience, which I remember with each bite. Keep the populations strong and habitat healthy so these experiences live on! Thanks.

My love of hunting is what brought me to Alaska 15 years ago. My desire to continue hunting in Alaska is what gets me off the couch and to the gym! Last October I did my first goat hunt on Kodiak Island. After a 2 day climb to get to the goats I was so exhausted I didn't even shoot one. Even though I got within 200 yards of them!

My only negative impression about hunting in Alaska is associated with the apparent rural/native preference. I think it is wrong that ADFG prevents the majority of Alaska residents (except for the local community) from hunting certain areas. This is done primarily through access restrictions. The restrictions are in place due to local community politics and not for game management.

My primary hunting and expenses occur in interior, but this questionnaire only considered Southcentral????? My annual expenses for remote interior hunting are over \$5000 per year and some years almost \$10,000 per year. For my remote interior hunting trips cost is not a factor, but for local trips in Southcentral cost is an important consideration.

My son got his first mouse. The community hunt program is an awesome addition that our community fully appreciates and utilizes to the fullest. Thank you.

My son had his first archery kill of a moose on a Ft. Rich winter hunt on Dec. 31. He just turned 16 and was very happy with his success. He hunted everyday except Christmas from dark to dark. We saw over 30 moose in those 16 days but they were very skiddish. He had a hard time getting into bow range (60 yards). I was surprised how jumpy they were for base moose. I remember when I was a kid we could ride next to moose (10 yards) with snow machines, shut down and watch to moose eat anywhere behind to bases. You would be hard pressed to do that now.

My son wanted to go bear hunting. While glassing for bear, we found a porcupine. After he raced back to the boat to check the season and make sure it was open, then hiking a mile across rolling tundra terrain, he harvested his first porcupine. It made a wonderful meal, and we are hoping to find another one this year.

My son, daughter and friend set up camp a few days before I was able to show up. When my son came to pick me up with my old 4/wheeler I was told the other borrowed one rolled and sunk in the river. They also had a 3 legged griz run off. The old man pulled his weight nursing the dunk 4/wheeler back to health. Heard thumping in the ground in the middle of the night at camp and was thinking maybe they should have shot brownie. Seven days later, after hunting, hiking, and camping we got a bull, it was great, but, the whole experience and time with my kids was invaluable.

My son and I love to duck hunt on the wet lands in Juneau. My son hunts deer more than I do and loves to hunt in Angoon with friends. There he hunts water fowl, deer and traps. Our concern is the amount of traffic the wet lands get from non hunters and their dogs during and out of water fowl season. Hunters pay for a permit to use it and while you are ready to hunt a person walks out there with their dog and they are not hunting at all. Lots of stress on the fowl and birds of the wet lands.

my trip as well as my good friend's son (first hunt and kill for him) was two caribou in the Steese RC860 which were both confiscated because we were off the road system during an emergency closure and were notified at the Steese Highway that we illegally shot game during a closed season in which we were told closed the night before the morning we harvested the caribou we were cited had to go to court and each paid 1050\$ fines and can't hunt this year! Can you help us out? we have a lot of other people's responses to the emergency closure procedures and have heard of many instances where people found themselves breaking the law getting misdemeanors and ending up being unsuspecting criminals! I'll tell you right now there are a million ways one can get into trouble hunting during emergency closure hunts! we did nothing wrong and now we can't hunt this season! Tim

My trips have been very productive and satisfying throughout the years, but one thing I have never understood is why bow season is before rifle. In my opinion bow should be after and during peak rut. at least for moose anyway.

My two sons drove up the haul road to the north slope with a load of gear and aircraft fuel, I flew my cub up and ferried them into Anwr. We had a great time bonding and enjoying the awesome remote wilderness. They were able to take two sheep and two caribou. I was able to find a spot with no other hunters, but it was difficult. My impression is that there are way too many users for a quality wilderness experience. It appears that the time has come for a limited drawing for sheep permits.

My wife and I are subsistence hunters. We live in Bush Alaska, and hunt & fish for food. We enjoy being in nature, and enjoy harvesting and processing our own food.

My wife and I enjoy seeing wildlife around our home and while on the road or camping we have in previous years been fortunate to harvest moose upland birds and snowshoe hare since I have taken up bow hunting and live in a bow only area we hunt from home making it easier to get out but opportunities are limited to harvest a moose just the same we hunt for the pleasure of being out and the possibility of taking a bull for the freezer with the price of everything going up major hunting trips to other parts of the state are out of the question.

My wife and I escape from the Interior to the Southeast each Spring to hunt bear and catch fish. We haven't found the perfect bear yet in 8 yrs. But, enjoyed looking at a lot of them and other wildlife and sealife; and we've caught a lot of fish. Our Spring trip provides our yearly Halibut supply. We get dropped off for a week in a little cove and live in a tent. Our transporter picks us up once during the week for Halibut fishing, then back to camp to hunt & fish.

My Wife and I have enjoyed several years with our family of five children, which are all grown, hunting and fishing. We had too much going on in 2011 to be able to do much hunting. I hope this year will be different because my wife dreams a Caraboo Tien II log in Unit 13. Unit 13 is a great place to hunt, fish, and Camp.
My wife and I have lived in Alaska for 26 years, both our children, now 22 and 20 years old were born and raised here. We have hunted, fished, and gathered the resources our wonderful state has to offer during that time, and will continue to do so until the end! Thank you Alaska for a life most only dream about!
my wife and I hunt together, it is low key, camping with guns and binocs. Stay (camp) in one place and call until we get a moose, even if it takes every day of the season. The meat harvest is the most important aspect, antler size has no bearing. I do not apply for or want to shoot a cow moose. It really helps when the season is extended past the 15th so the bulls become more susceptible to calling
My wife and I spend most of our hunting trip on the haul road hunting caribou. Fishing out of the Seward resort is our choice for the silver salmon season. Living in fairbanks affords us many opportunities to enjoy Alaska's outdoors with out breaking the bank.
My wife and son and I harvested 2 caribou and 1 moose and several grouse. We live in Alaska beacuse we love to hunt and fish, and moved here to do so. These were our first caribou ever
My wife drew a goat tag here in the Ketchikan area. I guided her and she took a nice 2 1/2 year old billy. Best hunt I've ever been on and it was the first animal she ever harvested.
My Wife got 2 Caribou rest OF Us Got skunked
My wildlife related Alaska experiences are always AWESOME.
My youngest son was able to get a caribou in February!
Myself and son love to hunt,
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Natives from Stevens Village came into our camp while we were on bait site and stole some gear.
Natives have too much preference to game and fish in Alaska.
need more access to the state so many problems is because the state has so much blocked off if it is used for hunting. open it up. restrict non residents to 25% of all permits and require any guide weather assistant or professional fish or hunt to be an Alaskan resident for more than 5 years.
Need more enforcement: Officers check campsites but are not in field. I see way too muck drinking and operating ATV's and firearmas. Also have found 2 dead sublegal bullmoose in past 2 years.
need restrictions on moose hunting in unit 22 so as to increase the moose numbers and quality.
Need to find ways to give sheep hunters that are residents some type of preference.
Need to get the Feds out of the hunting in AK!
need to reduce the bear population in Anchorage before more people get mauled or killed.
Need to restrict large off road tundra buggies as the tear up the tundra and scar the land.
needs more wolf and bear control!
New Babay So Delayed Hunting we rely on Moose to Feed Our Family MySchedule is tight I Coach But I bagged a Moose In 3.5 Hours

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No
no
No animals inside hunt area....but lots prior to
No comment
no comment at this time
no comment,,
no dont tell any one aboat my hunting
No matter what the hunting is like here the scenery is amazing!
No moose in unit 22B Permit hunt in august15-30 too early and too hot
No other place like it on earth, but the state needs to revamp the drawing hunt procedures, giving preference points to residents, and creating a point system that ensures a successful draw after so many years.
No place like Alaska, keep it that way.
no thanks
No thanks
no thanks.
Non resident guides in easily accesible areas is having a large impact on the quality of game and the outdoors experience. Concentrations of guides needs to be decreased.
Non-resident permit fees are way too low and you could collect a nominal fee from residents. Should be adjusted to be similiar pricing in lower 48. If they can afford to come hunt here they should be able to afford a permit fee that they would have to pay locally. Nothing against guided hunting but the resource should not be given away by the state and the additional revenue could be help improve the resource for everyone (predator control, etc).
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none at this time thank you.
None right now
none to add
Northern Regian hunting for myself and family. mostly local and if have time or expense cost, do some Southern Fishing (Homer/Kenia) Anchor Point area. I hunt for myself and family or friends needs. Enjoy getting out and enjoy Driving the State of Alaska. Have been years since I made trip down states. I can see and enjoy a lot in the state. I need to update and get a Passport so I can check out some of the Pan Handle area again.
not enough moose in unit 1d
not for your info
Nothing can describe the adventure and beauty of AK. It as to be experienced.

Nothing is better than the great outdoors in AK. The fish and game opportunities are excellent and I hunt in remote areas for the seclusion. Half of my fun hunting is the photography I do ...I love the wildlife, landscape, and the vastness without manmade structures. My only regret in my life is that I came here when I turned 40 so I missed out on a lot of experiences. I have a lot of catching up to do and look forward to the 2012 season. Thank you for the quality hunting and fishing opportunities that are offered. I've hunted in areas without seeing a soul in 10-14 days out in the field. I've witnessed tons of wildlife too precious to harvest. Seeing multiple species of animals is awesome...bears, bobcat, moose, fox, sheep, goats, brown and black bear and even buffalo...some in one hunt too. My friends from out of state live to see my pictures that I share on FB, and just e-mailing. They have learned to love Alaska from the end of my lens and love it as much or more than I do. Job well done regardless of what the negative sportsmen have to say.

Nothing special, just went out there and hunted

Nothing to add. thanks

Obviously by my survey I love to hunt and fish, call me if you want any additional information. Thanks, - Adam Blomfield (907)632-6566

Obviously, my wildlife experiences in Alaska are too numerous to mention in this context. However, in regard to our 2011 hunting trip to Adak Island, the experience of spending time with the isolated caribou herd in that open landscape was fun and different from what we are used to here in Southeast. Watching two bulls lock antlers during a sparring match was especially memorable. As partial as I am to the wildlife of southeast, I enjoy traveling and getting to know some new creatures; next time I have a little money, I'll be headed out to either the Brooks Range or the Wrangle/St. Elias to check out the Dall Sheep.

Of recent I have noticed the lack of hunter education and consideration as well as safety. Just yesterday I seen 4 younger guys up a mountain not wearing the right kind of clothing or with any gear other than guns and a light jacket. If for whatever reason they were hurt or got stuck on the mountain, could be in serious trouble. I would like to see where Alaska like many State's, require a hunter education safety class prior to being allowed to hunt in Alaska. I don't think it will eliminate all the issues, but the hope is better education will eliminate some of these issues. With more and more hunters coming to Alaska as well as more Alaskan's hunting, it's critical to get something in place so we hopefully have better educated and safer hunters.

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On the trip in the questions I had in camp two son-in-laws, one in-law dad and grandsons. We harvested 2 caribou seventeen miles back in. We fished for grayling and photographed the Aurora at night. It was a most wonderful experience. On our 28th anniversary my wife and I had canoed six lakes back to our hunting/fishing camp below Lynx Lake. We were only there about ten minutes when we were charged by an adolescent black bear. My wife ran to the canoe. I had my gun sights on the noise, waiting. When I could identify it I yelled "It's a Bear" at which time it climbed up a tree so I didn't shoot it. We canoed back to the truck. Very exiting!!!

Once I was way back in the wilderness and off in the distance about a mile away there was 6 grizzly bears all together feeding, after watching them for about an hour I had figured that they were two separate families. One sow had twins and so did the other. What a really great thing to see in the wild how moms come together.

Once I went on a moose hunt, and then got annoying emails asking me to fill out a survey. It assumes I can remember how much I spent on ammunition and gas for the trip. The moose was tasty at least, even if the survey that came after the moose wasn't.

Once in a lifetime trip, spendy, learned a lot.

<p>One of my favorite parts during moose hunting is the calling and corresponding response. I am always amazed by how far away you can hear each other when conditions are right. Once, we have called two bulls in without knowing it until both were visible and then began to fight, that was pretty awesome to see in real life.</p>
<p>One of the last places in the United States left where you can still go out and enjoy the wildlife and wilderness</p>
<p>One thing that was not captured in this survey is hunting dogs. I have 2 Drahthaars that I use for hunting upland game, waterfowl, snowshoe hare and for bloodtracking wounded big game. The dogs cost about \$1,200 each they eat a lot of premium dog food purchased in Alaska, They visit the vet at least twice a year, I enter them into hunt test in Alaska put on by UKC, NAVHDA, and Vereind Deutsch Drahthaar. I spend at least \$2,000.00 per dog a year in ALaska. I would not have these dogs if I did not hunt.</p>
<p>Only reason I came was to hunt. L48 has gotten way too crowded too be relaxing or peaceful. However, had I known how difficult it was to hunt in Alaska and the fact you can't do it alone, I'd never moved here.</p>
<p>only went out for one day, work too much</p>
<p>Other than some jerk telling the ranger the bull I shot was a cow and getting us hassled, we had a great time, wonderful weather and awesome vistas every day!</p>
<p>Our entire family participates in hunting throughout the season and is part of our lifestyle. Therefore it is difficult to characterize our hunting pattern through the single late season hunt that I was the only household member participating in. We value areas with healthy game populations and low hunter densities and are willing to put effort into getting there.</p>
<p>Our family enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and hiking in Alaska. These events are family time and time spent with a few select friends. Our hunting group is comprised of direct family (Alaskan Residents) but friends and other family members travel to Alaska from the Lower 48 for hunting season. The "Hunt" is secondary to the time spent together.</p>
<p>Our family hunts moose in the Interior and deer in Southeast annually for big game. We also pursue small game as part of these trips and others. We also make trips to Kodiak, Southwest and Chugach Mtns and Alaska Range at different times. Hunting is the reason we travel.</p>
<p>Our family loves to hunt and fish here in Alaska. During these events we also take in photography and site seeing. It is important to us that we can continue to hunt and fish for our food. Not because we would not live without it, but to continue our family culture together.</p>
<p>Our family of 7 enjoys the Alaskan outdoor experience. My wife and I bring all our children on most of our trips. We snow machine, snowshoe, whitewater raft, canoe, hunt, and fish. At this point in our life, we enjoy locations that have adequate space for our party, and also provide the solitude we enjoy while being outdoors. Of course this must be done on a budget. We usually drive up north to find these types of locations. We enjoy the BLM trails and like areas for providing access to these types of areas. It is a surprising site for most to see a hyper pink car seat buckled into a side by side 25 miles back a rough trail, and a 6 month old baby smiling from ear to ear. Our children range in age from 9 years to 9 months old. All of them have their own favorite activities in camp. Whether its carving wooden swords to spare with Dad, finding wild flowers to pick for Mom, or heading to the lake or river to catch Grayling for dinner. They look forward to each trip and have their our favorite camp sites. We appreciate the work that goes into maintaining areas like these, and try to teach our children to help to preserve these types of areas as well.</p>

Our household has been residents the last two years and have had a lot of fun pursuing all sorts of animals from grizzlies, sheep, goats, muskox, and moose. It is a very expensive hobby in Alaska but we have been willing to use most of our saved money to hunt with friends from Ketchikan to Happy Valley to Nome.

Our hunting trip was wonderful besides the weather that first week of August. The quality of hunting was diminished greatly due to the number of bears that had increased from the prior years in that area. It pushed the goats out of the area. The weather was also a factor which created a lot of clouds and took away visibility. Permits for bear harvests should be given every two years instead of the four years put in place for Baranof Island.

Our spring bear hunt in Prince William Sound is deteriorating each year due to more and more hunters, less bears and smaller bears and less shrimp. Our most exciting hunt was 2010 when we saved a humpback whale near Ester Island on our way back from the bear hunt. A whale had completely tangled itself in a commercial salmon net. The netters had no dingy, so we unloaded our dingy and spent about two hours cutting all the gill netting off of the whale. A harry experience, but well worth it. I took about 70 photos. The whale was very cooperative most of the time, but a little harry a couple of times when we got all the netting off except the tail and one fin were still hooked together with the netting. The whale thought it was time to go and got a little restless. Quite an

Outdoor recreation in Alaska is our family's favorite pastime, which mostly includes hunting and

Over 30 years of great times in the Alaskan wilderness!!! A great life!

Over 40 years of outdoor life experience in Alaska. I wouldn't have it any other way.

Over the course of two hunting trips in 2011, I was allowed to hunt with my 78 year old father and see moose, bear, caribou, many birds and small game. Hunting has always brought my family together and did again this year. I hope it will for many years to come.

Over the past few winters have been more forgiving and local game has rebounded. Despite that the increased pressures with the increasing number of guided hunts is substantial. There is currently very little oversight in the field for goat and black bear in the Southeast regions. As a result there are increasing incidents of very poor guided hunter conduct in the taking and losing of these animals. Even local authorities have estimated that an additional black bear is shot and lost for every 2-3 reported. There are also local reports of guides allowing clients to shoot nannies with kids or at goats in unreachable locations. It would be great if the state would allocate such things as caliber restrictions on certain big game animals as well as budgeting for field agents in high hunt areas.
Thanks Malachi Thorington Alaska Resident

Over the past several years, I have observed there are less and less animals to hunt.

Over the years we have had many wonderful wildlife adventures - we are fortunate to live in the Great state of Alaska.

Over the years, have had bears break into my cabin a couple times. Enjoyable to see the wild game close by but have had cow moose chase on occasion, just protecting the calves I think, and sometimes angry because a bear or wolves got their young.

Over-crowding is a huge deterrent in the selection of our hunting locations. We enjoy privacy and being in the wilderness, not the rowdy parties that sometimes develop in the "hot" spots. Access to less populated locations is extremely difficult...

Overall was very pleased with the increase in game in area hunted, seen plenty of cows and calf moose much more than in the past. Seen over a dozen up and coming bulls from paddle heads to bulls pushing 50 inches. Moose population appears to be on the rise in area hunted and will most likely will return for the 2012 season. Hope I was some help. Thank you Ray.

Overall, very satisfied with my Alaska hunting experiences. I have participated in week long remote trips and trips 1 hour from home. Both have given harvest opportunities and been very fulfilling. I am always amazed at the diversity of hunting within a days drive of Anchorage.
passed by tons of good animals on the way to "open" area; none in open area; all by road. tons of poacher evidence near road. No enforcement visible. great times getting out with friends and family; sad that open areas didn't hold game
Please change the laws on shooting antler deer. Please make it fork or bigger. People will and do shoot the baby button heads. We don't have enough deer on wrangell island.
Please consider raising the harvest ticket fees for OUT OF STATE hunters. I a tired of seeing non-residents with deep pockets pushing residents out of hunting areas. For instance, Colorado charges \$1,900 for a non-resident moose tag. Hunters are accustomed to paying large fees in other states for a non-resident moose tag. Alaska should consider increasing this fee - maybe not \$1900, but consider doubling our current fee.
Please give Alaska residents the first chance at hunting in Alaska. Non-residents should not be held in higher regard than an Alaskan resident.
Please Kill the Wolves eating Too Many Moose Calfs
Please maintain aerial wolf hunting and bear quota enhancement were biologically needed. I utilize Alaska's resources to feed my family, salmon, moose, bear and sheep are vital resources that need to be managed. I appreciate your effort in managing and were needed protecting our wildlife resources. If possible please solve the subsistence issue. Thanks!
Please replace Tony Gorn in unit 22. He is too conservative to the detriment of the hunters and residents of that area.
Please restore the science integrity of the Wildlife and Habitat Divisions and reduce the role of politics and gubernatorial meddling with the research and management of our fish and wildlife and their habitats. Access to hunting via ATV is one of the largest detriments to the land management in this state, and while ADFG does not manage this access in many cases, non-motorized hunts should contined to be encouraged.
Please Stock Cottonwood Lake with Trout
practicing a subsistence lifestyle has become more competitive with the increase in population . Ive lived here 51 years and have seen a decline in game and fish in this region.

Predator control is working. I would rather not see bears snared but baiting and taking grizz/browns would be ok with a special permit and highly controlled, to reduce predation if needed. I'm very pleased about the Small Game Biologist position and his job so far. I think WC is doing an excellent job. I'd like to see even more habitat improvement work done for small game grouse etc. and more information education to advertise that fact. I'd also like to see more info ed. concerning littering, shooting signs, hunter ethics, poaching etc. AND I would like to see double the number of game wardens in the field enforcing our game laws. I was very pleased with the direction WC was taking under Rossi. I am still very pleased with what WC is doing under the new director. He seems more prudent. Please keep ungulate pops within the habitat's ability to well sustain it... keep up the great work! I would like to see game bird & small game hunting with bird shot allowed along the pipeline corridor. I would like to see a single caribou allowed to be taken along the pipeline corridor with black powder and lead round ball. I would like to see each trap & snare tagged with the owners info. I would like to see more research done on moose - bear population dynamics. More research on game bird habitat requirements in Alaska. More moose habitat management research and implementation. I think that emphasis on game bird hunting and habitat could make Alaska in many locations a world class destination for game bird hunting and help improve habitat for moose, hare and furbearers. I think bird watching and wildlife viewing are wonderful but the opportunities created by special areas and habitat improvement are paid for by hunter/shooter monies and this fact should be proclaimed often in such a way that shows wildlife, hunting and viewing are generally compatible. I think BOW and shooting programs for kids is world-class excellent. Division of Wildlife Conservation generally rocks! Keep up the good work. Never give up.

price of gas is getting too high..and there are way too many questions that cannot be qualified on this survey!!

Primarily hunt Minto Flats antlerless moose hunt January-February each year using snowmachine. Success in 2011. No success September hunt 2011 and no success Jan-February 2012. Hve previously hunted caribou in the interior with success, caribou on the North Slope, and Black Tailed Deer on Montague Island in Prince William Sound. Have taken a total of 1 moose, 5 caribou, and 5 deer. Uncounted number of upland birds and waterfowl.

primarily meat hunter, moose, caribou, etc. Cost of hunting has risen so high that we no longer hunt much out of our local area or hunt for more exotic animals such as sheep. Moose horn regulations (3/50) in SouthEast are a real pain in the ass, the stress of shooting a bull that may well be declared sub legal with no real definition of what is legal or not ruins all of the enjoyment of the hunting experience. Dozens of honest hunters have been declared to be criminals for making an honest mistake or because the game officer decides that "this point is not a legal point" or "this point is not a question about regulations too liberal is very confusing.

Rain all day ,lots of sign, but no animals. saw no other hunters , beautiful area.

Ran into a convocation of eagles this week in Ninilchik. It was one of the very best highlights of our trip. My wife counted 136 eagles within a quarter of a mile, most perched on the seawall south of Ninilchik. There were also scores of them scrapping over a large halibut carcass that had washed up on shore. All in all, just seeing the eagles was great.

read walk with me through alaska 2007

Really enjoy the opportunity to use a canoe and hunt relatively close to home (keeping expenses down) while accessing some relatively remote country. The biggest threat to my way of hunting (quiet, old-style hunting) is the profusion of motorized hunters who drive their ORVs everywhere and tear up habitat - and they almost never stop long enough to actually hunt. And groups like the Alaska Outdoor Council seem to exist to promote motorized, slob hunting.

really wasn't any, seems all the outside hunters scared the game to far away or kept them away.
Recently anchored in back of Neets Bay we observed a young black bear chasing Chum Salmon on a small stream. The bear caught 5 salmon, leaving 4 on the rocks, then hauling the fifth one into the woods. The many eagles were quick to seize upon the easy fish meal the bear had left. Great fun to see so much activity on such a small stream.
Regarding Equipment purchases, the survey fails to provide a field for indicating that I purchased it outside of Alaska (online, other stores, etc.). I left "region" blank when item purchased outside
Registration hunt of the 40 mile herd about two hours North of Chicken Ridge. Four days of camping and photography ending with about one hour of hunting. Beautiful weather, no one around for as far as you could see. Just two buddies, in awe of God's wonders.
Regulations too complicated, hunting areas description do not make sense and complicated, No access to hunting areas, hunting areas are over crowded, if you are not wealthy you can not hunt and fish in Alaska. I am life member of NRA and North American Hunting Club, I have many friends that would like to come up here and hunt and fish, I always tell them not to come to take their money to a state who can manage wildlife and provide access to hunting areas and fishing areas.
Regulations too complicated. Micromanagement has already destroyed my desire to fish in SE., i.e., Kenai River, and you folks are bent on ruining Hunting as well. It is getting as bad as the huntingverein of Germany.
Relate and live the characteristics of the animal you are hunting. Follow what the elders tell you when hunting. Survival is key in any trip you go on.
Retired Fish and Game employee-1965 to 1998.
Salmon fish on the Gulkana River; fish Valdez for halibut; moose hunt the Alaska Range. Alaska is the only western state in the nation that does not give residents a preference for its big game animals/hunting. Every other western state limits non-resident participation to anywhere from 3% to 10% of the available resource.
same ol -same ol
Saw a lot of winter killed moose in the Beluga area. Decided not to kill one.
Saw all cows and calves- decided not to take one.
Saw lots of animals just nothing big enough to shoot. Majority of the animals taken out of the unit were small. The unit also had an abundance of no legal moose so hopefully they will be legal this year. The silver fishing was great and came away with plenty of fish to take home.
Saw more people in my hunting area than moose
Saw no moose and 10 grouse in 5 days hunting 6 hrs per day in Southcentral
Scenery was incredible. It made the hunt worth it even though I didn't get a caribou.
Science-based management seems to be losing ground to political and financial motivations. I'd be willing to pay more for harvest tickets for "trophy" species like sheep, goats, etc. if that money would directly contribute to an increase in surveys, science-based management decisions, etc. I am willing to harvest less to ensure the resource remains available (healthy population, etc.) for many years to
Seasons are too short and regulations way too complicated.
see a lot from the car
Seeing animals other than the species you are hunting makes the hunt more enjoyable. I was hunting caribou but observed moose, sheep, black and brown bear. Harvesting a caribou made the hunt a success but would not have been disappointed if not successful,

seems like we are being pushed more and more into smaller areas with more and more regs to follow, Park service has in a nut shell locked all of our homelands up into the Katmai park. No one is allowed to do traditional hunting there so we have to go out around the coast and hunt the Kvichak or Nush. it all cost more and more ,you ask ow much more would we pay? I don't think hunting for food is about how much, it is our tradition to hunt not a dollar amount we don't hang antlers on walls we feed

Seen moose everyday but nothing legal to harvest.

September 2011 Moose Hunt - Unit 20A - Over 200 river miles by boat on the Wood River over a 6 day hunting trip WITHOUT seeing ANY moose (no cows, calves or bulls). December 2011 Caribou Hunt - Access Issues - There was very limited, extremely rough and difficult access to the area south of Birch Creek. The day I went, 2 of 4 pairs of hunters that attempted access never made it in to hunt. If it had not been for a tracked argo that broke trail days before, no one would have made it in. I rolled my snowmachine over 3 times, tore 2 holes in the sled and destroyed the hitch in the roughest 31 mile round trip I have ever been on. I questioned the Fairbanks F&G office on access and suggested making it a draw hunt. Response was it couldn't be done because it was a subsistence area. So what?? If there is a quota of so many animals what difference does it make if it is subsistence or not?

Sergei Took a moose in the South Central region. And Rodney took a caribou on the federal hunt.

Sheep and Brown Bear hunting opportunity in premium areas (Chugach, Kodiak, etc.) for resident hunters is crap. ADFG has successfully given me the impression that the hunting guide industry health and well being is infinitely more important to them than resident hunter opportunity. Good luck with that.

sheep hunts are always special

Shooting a Bull Caribou on a frozen lake, walking out there to retrieve the animal, nothing more than scared me when the ice popped so hard all I could think was this is it, but I got the animal back to the shore and headed home.

Since I can no longer hunt deer alone, I can still enjoy being out alone with my thoughts and enjoy the gifts I have received living the Alaska outdoor experiences.

since I live on the Tannana River, I see wild life year round and on the river during winter. I've watched eagles pulling grass for nests, coyote, fox, an occassional black bear not to mention grouse and ptarmigan. The view from my house is better than watching a wild life show on TV. Company comes to sit at the window or on the deck to watch and have commented how fortunate I am to live where I do. I never once forget to appreciate this.

Since I've retired I've had to change my hunting trips as I can no longer afford fly-in trips. However, with proper planning and research I've still been able to go on a couple quality trips each year.

Since the Fairbanks area in which I hunt has been subject to cow and calf harvest permits, the number of bull moose in the area I hunt have experienced a steep decline. I believe we need to consider sending our biologist back to Pennsylvania.

Since the moose is out of question, I guess our hunting trips are for rabbit and spruse hen. Then we trapp and eat beaver, and look for roadkill poriky pine and moose. When does tourist season start? What's the bag limit? The Moose federations Sucks!

So I found myself on the northern foothills of the Brooks Range. In front of me was the Itikmalak River. Behind lay the vast rolling steppe that slowly reached toward the horizon. The sky was bright and the air was tranquil and rich. Simply breathing in was like drinking cold water and a crisp breeze kept the mosquitoes at bay. I wasn't hunting for meat, but for fossils. The rocky hillside was an ancient sea bed with countless fossils of antediluvian creatures underfoot. I couldn't help but imagine a herd of woolly mammoths roaming in the distance. So calm, so peaceful, so quiet. There were only a few sounds. A peregrine was circling and calling out her familiar herald. And quieter still, a sprinkling sound, not quite like rain, more like dirt being flung high into the air and raining down softly as the massive brown bear dug with a mighty fury after a ground squirrel 10 yards in front of me. More clearly was the sound of him huffing, grunting, and tearing the earth in a mad vigor to reach his target. No gun. No bear spray. No cover. But the wind was on my side. I crawled on my belly for a mile praying that the wind would keep my secret. I don't think the squirrel was so lucky.

So peaceful and beautiful, most the enjoyment is in scenery. Our hunting trip was down the rex trail. And plan to go again!

Some of the questions were unanswerable and i had to put something to advance to next question. I though the whole thing was poorly done. I spent 5 summers building my off road truck. Got back 69 miles (black river) and broke, unable to repair, cost me \$1,400 + gas for two round trips to the gravel pit. Didn't get to hunt, didn't see anything to hunt going in and out to black river. total cost for this hunt was around \$40,000. I wanted to fly fish and didn't get to. was planning to stay for 7 days to hunt some trips we work with differnt families to help the cost of fuel. We share our catches with family and friends. some items like tents, bino, we reuse them every year, take care of these items and they will take care of you

Something needs to be done about the Nunilchik Hunting situation in reference to caribou

Sorry to say but, on my last trip I saw more Crows then anything else such as, one Porcupine, several Grouse, one slaughtered Moose (Cow)a couple of Black Bear tracks and thats it.

Sorry, no comment untill I actually harvest at the hunt.

Southeast moose taste the best

Spend approx. 160-180 datys a year hunting,trapping and fishing in Alaska-Hunting Guide is primary occupation

Spent 6 days hunting forgoats-climbed from tidewater-friend and I killed two goats and packed them and the camp down 1800 feet to the beach in three trips- Had a brown bear claim the best deer I ever killed on Kodiak--wouldnt haze off with rifle shots-finally got the deer back- Too many stories to

Spent a great time on my ATV and got out of work for a while

Spent in constant fear of accidentally violating an obscure regulation that would result in extreme fines or confiscation of personal property.

spent my whole life in this state and was fortunate to have a father who took me all over this state every year of his life, hunting and fishing was a way of life for us, I still live here to hunt and fish but times have changed, every year we have to try and find new and more remote more expensive places to hunt. I have a cabin in the Talkeetnas weve hunted from for 40 yrs that I cannot hunt anymore, we're giving it all to the Native Corps and the National Park Service,

Spike fork 50 inch 4 brow tine is way to limiting for the cost of getting to this area Unit 12

Spike fork moose on first night of season Fort Rich bow season 8'6 brown bear Oct 2011 Alaska !!

Spotted a monster Billy Goat near Paradise Cove. Goat was within range of rifle, but could not be retrieved if we had shot. Look for him again this year.

Spring Bear hunting in PWS, fishing, dropping shrimp pots and comrotery with friends and family, I'm glad to have the opportunity to do it. Keep up the good work at ADFG.

Spring Caribou hunt is very enjoyable. The weather is great and the travel is generally short. The numbers of animals seems to be getting smaller. I for one would not complain about a bulls only hunting season. Many "fat Cows" seem to be taken by choice.
Spring hunting provides fresh foods from sea and land/air after a long winter. also, seal oil for the rest of the year.
Spruce Goose roosted under the snow this winter in my yard. This spring I found 100+ piles of droppings.
State Troopers could use more training as pertains to hunting regulations and how to translate them and interpret them.
Stop catering to the guide lobby, it is a joke. More importantly, it is a sad way to manage things. I was a resident for 3 years, and have since moved out of state so my kids could be closer to their grandparents. When I was there, I could hunt sheep, goats, and brown bear, but since I have moved, I am somehow incapable of conducting these hunts on my own without a babysitter (guide) who himself might be a resident of another state. Also, set up a preference point system. I applied for unit 7 goat tags for 6 years, but was never drawn. In the same amount of time, I know a guy who has drawn twice, and has applied for harder to draw units. Also, quit selling out the sheep to guides. What a tragic misuse of a resource. On the plus side, you do a pretty good job of game management, and a great job of fisheries management, but tell the Feds to screw off, and manage the halibut stocks with some common sense. Don't limit the recreational fisherman to 1 fish in southeast, but allow the commercial guys to take 90% of the catch. Just my rant.
Stop giving out Caribou permits to everyone for Unit 13. Go back to the age and use way of determining who gets a permit. It is not right that a person can be in Alaska for only a year and get a permit to unit 13.
stop shooting game animals to increase hunting opportunity
Successful hunt with son and daughter starting age 3.
Sweet trip on Nenana from Brushkana to first Parks Hwy bridge. Saw a couple good looking animals, but did not meet the 50"/4 brow tine requirement. Only one spike fork that was too far away and moving too fast to confirm. Only saw a few other hunters in the area which was nice. Found evidence of earlier hunters being successful. Would consider doing it again.
T'was enjoyable
Tags are so hard to obtain, I can see why some people become poachers. I must have seen people "hunting" even after season was over
taking a break from home and enjoy the outdoors.
Taking my son duck hunting.moose hunting out of wall tent for a week or more.bear baiting in the spring.sheep hunting in the mountains
Terrific (but unsuccessful) walk in sheep hunt in Tonsina Controlled Use Area. I really appreciate the state designating specific areas for non-motorized vehicle access so that you can compete for animals through effort rather than money.
Thank you for the opportunity to hunt and recreate in the great State of Alaska. My suggestion would be to make the hunting regulations more clear and concise to allow the users to better understand them. There are too many restrictions that cross reference between sections and a person has to work very hard to understand the entire scope of the regulations.
Thank You For your efforts to manage Alaska's game resources

<p>Thank you for your survey. I hope I win the 250 dollar prize. I could sure use the money so I can fix my truck so I can go hunting this winter. I am a single girl and I don't have a man to help me fix things, but I love to hunt moose and grouse and feed all the neighbors and my 85 year old day. Thank you for making me the winner.</p>
<p>thanks but some other time</p>
<p>Thanks for taking care of our great resources and finding out what we the citizens need from them</p>
<p>The 49 mile carbiou hunt is managed well. However it was too far in to hunt with no road maintenance in the Tok Area. If the hunt starts at mile 112 access by road maintenance needs to be done to that spot. It is too far for snowmobiles to get there from the snowplowed surface</p>
<p>The absolute best experience during my 2011 hunt was hearing wolves howl and seeing their tracks. I love having them around the hunt area!</p>
<p>The absolute best hunting experiences offered in Alaska are in the non-motorized, restricted use areas. I've hunted in areas with ATV's running all over the place and in places where they are not allowed. Frankly, I'd rather spend a day of hunting in solitude without seeing a single game animal than a week of chasing trophies in the midst of the noise and smell of off-road vehicles. We need more non-motorized hunting areas--for example caribou hunting off the Steese Highway.</p>
<p>The abundance of prey populations continues to decline in Southcentral Alaska and the department of F&G has done very little about it.</p>
<p>The Alaskan outdoors in general is what drew my family to Alaska. The land can be harsh at times but we've found that you get back exactly what you put into it.</p>
<p>The antler configuration requirement makes it just about impossible to make an accessment, as to legal to take or not, in a timely manner and still be able to make the killing shot.</p>
<p>The antler restrictions on moose make it so difficult to determine a legal bull that I passed up several bulls which upon reflection were legal but I was afraid to make a mistake so I came home empty handed. Both on small bulls and big bulls.</p>
<p>The area where we hunt has very few Moose left, the wolf have killed almost all of the Moose. The first time I hunted their over 40. 40 years ago a hunter could see 30-40 Moose a day last hunting season I seen 7 in 11 days. The wolf kils were nemuros. When the wolf became protected from the aircraft hunting the Moose went away. We see one moose calf a year.</p>
<p>The arrogant almost Gestapo attitude of the Alaska wildlife troopers has destroyed my interest, as well as the two out of state hunters who have joined me for over ten years, in hunting Alaska. The feeling was also prevalent in talking to many other hunters camped near us as well as here in Haines. If you sincerely want to encourage hunting and the economy that it effects, go back to your mission and stop the cavalier attitude of revenue enhancement enforcement. After 17 years of hunting AK we will be returning to hunting in Idaho this year (probably a \$3-4,000 loss to AK).</p>
<p>The August hunt was spectacular. My son and I were hunting for Sheep as well as Brown Bear. We saw plenty of both however the Sheep were all sub-legal. We saw 3 Bear but they were out of range. The experience was great and we shall do it again this year. Sooner or later one of those sheep will be</p>
<p>The bear and wolf populations need to be controlled without the interference of agencies outside of Alaska.</p>
<p>The Best moose hunting experience I had was in 2011. I shot my bull moose at 215 yards. One shot with my 60 auage old 30.06 rifle. This was a good, clean shot and the bull was beutiful and fat! best part was shooting it with my husband. We make a good team!</p>
<p>The best part is being outdoors,it is just a bonus if you harvest an animal.</p>

The best part of hunting is spending time with my dad enjoying the outdoors. I get really excited to see moose and can't wait until i have an opportunity to harvest one. Alaska is a great place to live, hunt and be free.
The best place I have every experienced for hunting and enjoying the outdoors.
The best there is!
The bison hunt in Delta Junction was not the quality hunt I expected. Unfortunately I was not able to hunt in the fall. Snowmobile hunters harassed the herd and land owners who didn't answer their phones didn't allow us to even get close to any animals. We did not have snowmobiles. What made the hunt enjoyable was the company of a friend on the hunt.
The Brooks Range of Alaska (anywhere in Alaska for that matter) is a unique place in that it is still wild and free. I hope that it can stay this way in the midst of a growing population that does not necessarily cherish what we still have here. Anyhow, leave it better than you found it:-) Thanks, M. Landry Price
the caribou were easier to access during the last hunt
The chance to share quiet days with good friends and family is one of life's truest pleasures.
The constant liberal seasons for moose in the interior has cut the numbers in our area greatly. If this continues to go on hunting trips like this will not make sense. It is not always about harvesting an animal, but the number of animals has decreased every year since the start of the cow moose season...it needs to stop.
The cost of fuel is my biggest concern, if you cant afford the fuel you have to hunt close to home which means you are competing with alot of other hunters because they are having same issue with the cost of fuel. Then there is the weather which we all now in alaska can change in a heart beat and keep you home and with only a two week window to hunt in 22c because you cant afford to hunt any further game units, starts to make you hunt outside your comfort zone with the ugly weather, If you dont hunt you dont have the extra meat to help supplement your food for the winter. Then there is the bear every four years in 22C which is to long should be one every year like the rest of the game units there are to many bears taking moose in the spring, to many times I have seen a sow and 3 cubs which tells me the bears are thriving in 22C. Two years ago on a two day hunt (camping out) in 22C we counted 17 bears and 5 wolves on the first day before we even seen a moose! I hunt for Food not trophies. If one of my partners tags a moose and gives me a couple of quarters of meat I am done hunting for that year, and if I tag a moose I share with my family members that dont hunt and to my elders that cant hunt, what ever I can afford to provide. Thank you for letting me comment, I hope my experiences will help you manage our game units better!
The cost of fuel is one of the most limiting factors for my family getting out to hunt more. Getting out to areas with fewer hunters (and more game) is difficult with limited access points, and high gas prices. Increasing fuel and electricity prices also make for less "expendable" income that I can put towards hunting activities.
The cost of gas is so high witch makes the price of everything sky rocket. Pretty soon we will not be able to afford, to provide meat for our families. Fuel cost has a lot of hunters, hunting very close to town and on top of each other because they cant afford enough gas to travel very far.
The cost to get a moose...priceless!!! (for question 19d)
The day I shot my first moose was the rainiest, coldest, most miserable best day of my life.
The Denali road is beautiful drive to take, lots to see. I just like being outdoors.
The draw system is horrible and needs to be changed to a point preference system. Not drawing a tag at all for 19 years when others draw all the time is wrong. Make sheep hunting like Bison where if you draw you can't draw any sheep in any area for 5 years. Same goes with moose.
The end Of the Morning Hunt On Opening Day I Bagged My Bull Moose How Lucky

<p>The experiece I had with hunting and fishing last year was wonderful. When I shot a moose and harvested it it was a thrill I haven't felt since I was a young child. I also was able to spread the harvest meat out to multiple people to have meals throughout the winter.</p>
<p>The experiences of hunting and gathering where I grew doing these activities have been decreasing dramatically over the years. It is not what it use to be, it cost more to go out. The wild food is worth it though compared to what we get at the store here in Tanana, a loaf of bread is 7 dollars, so it is always good to bring food home from the land and water. I live to hunt and gather as I learned from my father</p>
<p>The game has seen depleted by wolves and bears in our area. to much hunting preasure double standards for the natives so not a good hunting experiences after 40 yrs hunting in alaska the really sucks!!!!!!</p>
<p>The great outdoors and hunting in particular is Alaska's greatest gift.</p>
<p>The hardest part of hunting is finding a place where you can drive far enough on an ATV that you see less than 10 people a day.</p>
<p>The hunt for this survey was to drive into the white mountains for wolves. I spend the majority of my time in the outdoors hunting, fishing, trapping or activities related to such. These activities generate a great deal of money for the local communities. For most of my hunting experiences its more about the outdoor experiece and time with friends than harvesting an animal. Thanks for the opportunity to participate in this survey,</p>
<p>The hunt was mos enjoyable now that the grandchildren are old enough to enjoy also. The real experiece is in the hunt and not so much of the harvest</p>
<p>The hunters love the land and animals. Please protect it as we are willing to pay money and temporarily forego certain hunts to keep it good.</p>
<p>The hunting and fishing are good, but the regulations are hard to follow due to the fact that they change frequently, vary by location, and are hard to decipher using the hunting regs book.</p>
<p>The hunting and fishing is why I live in Alaska. It is also what keeps me here.</p>
<p>the hunting area was archery only on the dalton highway south of coldfoot. we hunted every day glassing, calling and hiking but never saw one bull or cow. we did see two griz one black bear and one wolf.not a good moose hunt.exciting but not fufilling</p>
<p>The hunting of antlerless moose in Minto Management area of 20B has greatly reduced harvest population. I have hunted the same location for more than 40 years. In order to hunt with a permit it has gotten to the point where you must stand in line for at least 2 days to receive the coveted permit. That is stupid and only rich people that can take days off from work and be supported with gear can participate. Quit killing all the cows and we wouldn't need to have such tight restrictions on the number of bulls available, because there would be more moose. One cow can produce generations of moose. Killing one cow probably kills 25 moose that she could produce in her life. It appears that wildlife managers just want to kill off the population so that they can further regulate the quota and in some sence justify the need to have more managment. That is a very bad perspective to have in the public eye but it's what I hear from talking to other hunters.</p>
<p>The hunting opportunity in Alaska provides one of the most exciting opportunities in the United States. A hunter has the opportunity of going chasing game within easy access or as remote country. The hunting and fishing is one of the reasons I have stayed in Alaska for the past 9 years.</p>
<p>The hunting regulations are VERY confusion. I have not hunted in a few areas because I was too scared that I would break a law, due to all of the restrictions that change constantly. Alaska is a great place to hunt, but the laws really need to be relaxed and clarified.</p>

The hunting trip that this survey was about was on Chena Hot Springs Road past Two Rivers. This is a heavily hunted road with loose restrictions, however, the number of moose is incredible. Even with all the pressure, there are still plenty of moose if you are willing to walk a little bit.

The hunting trip was to put food in the freezer, spend time next to mother nature and relax to get away from the worries and tribulations of everyday city life

The immense size, but limited access of/to this state certainly make getting started a bit intimidating--especially when going mostly DIY and on a budget. The required time, travel and cost of hunting here is often a limiting factor. However, most hunters here are very friendly and helpful. Once a person gets the hang of things, the opportunities are limitless--excepting the before mentioned time/travel/cost. I've been very fortunate to draw a few premium tags and to harvest some very nice animals in both limited entry and harvest tag areas. I'm amazed at the experiences and wildlife (especially brown bears) that I've had/seen while hunting and certainly have a long list of "need" to do hunts. My thanks to the ADFG for your work to preserve and manage AK's game...each interaction I've had with you all has been very positive!

the interior trip was way to difficult and remote to access.

The Limited fish and game resources in Alaska should require that all military personnel be stationed in Alaska one year before being issued resident licenses like everyone else.

The moose harvest area along the Elliot Highway is LOADED with hunters and there were no less than 80 people hunting a very small area along the road. I was fortunate to have a cow tag and in 14 days of hunting, only saw 3 moose. (one cow and a calf and another lone cow) The lone cow was passed due to hunters on the other side of her and disappeared into thick brush once clear. Grouse hunting in areas that were very heavily brushed was great. Duck hunting out of the town of Minto was great as well and would go there strictly for the birds and pike fishing rather than dealing with the crowd of moose hunters. I'll put in again for a cow moose, but for seasons not coinciding with the bull moose harvest season.

The more you know, study, and learn, the more game you see!

The most exciting part of my hunting trips involves the observation of animal's behavior, learning how they evolve to a changing environment, and adapting my technique to maintain my success. My success is measured on having the right set-up at the right time, and in the right place. I enjoy sharing with, and introducing others to the sport. Every hunting trip always holds some special secret that I long to discover. Whether it be wildlife sightings such as that Brown Bear chasing the Black Bear across the highway, while driving the most scenic highway of the world, the beluga whales spouting 60 yards of my decoy set in the waters of the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge, or that cute little baby fox that pranced in front of us as we crawled along barley fields, acting all big and bad like it was going to take on the truck, the secret is out there in every trip just waiting to be revealed.

The most important thing about hunting for my family is getting out into the wild and enjoying Alaska with family and friends. Bringing home a game animal is a bonus. We are pretty good hunters so we have brought home quite a lot of game over the years and have always enjoyed the eating. However, as we age, the taking of an animal has become less and less important to the actual success of our

the most memorable trip of 2011 was in october , we took a family trip to our cabin near kalskag, alaska. spent the day walking in the woods checking out the moose pics on trail cameras and enjoying the nice day, the next morning i went outside to get water for coffee because the water line was froze and there was a brown bear in the slough. i ran for my .300 ultra mag and shot it, it went about 50 yds and dropped. the kids who are 5,6,and 9 helped me skin it and my oldest daughter got the rug she wanted, our black lab wants nothing to do with it. my wife is still in shock from the whole event.

The mountains are the most beautiful sites in the world

<p>The Muskox hunt on Nunivak was the only trip I made in 2011 primarily due to the cost - I spent my entire hunting budget on one hunt. A great big sarcastic "thanks" to my partner for submitting our photo with the Muskox for the 2011-2012 regulations.</p>
<p>The November hunt information for this survey was a Draw Permit, muzzleloader permit for moose. The opportunity only existed for the select few that drew the permit.</p>
<p>The number of legal bulls seems to be slim. On the up side we are seeing a good number of young bulls. However, we are seeing what appears to be a rise in the brown bear population in the Petersville area. We also noticed a drop in the number of hunting rigs along the road system last year. Wolf observations and sign were nil. Grouse were plentiful and I shot my first one with a bow which made my day. Typically the success of our hunts are not based on shooting game however this made two years in a row that our family and extended family (in-laws) did not harvest a moose and the freezer is empty of moose which is our primary meat source.</p>
<p>The one thing that I love about Alaska is all the public land that I have access to.</p>
<p>The only reason I live in Alaska is the Alaskan wildlife and the opportunity to see, hunt and trap them. The cost of living may force me to move to the lower 48. Gas prices have forced me to cut back on my excursions. The hunt this survey was about was a spring bear hunt by snow machine to some new country for me.</p>
<p>THE ONLY REASON I LIVE IN ALASKA IS THE HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES. MY AIRPLANE IS FOR MY HUNTING TRIPS. I SPEND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AND HOURS ON HUNTING AND ENJOY EVERY MINUTE OF IT.</p>
<p>The opportunities to hunt in unpopulated areas still abound. Likewise, if timed correctly, the vast herds of migrating animals can provide some spectacular hunting and viewing.</p>
<p>The opportunity to harvest the resources that have sustained my people for thousands of years is important to me.</p>
<p>The outdoor experience and camaraderie are a major benefit four hunting experiences. Plus being able to eat wild game.</p>
<p>The price of fuel is becoming very impactive on the hunting adventures that I take part in. I have heard from many people that they are not sure if they can maintain the same lifestyle as they have in the past with the fuel prices on the rise. If fuel prices rise, so do everyday goods that arrive by fuel propelled vehicles. I enjoy hunting and fishing and going to the cabin and using the boat, but it seems that I will have to choose one or the other in years to come due to rising costs of everything. Garrett</p>
<p>The primary area used by this family for over 30 years has been made a permit only area. Do not support some of those permits being issued to nonresidents.</p>
<p>The process of draw permits, if you draw a moose tag in a specific area, next year you can not apply for that area, please change this. that's why its called a lottery/draw everybody is equal I thought???</p> <p>Designate more areas fly-in only, ATV's and jet boats disturb the area, make lots of noise and put the animals under excessive stress.</p>
<p>The question that asked about how much more I would be willing to spend to go hunting-I honestly don't know what that maximum would be. Priceless! I take my sons hunting, and now they take their kids hunting. Relatives and friends come from out of state to go hunting. Hunting provides the incentive to go out to enjoy the outdoors and enjoy the friendship and camaraderie of relatives and friends.</p>
<p>The regs seem to get more and more complex every year. I found it difficult to determine the rules and where boundaries were for hunting and fishing.</p>
<p>The regulation that only allows a person hunt moose in unit 13 if they get a Tier I or II permit has caused an over abundance of hunters on an already limited hunting area.</p>

The regulations are convoluted and retarded and the drawing hunt permit process does not consider alaska residents first.
The regulations are far too ambiguous,contradictory, and in many cases just don't make sense.
The regulations are worse than they have been. With the new changes to the tier I & II hunts there are many new hunters that don't know how to hunt. They just drive around and make a bunch of noise in their camps. Alaskan's should be able to hunt in any areas of Alaska and not be restricted to other areas just because they have a tier I permit. Unit 13 Tier I hunters have to hunt for moose in unit 13 only. It should not have to be that way.
The road accessable hunting areas are too crowded with limited wildlife. The permit system should be changed to increase drawing permit success the more times you apply - similar to some lower 48 states where you get preference points when not drawn. Sheep huntng should have a 1 every 3 year limit for most areas. The guides/outfitters have way too much input over hunting and fishing
The road accessible areas are too crowded.. The caribou hunting anywhere along the road system is a zoo. Sheep hunting has become a big race either who has the most cash to spend or who will go the first couple of days to kill one.. i believe the state should make all non residents apply for sheep. limiting licenses for sheep will increase the the quality & lighten the presuure.. i also think they should open more areas up north for caribou hunting. Tighter management of all game animals is going to have to happen to increase the amount & quality of the species. It starts with predator control & the amount of licenses awarded. Just my 2 cents
The scenery is beautiful and you never know what your going to see
The scenery and available animals are a strong driving point for people and lend to the last frontier concept AK is known for. The management and regulations are helping to ensure that attraction is managed properly. During my hunts I saw many young animals that I didn't harvest because I felt it was not the appropriate thing to do. Taking the adolescent animals leads to less hunting because the management of the wildlife will be severely affected. It is not about harvesting the animals as much as the experience and ability to enjoy the surrounding outdoors with my friends and family. Everyone looks forward to getting outdoors and enjoying the abundant wildlife here in AK.
The scenery and wildlife in Alaska is what kept us here after we left the military. The breathtaking views and abundance of wildlife here is definitely what draws our love for this state and our desire to stay here forever.
The scenery was great, however the animals were not to be found
The sheep hunting trip to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge was a once in a lifetime experience - although my wife reminds me I have done it more than once. No rams this time - less than full curl - but a wonderful experience with breathtaking scenery and climbs.
the sheer size of our state creates confusion as to boundaries of the hunting areas and the yearly changes to the harvest regulations creates and supports an atmosphere of un-ease among hunters as to whether harvesting game meat in the same manner as we have always done will result in our arrest or imprisonment in trying to feed our family. Our family derives much enjoyment from watching our wildlife move and habitate in our forests and rivers but would much prefer to not have to carry 3 different books of regulations in order to argue with the troopers who are unable to keep current on the ever changing regulations. At the very least keep the rules the same for 10 year blocks of time.

The spring hunt for caribou and ptarmigan is special to me. The drive north through the Yukon and kuskokwim drainages, the ascending into the brooks range, over Atigun Pass and then onto the north slope is like venturing into a territory lost, precious, vast, complex and rugged. Leaving the road behind while I ski out with my pack and pull my sled invigorates me, exhausts me. The intensity of the air and wind frightens me, the mountains exhilarate me, and the periodic sightings of wildlife remind me why I love it here. The caribou and the weather never cease to surprise me, please me, exasperate me. More people there in 2012 may force me to change the area where I go, or maybe go a little earlier.

The State should manage all terrestrial wildlife throughout Alaska, including subsistence uses of wildlife on federal public lands. To do so, the state must amend its constitution to provide a rural priority for subsistence users. This is the most critical, long term wildlife management challenge facing the state. The Board of Game needs greater diversity among its representatives: nonconsumptive users and rural residents have not been fairly represented since following the Knowles administration. The development of new roads into remote areas that have historically received little use by nonlocal hunters will greatly affect subsistence lifestyles and impact wildlife populations. Guides and especially transporters need to be more effectively regulated by the State. For at least 10 yrs ADF&G has focused too heavily on predator control and maximizing hunting opportunity with too little consideration given to other uses of wildlife, the quality of hunting, and social conflicts among user groups.

The survey seemed to misrepresent me a little. I live in Juneau and would likely do 3-6 local, easy and cheap hunts every year for deer only. I typically get out to try and find grouse, but am often unsuccessful in finding the right tree. I am also likely to make one trip per year that is of greater length to hunt deer (admiralty Island) or Moose, Interior/Fairbanks area, where I'd be willing to spend 200-300 dollars. I will always apply for a Tier 2 moose permit in Haines, as we have a cabin there, but am not likely to get one.

The survey was too vague. I took multiple trips throughout the year. Some one day trips, some 8 day trips. Preparing for each trip takes time, time that is not accounted for properly in your survey. The fuel expense is also an issue. I have, and will, make fewer hunting trips this year due to the fuel cost, but I will not stop hunting. The fuel cost to hunting trips is compounded. The higher the price goes, the fewer trips I take.

The websites and game information for Caribou herds in the interior sections of AK are atrocious. One will tell you that the heard is here, but when you get there it's been gone days. When you call for updates you don't always get "IT CLOSES TONIGHT AT MIDNIGHT DUE TO BAG LIMIT REACHED" so you end up traveling 300 miles to find out the next morning it closed last night because you called in the morning the day prior.

The wife and I were born and raised in Alaska and my wife is native Alaskan from the Lake Iliamna region and a BBNC shareholder.

the wildlife is great to watch,catch and eat.

The Yanert River drainage controlled use access is completely ruined. The outfitter hunting the area flies twice a day, every day to spot animals and then sends in clients to with guides to take them out the following day. This happens like clockwork every morning and evening. Its sickening. I've hunted this drainage the last 3 years and will NOT return. I doubt I'll hunt this area for moose ever again, which is sad because I love the Cantwell area. The number of mature moose spotted went from 5-7 the first year to 2 last year, and we killed them both. The transporter who flew us in also commented on the overall lack of mature moose in the area. Commenting on population of bull moose declining dramatically since the outfitter moved in. This outfitter has ruined this area and needs to be run out of town. Friends of mine have had run ins with his guides and conflicts over the hunting area. The outfitter is from out of state, and is NOT happy to see residents hunting "his" area and will say it to your face. He blames the residents with any bull tags for the decline, yet they take more mature bulls from this area than the resident any-bull permit holders by far. This area needs to be a draw for non-residents with a quota, and this outfitter needs to pack his rape and pillage bags and go back to Montana. I'm tired of Alaska giving our valuable resouces away, and letting the outfitting industry run our game managment. The last BOG meeting was a prime example of how NR and outfitters run the show.

The yukon is a beautiful river,an experience of a life time

Ther is not enough room to discuss all the hunting and fishing I've done in alaska sinde 1975. Except for polar bear I've hunted everything, and still occasionally chase moose. Mostly I fish for salon and trout and leave the work of hunting to the younger generation. thanks

There are hunts I'd like to go on, but worry about the rule changes in the middle of the hunt. For example, you have to be very alert about caribou hunts in the interior. I wish they would do something different like having a drawing or close the season for a year instead of opening the season and closing it a few days later. I try to follow all the rules, so I avoid some hunts altogether for fear of inadvertently breaking the law.

There are lots of bears in the Chugach and near our home next to the Chugach. Maybe too many, especially compared to the numbers of other kinds of big game animals we have seen during the same time period.

There are TO MANY GUIDES UP HERE!!! instead of running this crappy survey, get a resident preferance for all hunting.

There are too few trails and hunting spots accessible and everyone usually ends up hunting in the same area. Standard creek area used to be a good Place to hunt until someone wrote an article in the paper on it and now it is overrun and people are viciously defending their hunting spots to the point of boobytrapping the good spots. For example the shotgun shells hidden under the fire pit at the camp site that exploded and cut our trip short. Otherwise my trips are generally good.

There are too many people, packed in too little space with too little game. Political game management must give way to proper biological management to allow for sustained harvest. I have had the pleasure of eating moose, caribou or bear for 45 years, but it is becoming increasingly more difficult to procure game in a reasonable, inexpensive manner.

There certainly could have been an easier format on some of these questions. The wording was awkward, especially on that initial one about satisfaction. This seems to be geared to nonresidents not locals. Poor format and wording through out.

There fun and work.

There is no better place in the world to hunt I love Alaska!!!

<p>There is no place in a hunting camp for liquor. I have been hunting with my family for over 50 years. Things have really changed a lot since we started hunting. I love to get out of town and away from all the noise and just relax and Hunt and get our winter supply of meat.</p>
<p>There is no place like SE Alaska. It is a piece of heaven.</p>
<p>There is no place more beautiful to spend time outside alone hunting than Alaska with family and friends. When you find someplace nicer please let me know.</p>
<p>There is nothing better than an Alaska hunt shared with my family.</p>
<p>There needs to be more resident only areas for sheep and moose</p>
<p>There seem to be way too many Grizzly bears out there. Maybe I'm a magnet for them, but I run into them everywhere.</p>
<p>There seems to be a large increase in bears and a decrease in moose in my area. I have a large family and to be able to take a moose in our area, without having to travel a long ways is important. While we love to hunt, if the cost of harvesting is too much higher that buying from the store, then we cannot justify the trip.</p>
<p>There should be more preference given to Alaska residents for hunting in AK. Fees should be raised for Non-Resident hunters; not Residents.</p>
<p>There was to much fun and activity for any one person ;)</p>
<p>There's not space here to capture a 10 day hunt</p>
<p>There's too many to mention. We should do our best to preserve the right to enjoy the outdoors through hunting and fishing here in Alaska, whatever the cost. It is just unfortunate that the cost continues to go up and it becomes more difficult through expanded regulations.</p>
<p>These questions were a bit tricky for me to answer....for example, I live and work remotely and many of the deer I shot this year were deer that I just happened to see. While I was prepared for the opportunity to hunt and sometimes went out on hunting trips, the difference between a hunting trip and just taking an opportunity is fuzzy for me.</p>
<p>They are amazing and very important to me and my family!!!</p>
<p>They are good.</p>
<p>They have closed off a trail that I need use to hunt. I am handicaped , the sign said I needed to get - something to do so. It was not clear what I need to do.</p>
<p>They need to open the bow hunting seasons earlier so we can stay away from all the California road/boat hunters. It is getting ridicules up here with all the airboats, watercraft and four-wheelers. I had to kick several people off my property who just ignored my No Trespassing signs. I also feel as a property owner I should be able to harvest big game on my property earlier and later than the rest of the rabble who live in the cities and "invade" the woods in search of their manliness with little or no regard for the wildlife, personal property or nature. I used to hunt in California over 25 years ago and many areas of Alaska are getting that bad. Too many people out there hunting with minimal hunting skills, too much money and too little brains.</p>
<p>This 'most recent' trip is probably not representative of an average hunting trip for my household. Several trips per year are significantly larger scale than the the most recent snowshoe hare hunt up the road a few miles.</p>
<p>This 2011 moose hunting trip in September, My husband bought a harvest ticket and hunting license, there was 2 adults, 4 children went, husband was hunting moose while the rest of us picked berries, very good outing for one day, one night.</p>
<p>This country is great up here and whether I harvert an animal or not doesn't matter because I love being out there and anythime I can make a hunt, it was successful because I always learn something new every time I go.</p>

<p>this information was primarily from a waterfowl hunt in November. I take several hunting trips throughout the year.</p>
<p>This is a bit more about the survey-I live in AK and completed many trips. This survey is vague and difficult to discern what trip is being asked about and whether it is all 2011 trips or one in particular. I recommend refining it for more accurate results. I am not sure what you're looking for with this question. It is very large in scope.</p>
<p>this is a great state to go hunting and fishing in. our trip did cost alot but with the fun we had seeing some animals and other game somehow makes the trip worth it.would love to spend more time out and about if the cost wasnt so high for each trip we take.</p>
<p>This is a poor survey. It did not even ask if I live in Alaska. And the cost does not make sense as there are multiple hunts. It did not break out the cost of being in different regions</p>
<p>THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE IN THE STATES I WANT TO BE IN. IT;S THE GREATEST. THANK YOU LEE HARPER</p>
<p>This isn't a Wildlife survey in the broad, it's a hunting survey. Since there are lots of \$ spent on non-consumptive use.</p>
<p>This last summer my dad and his friend took me on a deer hunt. my dads friends name was Zack and he brought his sister. we ran over to Youngs Bay and hunted on the beach. i saw one, hit it in the shoulder and it ran into the water. we got it out of the water and then took a picture of me and my first deer. we gutted the deer and packaged up the meat. we ran down the beach a little farther in Zacks Hews Craft and saw two more. we ran ashore and i went into the pron position. i took out the young buck and it dropped like a stone. we took that one whole and drove back to Auke Bay Harbor.</p>
<p>This poll somewhat confuses me, I am an Alaskan Resident, trips that I take can start as a hiking or 4 wheeler trip and turn into a hunting trip. Just because I am in the field doesn't mean I am hunting or not hunting. Not sure what this poll was looking for, too broad and vague of questions for someone who lives at the bottom of a mountain and regularly takes walks and four wheeler rides with a bow.</p>
<p>This question and the answer to select was poorly written Please indicate the extent to which each of these factors affected your overall level of satisfaction with your December 2011 trip to the Southeast region. This survey is strongly biased toward getting results that focus on hunting versus non consumptive uses of wildlife. Did the AOC write it?</p>
<p>This seems like a very pointless survey. It sums like a waste of paper and postage as well as state employee salary. Wildlife is very important to me and my family. I see moose and bear, coyote etc even a porcupine and I'm pleased. I've lived here 54 years and never tire of it.</p>
<p>this specific experience was attributed to my daughter & i being drawn for a cow permit for a unit in the black rapids area. had we not been permitted, we would not have gone. the short three day period being out & about with my daughter & son was priceless! actually harvesting a moose was secondary in nature.</p>
<p>This survey asked for my latest hunting trip which was a one day trip to try to fill a caribou tag in Unit 13. They closed the season the week after I made that trip or I might have gone back again. Prior to that trip I made a 10 day trip to the same area only further off road for the same reason as well as trying to harvest a moose in September.</p>
<p>This survey asked questions about my most recent hunting trip in 2011 as if i were a visitor to the area. I live in unalaska, and the last trip i took in december was a ski trip around the island looking mainly for grouse and or waterfoul. The trip only cost \$8 because i only shot a few shells and we may have driven 5 miles- using very little gas or other resources.</p>
<p>This survey did not allow me to specify that I hunt and fish various species with my family year round. We eat a high percentage of fish and game we procure. We go on many trips, from dip netting to hunting in our region. Our whole extended family and many friends participate.</p>

This survey does not give enough options for the questions. My hunt in the Southwest area was during a visit with relatives so most of the questions did not apply. Not everyone hunts outside of their home areas at great expense as indicated.

This survey is about 7 months late. If you would have asked me back in October when the general hunting season closed for moose and caribou, I could have given you exact dollar amounts spent and had exact answers for other questions. Additionally question about what the dollar ceiling I would spend to hunt is not very scientific, as there are many other variables in play as to whether I could afford to hunt or not hunt, like job status, health issues, unexpected financial difficulties like health issues, family burdens and other unknowns. You might want to clarify on that question as it has no meaning what ever as presently written.

this survey is geared more for people traveling to the region. I live in the North region and live a subsistence lifestyle. For example, every time I drive the road or trail, I am hunting whatever is in season. I selected December as my last 2011 hunt (obviously) because I cruised around on a snowmachine with my daughter and shot some ptarmigan. But I think that my moose hunt in sept. would have been better for this survey. that was more of a "trip" b/c it was several days

This survey is really not based around a subsistence experience. The questions and things are all related to people from cities and/or outside Alaska going to hunt in rural areas. I answered this thing the best I could, but it doesn't reflect how things really work for subsistence hunting.

This survey is too long for me to write something meaningful

This survey is too long. I could have been fishing with the time I used on it and buy bait at a local store. Now it cost me tax dollars to support this survey, with no idea of return or investments made. Please explain the pros of this survey, so I can determine if you're wasting my tax dollars or not.

This survey isn't easy for a subsistence hunter from Bush AK to use. 'How much would you pay?' questions can't be answered since we'd pay whatever it takes - until say, fuel prices, forced us to switch to other things. Also, separating any trip to include only hunting is somewhat contrived because we always have a firearm, even when cutting firewood or berry picking and if we saw a grouse, or hare, or bear, we'd try to take it. It must be a hunting trip though, otherwise the gun wouldn't get a boat ride. The currency we use for hunts isn't entirely captured either. For example, I traded 2 jars of king salmon to use a buddy's cabin so was my lodging cost what, 20 bucks? In that regard, you've underestimated the cost of hunting to me. I recognize it is difficult to estimate the value of hunting in anything but dollars. However, I chose to live in Bush AK to live this lifestyle, especially hunting, fishing, and trapping and I've rejected job offers which would have paid \$40-50K more but would have forced me to exist as a city dweller, dependent on all that implies. That dollar amount is a reasonable estimate of my real cost, but the pay which would get me to leave hasn't been established. I hope these comments help, and I hope you can demonstrate that hunting and the habitats hunted species need, are important based on your (under)estimate of hunting's dollar value.

This survey made no sense in the wording for answers.

this survey needs work! I started entering details about my "last trip" which was a 2 hour grouse bow "hunt" with 3 boys. But I should've answered about my real moose hunting trip, but I couldn't go back and change anything.

This survey was bad for long term alaskans who live in the city but want to subsistence hunt. We hunt GMU 13 and your map was bad, is 13 in the interior or south central or both? We go for the basic. The only satisfaction for hunting is getting a legal animal. We went hunting many time during moose season and got a caribou in August in the tier 1 caribou hunt. We need more game and less strict regulations. We need to have the feds curtail the subsistence slaughter in rural alaska. We all need equal access. There are to many rich people with 4 wheelers and motor homes than run the game around so it is hard to get when you are stuck on the road system and walking. We did not get to answer for black bear hunting or other game. There are to many animal lovers and not enough true Alaskans who grew up living off of the land. Oh yea and as for the scenery we have seen everything in GMU 13 so much we have almost named the trees. Places we used to go 30 years ago have less game and more people with fancy equipment. Since rural subsistence preference and separate state and Fed rules game has reduced a lot. The regulations have gotten worse and it is harder to feed a family.

This survey was obviously crafted by overeducated people who have absolutely no idea that some of their questions are unfathomable by the average citizen. Further it's obviously crafted(slanted)to show that hunding should take an economic back rest to wildlife viewing. Very disappointing.

This trip 3 hunters took 3 Brown bear in one day. Bears were in sight night and day. A major portion of my families food has been game provided with a .338 rifle. My son and grandsons are hunters. Alaska has been very good to us.

This urvey is a poor reflection of my relationship with hunting which is about gathering food rather than trophies and is strongly intermingled with other outdoor activities (fishing, berry picking, mushroom gathering, and other food related activities; as well as generally enjoying all forms of wildlife, including nongame species; and enjoying Alaskas spectacular scenery away all in a wilderness setting far from the sights and sounds of the industrial civilization.) It is about getting back to my roots as a human being evolved from people whose lives depended on hunting and gathering. It is an economic activity in that I generally try to hunt near home or hunt in comjuntion with other activities (such as a canoe trip in the interior). I do not care for the "Chamber of Commerce" approach to hunting where natures only value is what we are willing to pay dollars for, nor do I think we should be making surveys with this point of view as the primary methodology for "valuing" wildlife which in the end is invaluable as a part of our coevolved heritage and wild soul.

This was a confusing survey. We live and hunt in Gustavus so I had a hard time figuring out what "trip" would mean for us. We hunt in our front yard and surrounding area. We have been very disappointed in moose numbers, they have decreased significantly in the past few years, we used to be able to have a subsistence lifestyle but no longer. We have not harvested a moose in over five years. Also, have no additional costs because of we live where we hunt. Not exactly sure why this survey was sent to me.

This was a proxy hunt. I had neck surgery, was not able to hunt.

This was the first time my dad and I ever hunted Moose. My dad did not really hunt because he wanted me to experience a successful hunt. I am now 15 years old and this trip will provide a lifetime of memories for both of us.

This was the first year for my son to hunt with me. It was a great experieice for both father and son. Spending time with him, enjoying the great Alaskan outdoors and getting him to enjoy the sport of hunting...totally awesome. We did not take a big game animal during the hunting trip, however, the time spent with my son was priceless. Cant wait until our next hunting trip.

This year my dad and I spent 4 days bow hunting on the dalton highway. I also had my own cow moose permit, but did not get anything.

Thoroughly enjoyed archery hunting moose along the Dalton Highway. I don't get to travel that far north very often. The scenery, the solitude, and the chance to see game up close significantly enhances the experience.
Though I am an avid hunter, I do not support the state's aggressive predator control program. The state should hire professional wildlife biologists and let them do their jobs based on objective science, not politics and ideology.
Though the costs and time involved are approximations based on best guesses after the fact, the memories from a successful hunt, other wildlife and the scenery of Alaska are forever etched into the "Great Memories" page of my mind!
Three father son teams got together for the caribou hunt at the north slope. It was my first trip with my son and grand-son, and the biggest negative's I observed was lack of facilities to take a bath without driving all the way to dead horse. I felt a lot of fuel could have been saved searching for the herds, if the state would add an ATV road that parallel's the Haul Road. It would also help spread out the hunters, rather than them all piling on the few that were passing through the area when we were there. I enjoyed the survey, and you guy's are doing a great job managing the resources in our state. Keep up the good work.....
Thx. for the interesting survey. There aren't enough moose to hunt on Turnagain Arm any longer. We believe it is because of the large pop. of bear there. We think the grizzly bear hunt should be increased in that area. We used to hunt near Indian every autumn & get our moose there. Now we rarely even see a moose there during hunting season! We see grizzlies tho!
Tier I non-motorized is a great experience for folks who aren't afraid of hard work. On the other hand, ATVs are destroying the tundra, particularly in the Denali Highway area.
To many bears. I saw more bears than moose. If you wonder why the moose population it is because the bear population is to high. Both brown and black.
To many hunters in unit 13. Legal moose are getting scarce. Moose hunting needs to be shut down for a couple of years, including the tier I and tier II fiasco.
To many hunters, to much pressure on the resource, lack of game.
To many nonresidents competing for the game. If a hunt is open to non residents then every Alaskan who desires to hunt a species should have priority.
To many to list, its just been a pure joy to live and hunt in this state!
to many tourists. Our hunting and fishing spots are slowly being overrun by guides and charter operators.
TO much Hunters enter Kalskag Area from down river and not enough days to catch our big game.
to much land being looked up be native groups.
To numerous to mention. Any time I can, I hunt, fish, camp, hike, etc. I spend a lot of time in the woods.
Too Many Brown Bears on Bait
Too few hunting oportunities for those of us without boats, planes, ATV's etc.
too few of animals nearly everywhere and too many hunters.
Too many areas, outfitters, and regulations cater to out-of-state nonresident hunters which makes it much harder for residents who live and work here to enjoy reasonably low-cost and easier accesshunting trips.
Too many GI's getting special privileges. Too many period!
Too many guides,should not be allowed to bring clients closer than 50 miles of rural towns,it,s a commercial business and should not interfere with rural hunters trying too feed there families.

Too many non-residence hunters from the lower 48 coming to the North region. Too many guides and transporters to compete with. transporters are dropping off too many people.
Too many nonresident guides and non resident hunters taking our animals for pennies on the dollar. Raise non-resident hunting tag fees and limit non-resident harvest to 10%.
Too many people for the areas. Getting ready to not hunt as much in Alaska and hunt in other states where there is a more enjoyable experience than having to try and race the next guy to the game.
Too many people from Anchorage coming North, clogging up the hunting. Provide more opportunities for these people so they stay home.
Too many people hunting. Too many GIs hunting as recreation when residents require game for food. Licensing and tags should be very expensive for non-residents. GIs must be considered non-residents for all ADF&G licenses.
too many people in areas easily accessible and far too few animals to hunt. It would be nice if ADFG would limit the amount of people out hunting in one given area.....like draws... oh and i would have to say i saw more hunting guides up on the Echooka river then i did caribou. And some reason they felt we were in there area while we were hunting. But alaska wont do anything about the guides because they make \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ off of them and everything is all about the Green. But animals can be wasted and rot as long as AK makes there money.
too many people, not enough animals to hunt
too many people.
too many regulations/restrictions/seasons/sizes/special management units
Too many to talk about for the space and time! ;)
Too many wolves in the Livengood/Tolovana area & no moose - only wolf scat, moose bones, & howling. Noticable change in three years.
TOO MUCH EMPHASIS ON HUNTING AND NOT ENOUGH ON WILDLIFE OBSERVATION, AND WILDLAND ENJOYMENT. THE WHOLE FISH AND GAME FOCUS ON UTILIZING GAME FOR HARVEST WHILE INTENSIVELY MANAGING PREDATORS IS MISGUIDED AND TURNING ME OFF TO HUNTING IN GENERAL. IT APPEARS THE STATE IS TRYING TO TURN INTO A GAME RANCH. IF I DON'T GET A MOOSE BECAUSE THERE ARE WOLVES IN THE AREA THATS FINE I ENJOYED SEEING THE WOLVES YOU SHOULD NOT GO SHOOT THE WOLVES FROM A HELICOPTER BECAUSE OF THAT. THE WHOLE BEAR SNARING DEBACLE IS REDICULOUS AND MAKES ME ASHAMED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH HUNTERS WHO WOULD DO THAT. PEOPLE USED TO EAT BEARS FOR SUBSISTENCE FOOD NOT JUST WASTE THEM SO THEY HAVE A BETTER CHANCE AT A MOOSE. ANY INPUT TO THE STATE BOARD OF GAME, POLITICIANS OR GOVERNORS HAS BEEN IGNORED SINCE TONY KNOWLES LEFT OFFICE.
Too much to share! Love the outdoor experiences, #1 reason I want to remain in Alaska. Especially love black bear hunting in unit 7!
Too numerous to list. Wait for the book. Consumptive users of wildlife are the backbone of conservation. The Non-consumptive (viewers, etc) need to realize and remember this, that without the economic impact of hunters like myself, there would be less management and fewer animals. There is plenty of room for non-consumptive activities but not at the sacrifice of the consumptive user.
Took a five day trip to the cabin with the family, hunting every morning and evening.. Was a bit warn early in the season therefore the moose were not moving much.. Seen one cow the whole time out, on our last day while heading home! Unsuccessful hunt, but a wonderful time with the family!
Took a nap on the tundra near Galbraith Lake and woke up surrounded by ravens at about 10 feet away from me. We chatted for about 15 minutes, and then they flew off.

<p>Took my 24' SeaRay Cabin Cruiser out of Homer to Port Chatham for a Bear Hunt/halibut trip. Stayed 8 days, saw bears, got none. Coast Guard cutter RoanOak tied up to the bouy on the 4th day, caostguardmen fired shotguns and other guns off the deck for two days straight. No wildlife in sight during this excessive noise. High winds made it very hard to hold anchor as the bottom is sandy, grounded our boat in a small creek until ready to leave.</p>
<p>Took my son hunting with his gandpa Joe Redington Jr and he shot his 1st moose. 3 Generations of redington's harvsting a moose - was an awesome sight.</p>
<p>Took my teenage daughter on her first moose hunting trip in 2011 and we will be doing it again in the future. It meant a lot to be off the grid and spend time with her and other family members. Watching her spend an hour stalking a bull was priceless.</p>
<p>Took my wife on her first hunting trip. Planned all year and prepared for her to be able to shoot for over a year. I was able to take her to some of the most beautiful country she has ever seen and she harvested her first animal. Trip of a life time</p>
<p>TOUGH Hunt Got a bison For My Granddaughter</p>
<p>Traveled from wasilla over hatchers pass to willow. Did not come in contact with any wild life and did not harvest an animal.</p>
<p>Tribes need more input in deciding on hunting and fishing regulations.</p>
<p>tried to get a bear at eclutna lake with bow, no luck.(had permit) did harvest a moose with my bow in Aug. hunting is first, just being out there. if i get something it's a bonis</p>
<p>Trip was good, wife got sick had to come back early. Very few caribou.</p>
<p>trips are primarily for subsistence. Survey only focused on one trip of many. Survey seemed geared toward tourists.</p>
<p>Try and hunt every year to keep the good food on the table for my family.</p>
<p>Typical archery caribou hunt in 26B. Scattered small groups of Bou, but unfortunately too many other hunters to make the trip really enjoyable. I'll go again, but not in August.</p>
<p>Typically see many caribou on the hunt we do up North. Was lucky enough to get a 55" bull moose for myself in August as well, in South Central. In January this year, I killed another moose hunting a proxy for a friend of mine from Anchorage. I hunt from foot and 4 wheelers, power boats and canoe's and Kayaks.</p>
<p>Understanding the regulations in the zone where you wish to hunt or finding a zone to hunt where you understand the regualtions is a real challenge. The majority of the preparation time is spent learning where to go and what can be done there. I do not always like to hunt in the same location, so trip after trip is spent reading the regulations manual. Unit 20 has more zones than necessary, especially 20A. I had time to hunt the antlerless hunt in 20A in January 2011, on a 40 below day to find a moose less than a mile from the sub zone of the sub zone that i was allowed to hunt. I have several stories of this nature. Finally, hunting in a location where more than one animal is open is nearly impossible to find, without, of course, spending money on a guide, which is why, I am sure, that the regulations are made the way they are.</p>
<p>Unfortunately I did not see a bear on my hunt but I had a wonderful experience for five days in the Unit 20A has plenty of moose in it. I would return to the drawing for any bull and the cow registration. I would also give out tags in a different way. Youth Resident, Adult Resident, Youth Non Resident, Adult Non Resident. If we give out more youth tags then more young people will enjoy hunting. Not much fun for an eleven year old to see fifty-four cows and he can't shoot one, but old guys get the tags. The old guys like me like seeing our sons harvest and animal much more than we want to harvest</p>

upwards of over 40 years in subsistence activities in my area. The Land and it's abundance never fail to impress me in all these years. some species are in decline and one small bird with brown coloring is not in view this year among flying birds.
Use of airboat to access Maclarren river was exciting.
Use to like to go around the state trophy trout fishing. But my last 5 trip's were ruined by Fish and game officer's making me put down my pole with 26" or better "fish on" see my licese only to loose fish while complying not worth it any more, get 1 week a year to fish only to be "totaly" discouraged by Fish and Game.
Usually I don't see legal animals to shoot. Last year we saw alot of Caribou, but not that many without calves. Senery was awesome
Usually just hunt around the house. I have been disappointed in the new hunting draws but it is my fault as I forgot to send in my harvest ticket or it was late and so I know I am not eligible and just throwing money out the window to even apply. Just forgot that the times to apply changed.
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Very enjoyable
Very Enjoyable Experianc Saw Many Herd of Caribou a privledge to See the Varied Wildlife Up Close!!! Inspiring Vistss and Sunsets!!
Very expensive, but worth it when you are wanting an isolated experience. Although I did not harvest a moose, those reasons were situational and I had my chance. I would love the opportunity to draw this permit again, doing many things differently next time. I missed a monster bull!!!
Very good since I've been 5 years old and have spent most of a couple months of a year hunting and fishing- and still love it.
Very hard winter, but very nice being outdoors. Best place to live "Alaska"." Love seeing wildlife when seen.
Very much enjoy what Alaska offers
viewing wildllife is just as important as hunting. hunters are not the only users of game wildlife.
W Saw a Grizzley Swimming Across the Kenai River this Summer NEAT Memory
Was a great trip
was good
was great growing up but now anything close to a trailhead accessible from the road system is way to crowded. People are not as nice and are to edgy in competition for animals.
Was my first hunt ever. Went with a buddy and unfortunately only saw cows. However there were probably 20 moose cows we had seen over the week trip. I look forward to spending more time in the field learning more about the Alaskan wilderness and how to be a successful hunter.
Way of life
way to many folks in all areas. need lots more access to places. tired of native signs keeping me out but it is ok for them to hunt in the areas I have to hunt. double standard and very racial to me.
Way too many regulations on non substance hunters. It appears that substance hunters are allowed to do way too much and the regular hunters have literally dozens and dozens of regulations we must follow to put meat in the freezer for our family.

We (family) live in southwestern Alaska and my nephew came down to moose hunt for the first time and stayed a few months subsisting for family that live in Anchorage. Now what gets me is I have been hunting moose down here in Ugashik and have never gotten one in this area, he hunted for his first time ever and got one on the 7th day of the hunt, I had to return to work but the meat was still good even though it was shot by a rookie. He also got several geese and gallons of blackberries and a few salmon too. His grandmother (my mom) was a happy little native last fall. Freight was a bit of a problem but we managed.

We also trap wolves, lynx, marten, fox, wolverine, beaver, ermine, etc. We also fish. We eat primarily moose meat with some occasional pork or fish mixed in. We will continue to hunt until it becomes cost prohibitive and buying beef is cheaper. We hope that day never comes as moose is healthier for us and a part of our families tradition.

We always enjoyed Alaska and the 2 week drive we used to take getting there. It was so relaxed. The wildlife on the roadsides were almost inviting. Like they were saying, "wait there's more of us to see. I think I must have 25 pictures of every animal I've seen. We enjoyed the fishing and our caribou hunt was great and fulfilled a wish on the bucket list.

We archery hunt the haul road every year for the past couple and will likely make it an annual trip. Otherwise I spend a great deal of time on the kenai looking for sheep to no avail but enjoying the

We are avid hunters when the weather allows us to get out in our boat. We hunt in Prince William Sound for bears and ducks and deer. Sometimes work and weather screw us out of our opportunity to hunt here in AK. 2011 was not a typical year for us. We barely got out to hunt. We have started to think about going outside to hunt in the fall so we can make sure we get to hunt.

We are not sports hunters. We live a subsistence life style and our hunting is strictly for meat which is necessary for our diet and way of life.

We are upset to hear about the new moose regs. This makes hunting here VERY difficult. So far this year we got a black bear. We are hoping to get a bull this year but the chances of that are sooooo slim- We arrived in Alaska due to work, and simply fell in love with the land and ended up staying here. This is truly the last bit of 'God's country' left in America. Every time we step outdoors, or especially take a ten minute drive out of town, there is always a breathtaking scene. So much so that we purchased a professional camera and took up a new hobby just because of the beautiful land and abundant wildlife from the cornucopia of fish in the streams to the herds of caribou, or the loner bull moose browsing in ponds that anyone can experience; most of the time within a few steps of the roadsides! Even when we go Moose hunting and only see calves and cows or bulls that are too small to harvest in the certain sector, the photography is almost as exciting and wonderful as a take down. Although, it would be nice if regulations were eased a little on certain measurements, because knowing EXACTLY 50 inches is a challenge at 200 yards for us real sportsmen that don't use huge optics and take the time to train to shoot correctly with only iron sights; after all, "on sight applied physical geometry" isn't everyone's strongest point, and we passed on three bulls just this 2011 season alone because we weren't totally positive that they weren't a mere 48 inches. So a "reasonable measurement of or about 50 inches" would be much more realistic. Also, for the Fish & Wildlife web site, a more user friendly inter-active click on map with hunting info would be much nicer, and make it easier for us to feel comfortable hunting different areas!

We as a family enjoy the hunting experience Alaska has to offer. We especially enjoy Bear Baiting season as it offers great wildlife viewing and the quietness of the woods.

We as Alaska Natives depend on wildlife for our livelihood. We grew up on these foods and will never part from them. A lot of different wildlife in the Yukon, different from the Bering Sea Coast.

<p>We depend on fish & game meat for about 75% of what we eat. Being able to provide this kind of food is very much preferred over store bought goods, because we believe that it is healthier. Being able to gather food in this manner is a way of life most important to us.</p>
<p>We do a lot of permits hunts/camping as a family from moose, caribou, sheep, goat, deer, bear, sport fishing, steelhead fishing.</p>
<p>We do enjoy seeing wildlife in Alaska outside of hunting. We use a boat to get on the ocean and we enjoy road trips just to view wildlife on and off the road.</p>
<p>We do subsistence hunting every year to have food for the winter. We did not get any deer or moose this year.</p>
<p>We drew a tier 1 tag in unit 13 and had a great hunt! A two day hunt off the Denali highway was just right due to limited time for me to take my son on his first caribou hunt. We had beautiful weather and spotted a nice bull at 2.5 miles. 1 hour later, we had drawn within 100 yards for my son to take a clear shot. True to his perseverance and training by me, he dropped the bull in its tracks with an awesome shot. Boy, was I excited! We harvested every bit of meat had a great ride home. That boy sure made his dad proud!</p>
<p>We Drive ATVs We hunt for subsistence hunters we love it and stay at least 30 miles out</p>
<p>We enjoy going hunting as an annual adventure. I only harvest 1 caribou a year and feel that is what our family needs and don't exceed that amount. I appreciate local hunts like the Eklutna Moose bow hunt and the Anchorage coastal area for ducks. I don't need to harvest game every time I go hunting, but always cherish the experience of getting out close to Anchorage and enjoying the outdoors.</p>
<p>We enjoy hunting, fishing and living in Alaska. We harvest a moose, waterfowl, ptarmigan, a muskox and several caribou annually to feed our family and many within our community. We are some of the most blessed people in our country and the world.</p>
<p>We Enjoy Sportfishing as a Family we harvested 6 deer and fish we live on it</p>
<p>We fish PWS often, and hope that one day NOAA fisheries enforcement and ADF&G will be on the same page when it comes to halibut enforcement (freezing fish/possession limits) Thanks</p>
<p>We flew in to a friend's camp to hunt and then one of us flew out with the meat while the other took 4 days to help take the packhorses back to the road at the end of the season.</p>
<p>We fly to my friend's cabin on Admiralty for Veteran's Day week. The fall rut is usually in full swing and there are nice bucks running around. Very good hunting and not many bears around that time of year. It's a tradition that I share with my friends each year.</p>
<p>We generally hunt in the fall (Sept), Lake Louise, Susitna, Tyone and stay in a friend's cabin on Lake Louise. We use a boat to access the cabin as well as the lakes many hunting trails. We love the entire outing (beautiful scenery, water fowl, fly fishing as well as hunting). The animals have been scarce the past couple of years, however the outing makes up for the lack of animals. We have raised families in Alaska, and are now trying to retire so the cost of the hunting trips are extremely important to us. We used to fly out to Iliamna and King Salmon to hunt however the cost of the trips have increased over the years, making them cost prohibitive. We work hard year around and use our hunting trips as a time to de-stress as well as hunt. We sincerely appreciate the trouble that Alaska Fish and Game has gone through in order for us to hunt the Tier I (Tier II) Caribou. We are old Alaskans, we need and love the opportunity to hunt...</p>
<p>We go every year and plan on continuing. We fish and hunt for our protein, including dipnetting fish on the Kenai River. Couldn't live without the outdoors</p>

<p>We go hunting as much as possible. Some years more than others. In 2011 we did not have as much free time to hunt as usual. On another note, these questions seem to be leading to the statistics you want! Give us an open forum and you can get at what we we are really thinking and feeling about game management in Alaska. Thank You</p>
<p>We go hunting every year. We dont always get a moose, or fish when we go fishing, however that is not the most important part of our trips. The main part of our trips is spending time with our children and teaching them the importance of the outdoors, and respecting the animals and their habitats.</p>
<p>We go hunting out at the same camp spot for the last 10 years. i would like to buy some land or lease it to build a hunting cabin out there instead of hauling our wall tent in every year. it would help on the trip in to the area. and it would cut down on the ruts on the muddy trails. you would not have to go in so heavy with gear andd could haul a lot of your gear in the the area in the winter on snowmachines. witch is a lot easier on stuff then in the fall. I love to go out there to hunt and see all the wild life and getting something out there is just a bonus.</p>
<p>we go out every year to PWS to look for spring black bear. We troll and fish while we glass the coastline for bears. We only do this hunt once and it usually ends up being more of a sightseeing and boating trip than intensive hunting</p>
<p>We had a good time hunting back in off the "9 Mile" trail to gain access to the hunt area. However, the hunt area really had nothing to do with the "Boundary" area! I think restricting the hunt area like you did was Not Good. I heard from another permit holder that "I would not have put in for this hunt had I known where the actual hunt area was." And he did not hunt as a result.</p>
<p>We had a good time snow machining on the river; as for moose very few seen. Lots of people.</p>
<p>We had a great time and would do it again. We never saw one single Elk nor any deer while hunting on Etlon island. But it was still a great adventure.</p>
<p>WE had a great time, I love being able to get out into the country, see the wilderness and see the animals.</p>
<p>We had an awesome time hunting Caribou in the Ferry area, My wife was sucessfull in taking her first big game animal. Harvested a caribou on the 4th trip</p>
<p>We had an excellent hunt on Afognak Island. Beautiful place.</p>
<p>we have a cabin near Tok and have been hunting in Alaska for more than 20 years. We make multiple hunting trips every year. We are always observing wildlife and enjoy that in addition to hunting.</p>
<p>We have been hunting, harvesting, and eating southcentral alaskan game for 45 years now, and hope to another 20 years.</p>
<p>We have been on a lot of hunts and adventures around the State of Alaska. We hunt for meat for the winter as well as for the pure enjoyment of the outdoors. While the regulations are tough in some instances, I continue to back you guys on preserving these animals, so that my kids can enjoy the same experiences with their kids.</p>
<p>We have enjoyed hunting and experiencing outdoor adventure in the Petersville area for over 20 years. We have been very fortunate to harvest many moose, a few bears, and a wolf, trapped beaver, marten, and wolverine, and have taken tons of pictures. We are moving out of state on June 1st, and will be missing Alaska's outdoors very much!!!</p>
<p>We have hunted and fished all over the state of Alaska the unit 13 t566 being the most affordable family hunt.</p>
<p>We have hunted north of Tok the past 2 yrs. We used 40 mile air service to get to our hunting areas and have had successful hunts both times.</p>
<p>We haven't gotten any animals. When it comes time to hunt we don't see the animals. I think they hide from us.</p>

we Hunt For the Joy OutsideLove and support denali
We hunt only to put meat on the table. We value this more and more as the years go by. That is all.
We hunt the food we eat you can not just go to the store and get Moose or Carabou
WE hunt to feed our family game meat. Took a trip to kodiak in 2005 killed a dear, I had a bea r tag didn't harvest one. Took a trip in 2008 killed an elk, Wife fell off a mountain, broken nose, broken back, ribs. Stayed and got out meat out. She is better now. Took a Kodiak trip in 2011 for a mountain goat in august and didn't get one, I almost fell off a mountain. Took another trip to kodiak in October For Goat and got a Beautiful fall brown bear on Afognak Island. Also took a moose in the interior for meat in August.
We hunt to fill our freezer for winter. My family is athabascan and we have six children. With the declining animals in our area we have come to rely on the state road kill list more and more to help fill our freezer.
We Hunt to live, and live to hunt and fish.
we hunt where my husbands grandfather hunted. this is a tradition, it's our culture. we know how to preserve our catch and know how much it means to have moose in our fridge since meat prices are going up. My dad fought for us to even get moose for our traditional potlaches. so I'm very concerned about our way of life.
We hunt, fish and or trap every weekend and holiday. This is what we do. I hope this data helped. I would have worded it differently. I think the ADF&G does a good job of managing the resource. Thank you.
We hunt, fish, gather and garden for our food. We live a homestead life. We love to explore Alaska and it's wilds. We are permanent residents in Alaska and wish to keep this lifestyle for many years to
We hunted moose on the Chena River and stayed at a State Parks cabin close by the hunt area.
We hunted the tier 1 in unit 13 for the first time last season, plan on doing so agian this season, but it all depends on the numbers of people that are hunting in the area that is assessable via boat and ATV.
we just like to hunt to put meat on the table
We just love to be in the outdoors, harvesting game is a real bonus, and enjoyable experience
We left home on Friday morning to travel and look for bull moose on the road between Cantwell and Paxson Lake. We spent the night at one of the roadside camping spots. We saw several moose, but none of them were legal to shoot. We did get a several grouse, which we later fried up and ate. Because I am older and have back problems, I am very limited in what type of hunting I can do at this time. Hopefully, I will get better and be able to do different types of hunting.
we live a hunter-gatherer life style. 90% of our meat is hunted or fished for and 50% of our fruits and vegi's are grown or harvested from the wild. Thats kind of why we live here!!
We live and hunt subsistent for food in every season. We dearly love Alaska and the awesome privilege of hunting in the greatest last American territory.
We live in a village. We hunt deer, goat and ducks to eat.
We live in Alaska and enjoy hunting Black Bear, and are always looking for opportunity to hunt Brown Bear and Moose. We had a fly out trip to Interior for Moose in the Fall, which was unsuccessful, but a fun trip just the same.
We live in alaska, and we are pissed off about the king salmon and we aren't going this year! cut our fish down but not the price of the stamp!!
We live in Bethel. I called a cow and a calf right up to the bow of my boat literally within earshot of town. Don't tell anybody though.

We Live in rural Alaska because of the great hunting and fishing; and the freedom, space, and peace of mind; which Alaska Feeds our souls. Couldn't imagine calling anywhere's else our home; no matter the expense.
We live off of Chena Hot Springs Road, we would love to see more troopers/park rangers in the area during hunting season.
We live on the Takotna River 18 miles from McGrath (Area 19D) so hunting that area is part of our life. Game meat is important to remote residents so those who get more always share with those who have less or are elders; everyone gets some meat and fish that way.
We live to hunt in our state.
We Love Alaska Love Vehicle Free areas Healthy Fresh Salmon ...Pristine
We love being able to hunt and fish and being able to get away from all the people.
We love getting out to hunt. It is nice to have the wild game, but more important is the time spent out in the woods.
we love getting outdoors in the great state the most important thing is to get away from other people and to provide for the family i have raised 4 kids in this state they all are active in the outdoors hiking hunting camping and fishing ect. ect. it is a great feeling to be able to enjoy the outdoor experience and fill the freezer
We love Hunitng all species in Alaska. We are dissapointed about ther hunting opportunities in Nome. After moving here, we thought there would be more oppportunity, however, it is the opposite. Too restrictive and not many moose anymore, too many bears.
We love hunitng the Denali area we love watching the wild life,as well as having the game meat thru the winter. I was raised in Alaska the fact we can still get wild game to have all winter to eat is great. Maybe someday I will get a moose again. Even if we don't succeed in the hunt we treasure our beautiful state & getting out in the wild.
WE love hunting and being outdoors in alaska!!!
WE love hunting both big and small game in AK. We hunt with bows, rifles, pistols, and shotguns for various species. Including small game, we hunt parts of at least 7 months a year. We enjoy viewing wildlife year round.
We love hunting in Alaska. Our only problem is the Trapper Creek Bluegrass Festival is during bowhunting season. The loud music is counterproductive to hunting on our property that we bought for hunting on. It is increasingly difficult to find land that is unoccupied by other hunters.
We love Kodiak Island deer hunting!
We love public land the public can use, We love that it takes 2 to 3 days to get to our camping spot and that it is out of the way and tough going. We eat moose all year, a trophy is nice but meat is what where after. We would rather hunt in Alaska then vacation in Hawaii. We save up all year to do this trip. We do camp, fish and hunt in southcentral all year, but the fall Inerior hunt is what we really look foward to. Southcentral is a Park and as we get older we can't hike in 6 miles and pack moose out on
We love the Seward Penninusla for hunting and wildlife viewing. Remoteness is also a major factor in our outdoor experience
We love to hunt and fish in Alaska. Both local and remote areas provide great enjoyment and opportunity for my family. The responsible management of Alaska's resources are a high priority (fishing or hunting) for our family. Alaska offers such unique experiences and vista's that we always are encouraging our friends from the lower 48 to come up and visit and experience it for themselves. I want to ensure that future generations of Alaskans have the same oppportunities as I have had. Lets put Alaska's natural resources first and be the "good stewards" entrusted to us by the American

<p>We loved our hunt this year as we were able to bring our two young children, ages 7 and 9. This was their first experience and it was not only closer to home than hunts we have done in the past, but it was a great location for camping which the kids loved after our hike up the mountain for the caribou.</p>
<p>We loved hunting the Nelchina caribou herd near our remote cabin in the Lake Louise area and look forward to it again this year. Our family did not have to buy any meat from the store all winter long. Please keep the hunt the way it is. Thank you.</p>
<p>We mainly hunt and fish out of the Taku river drainages. We have a rec. cabin that we try to spend as much time as possible. We enjoy the outdoors and is one of the thing that the whole family does together. We hunt and fish almost every weekend during the summer months.</p>
<p>We make several trips a year hunting big game, and also our yearly trip to hunt Ptarmagin in march. Of all the trips the Ptarmagin hunt if the most enjoyed, as it is with friends and is not just a hunting trip. It is a snowmachine trip with lots of winter viewing, and socializing with friends and just plain enjoying the winter outdoors.</p>
<p>We moose hunted in unit 13 around Eureka, we saw a lot of moose but no legal ones, i believe part of this reason is because the year before the are was openend in August for 3 brow tines and a lot of moose that would have been 50" or greater were killed, when the regular season was a 4 brow tine unit.</p>
<p>We need a drawing bonus point system. Every year I put in and have nothing to show for it. Why does every state have it working successfully yet Alaska refuses to reward the people who put in every year. I know of people who win the lottery and get extremely hard to draw hunts a few times while many Alaskans never get a single chance. A bonus point system would eliminate that and keep things fair.</p>
<p>We need to reduce the number of bears and wolves on the Kenai to help our declining moose population.</p>
<p>We need to restrict hunters to their household Geographic region. I had more hunters from the Kenai Penninsula and Fairbanks region than all local hunters combined. Dalton Highway for Caribou is understandable but when you have 30 + camps set up and none are locals we have a problem.</p>
<p>We own and run a wilderness lodge in very remote Alaska. We hunt and depend on wildlife for eating and for having guests at our lodge. Our life is 100% Alaska Outdoors, doing all activities related to being outside in remote Alaska.</p>
<p>We really want more non-motorized hunting opportunities. Hunters without motorized vehicles cannot compete with ATV's etc. We also want more science-based management of wildlife. We like to shoot bears and wolves and current predator control programs are ruining this type of hunting for us. We don't just want to hunt caribou and moose, we want predators too. Current predator management programs are short-sighted and may lead to long-term decreases in access and opportunity over the longer term. I want my kids to be able to hunt too, not just me. Please get the politics out of wildlife management and restructure the Board of Game. The Board need to listen to all types of wildlife users, not just push predator control everywhere.</p>
<p>We return to the Koyukuk region every year because it has always provided a beautiful hunt with success for everyone willing to put in the effort. I'm not sure that requiring destruction of the moose's trophy value makes any difference in the number of hunters each year. It would seem that the economy does a pretty good job of citting down the number of hunters, but I'm willing to go along with whatever rules are set. Please don't open it up to floatplanes or guiding.</p>
<p>We snow machined into the interior pulling tabogans. Saw lots of wolf, moose, and other track. Had a great time and glad to tent camp at -20 degrees yeeeahhh!</p>
<p>WE SPEND 3 WEEKS HUNTING EACH FALL. SPEND AS MUCH TIME PREPING AS HUNTING. SWAMP BUGGYS, WALL TENTS ETC ONLY USED FOR HUNTING TRIPS.</p>

We spend a lot of time photographing and watching wildlife. Living in Nome we have access to the road system which provides amazing access to the surrounding area that is full of a little bit of everything. Moose, bears, muskox and all the migratory birds you can imagine. Hunting and fishing are great ways to put food on the table and we pride ourselves on not purchasing at the store what we can hunt, fish or gather on our own. In this day and age I think that is an opportunity that is available to few people outside of Alaska.

We traveled by Phantom jet boat up the Goodpaster River to above the Pogo Mine site. Beautiful country and an amazing river. We were just in there a bit too early in 2011, and the bull moose were not yet down on the river. They were very high on the mountains yet and difficult to locate and hunt. We just were not able to catch up with the grizzly we knew of there. He outsmarted us on numerous occasions.

We try to get out of town to hunt and enjoy the rivers. A trip out to me is planning all year and getting ready last year for this year. Alaska has many real dangers. If you get in trouble up here it can be in real trouble. I like to get out every year.

We use archery equipment to hunt near our home in Fairbanks. We enjoy sheep and caribou hunting in the Alaska Range. Alaska is a beautiful place to call home.

We use argos and boats so that we do not damage the tundra, and each member of our family has some, and each member of our extended families and some of our friends. We all go on the trips mostly for hunting and sometimes just for pleasure, but only in Alaska.

We went on a caribou/moose/bear hunt in Chicken, Alaska on the Chicken Ridge Trail. We spent 4 days out there on 4 wheelers and didn't see one moose. One night there we saw a huge black bear but it was a mother with 2 very mature cubs. Being that's the case we couldn't kill the animal. Then one midday and I was sitting on a rock outcropping that glassed a huge valley which is a sliver of land in comparison to the vastness of that area. While on the rocks, 4 very mature elk (2 male, 2 female) came walking right down the trail that travels along the never ending ridgelines of that area. They were in my line of sight and killing distance for what seemed like forever. The only thing that kept me from killing one was the fact they suspended the hunting in that area got caribou the night before, on Sep. 7. I didn't see anymore big game the rest of my trip.

We went out to the White Mountains, north of Fairbanks. We used 4 wheelers to travel and camped in tents. There were many other hunters in the area because it's close to town and easily accessed by vehicle. We did not see any bull moose but did see cow and calf parties.

We went to Cold Bay, Alaska and we were a bit put off by the lock up the commercial guides have on the Joshua Green River area. It is more like an old boy's club than an official block out, but we still felt the resistance of an outsider to the area when trying to get assistance to cross the bay. We had our own boat but needed extra help with gear. I feel that commercial guides shouldn't be able to lock up an area for their personal gain.

We went to Kodiak to work and were able to go on a goat hunt while we were there

We were hunting moose on one of our hunting trips on the Swanson River many years ago. Came across a big bull moose tracking him and checking and double checking to see if he was a legal bull. He wandered out into this big open marshy field and was approaching a cow with a calf. He became interested in her and suddenly the cow became very defensive towards her cow because on the other side of her was a lone white wolf trying to get to the calf for a meal. So this poor cow is fighting off a big bull moose and a wolf at the same time. In the end the wolf gave up and the cow bolted off the field in the brush with the calf in tow. It was very exciting! The bull wasn't legal but still a great hunting experience.

We were in a restricted use area and it was discouraging to hike in 8 miles, pushing a self-made wooden cart for gear and to haul out our game and then run into recreational motorcyclists, including a tour group of about 10 motorcycles who stopped to take pictures of us harvesting out an animal. If you are going to have restricted use areas I feel they need to not allow any motor vehicles in during the hunting season, whether the riders are hunting or not hunting.

We weren't successful in 2011 but we had an enjoyable trip and will go into the same area this year as we think it has great potential.

We would like to see a preference point system in AK. Love the hunting and state. We think the youth hunting has too many restrictions. Putting in for a moose youth hunt and the other member if it's my dad has to be there and it counts towards his moose what happens if he draws a good bull area? Also you put youth hunts on for Kodiak road system but you make it primitive weapons but you require us to have the class and everything. What youth has the time and help to get a muzzleloader or bow class. It would be great for a young kid be able to shoot a buck or doe on the road system with a rifle since and learn the way of hunting and harvesting an animal with their parents to learn. Too many rules for kids let them go hunt and learn when Kodiak is hard to hunt in the first place. Let them use regular

We've been extremely frustrated with the misuse of ATVs, the freedom to drive them anywhere and destroy beautiful land. They would be better used on marked trails ONLY. We also request more areas of road-accessible land for non-motorized use. The areas set aside are often heavily treed and difficult to navigate. Areas along the Denali highway have been much appreciated for backpacking in. Love being up here!

We've raised a family (4 children) using Alaska fish and game for our meat supply. The youngest is now 29 & all pursue the same life style. Even the oldest daughter & family living in Washington return regularly to participate in this lifestyle and ask us to provide fish and game so the grandchildren will experience and appreciate the life that has been available here. It is a real privilege living here and has been quite a blessing.

Well every spring we pursue black bears and harvest on average 5-6 a year for the meat, and then during the summer we sportfish and subsistence fish for salmon to smoke and can for the winter, and in mid to late September we hunt moose and caribou to have a full freezer for the winter, October we trap beaver for trapping bait for the winter, and when November rolls around we start trapping for wolf, wolverine, lynx, coyote, fox, marten, and mink, and we do that until the end of wolf season in April and start all over again with the black bears.

Well managed deer hunting in Sitka. I never use all my tags, but it is very comforting to know that when I have a family and need to harvest more deer to get through a winter the regs allow it.

Went bow hunting near the Sag River. Lots of hunters, many of them hunted right next to my tent, strange way to hunt, go near someone's camp and hunt right there. Most times the hunters were uninterested in talking or being sociable, just wanted to set 20 feet from my tent and hunt while I was hunting. Very strange to an Alaskan Native who usually either hunt in my own area or join others hunt if you're going to be in the same area. Otherwise was an awesome trip.

Went hunting with my father in Larsen Bay on Kodiak. Great trip with my father, my first hunting trip ever. We both got nice deer and I got the biggest. :-)

Went on a moose/caribou, self-guided hunt, with my brother, and his wife, near Selawik Alaska. Had a great time, his wife shot two nice caribou, and he harvested a real nice moose. I had a great time helping with the work involved, but didn't have a chance to shoot any animals this year. Was still a great hunt, and saw some beautiful remote country. Living the dream...

Went snowmachining in the caribou hills. 3 ppl total. Kept our eyes peeled for ptarmigan and/or rabbit. Saw a massive group of moose, one with a collar on it. Conservation officers were out on sleds that day too...we assumed research on the herd of moose.
Went to minto Flats, very pretty back there, lots of wildlife.
What exactly would you like to hear about? My family and I deeply enjoy our hunting/fishing/camping/snowmachining/atv/hiking/boating opportunities in Alaska. This is a huge part of our lives and one I hope my children continue to enjoy as they get older and become adults.
What's not to love about Alaska. Maintain access for hunters and manage the resource for sustainable yield. Meaning predator control must happen to protect ALL resources!
When I came to Alaska over fifty years ago, we were a free people. The hunting, fishing, and trapping was fabulous, and season were generally long. It was easy to get away from people. Outdoor experiences were affordable. Law men were friendly and considerate. We could use almost all of the land. Today Alaska is not the same place and for my interests it's not nearly as good. I'm fortunate to have experienced it at it's best. Proud to be an Alaskan.
When I go Hunting,I hope to get an animal that I am after,but if I dont I still enjoy just getting out and relax and take pictures and take it easy for several days,and spend time with my friends and family members that go with
When I went hunting, it was a blast!!! There was about two feet of snow, bitterly cold, wet, and frozen. I hunted for three days. Finally, at last, after a pile up of six horses piled on top of each other in a mud pit, I got me a 59 5/8 and 1/2 16th inch running moose at 530 yds. with a 300 ultra mag shell smash into his spine!!!
When one fly's out with a transporter to hunt, and you are required to carry a moose quarter on your back; instead of being able to debone it; the whole hunt is ruined. I understand you did it because meat had been wasted in the past. For those of us who relish the meat; we've been subjected to an unnecessary ball busting punishment. My gripe, is bust the backs of those who waste meat, not those who hunt for it.
Where ever I hunt in Alaska, it is always a enriched and rewarding experience. I look forward to the surveys, because it is possible for the individual to express their views and experiences without interference. This is a great land to enjoy the outdoors and I find the regulations a great protectorate of our natural resources. Please continue the education, enforcement and opportunities that provide for all Alaskans to enjoy this protected treasure.
Wherever I go, whatever the quarry, I'm never disappointed. I've yet to kill a moose or other big game animal, but I take birds and rabbits successfully.
While hunting bull moose in interior Alaska one fine September day, I was watching some cows and calves grazing in a grassy area when a red fox came along and play-stalked one of the cows. The cow would flatten her ears and stretch out her head toward the fox and charge at a quick walk, making the fox turn and scamper back. This stalk and retreat repeated a few times more, until the cow backed that fox right into a hidden grouse, which exploded out of the grass just inches from Mr. Fox. I, seriously, laughed out loud.
While hunting for moose on the winter Ship Creek hunt my son and I had a lynx come very close to us without being alarmed. It was a first for me. I have encountered bears, wolverine, and wolves while moose hunting but not lynx. I missed the opportunity to get a photo though.
While we do not harvest a lot of Game in Unit 13, it is one of the places that we like to go. It seems out of line to give out of state hunters better chances of getting game then those of us that live in this State ALL of the time.

While we hunt to feed our family through the winter and spring, we also enjoy the beauty of the scenery and the various wildlife that inhabits our camps. Few get to see Bald Eagles fishing, martins playing, beavers building their lodges, gray jays stealing food from the stew pot, finding fresh bear tracks always make the heart beat faster and the senses more alert, best of all no phones, cars, video games, just the quiet hubbub of life going on with business.
why i live here
Wild game has and always been the main staple of my family. I've had to hunt in areas further from my residence due to less available game and fish. Restrictions should have taken place years ago to protect populations such as moose, king salmon, razor clams, dipnetting. It is sad that political and public pressures won't allow restrictions to take place. Shut down the beaches to clam digging for five years, limit dip netting to local residents, local guides on the Kenai only. Unrealistic? Yea, I know. I'll just keep driving further north.
Wilderness Experience Most Important to ME
Wildlife experiences are important to my family's quality of life in Alaska.
wildlife experiences are subsistence goal directed.
Wildlife in Alaska is few and far between. There are no evening or road hunts; especially in the bush.
Wildlife management should be left to the state. The Federal government has no business managing our wildlife! This dual management along with ridiculous inconsistent regulations is ruining the hunting experience in Alaska.
Winter late season Bull moose hunt. Snowmobile and arctic oven, and winter cabin of friend. First trip was unsuccessful due to 40 below temperatures. Second trip was successful for two small bulls out of two hunters. Excellent trip for residents. Lots of animals and great trail conditions. Would hunt that way every year if not for drawing hunts. Can register for cow hunts yearly but bulls make the trip
Winter moose hunt is my favorite I love shooting moose and eating them.
Wish the seasons were 10 days later for moose and caribou Its shut down to early Should go to end of Sept in unit 13 Maybe a 10 day drawing hunt in 13 for any bull in late November
Wish there were more legal moose on the Kenai Peninsula.
Wish there were more roads to have better access and I am appualed at the fact that the natives can come in and after years of hunting an area now tell us that we can no longer access the same area that I hunted with my father as a kid. Makes me sick!
With friends and family, it is a wonderful experience to be outdoors; work together and pitch in on gasoline, motor oil, etc...
With such a high percentage of the state locked up by the federal government. The state of Alaska should allow more liberal use of its resources, i.e. more access roads for four wheelers and highway vehicles. Access to resources seems to be the largest divide in our state between the haves and the have nots. The best hunting is reserved for those who can afford an air boat or an air plane. Fish and Game should do more to even the palying field or I am afraid my children will have no interest in these activities as access is limited to those who have the money. The only folks who don't want you to improve access are the folks that have the ability to access the locations already....air boaters and air plane owners...while the rest of us have to hunt from a very limited road system. My two cents.

<p>With the increased cost of fuel in Nome we had to limit our hunting and out door trips this past year. We depended more on subsistence crabing then other subsistence animals due to the cost of pursuing game animals which required a long trip into the country. We had to measure the cost perpound for game animals and what it would cost to put food on the table from the store. We still averaged at least two hunting trips per month through out the year. Any time that we go into the country we are looking for available game to harvest in accordance with the hunting regulations. When we go to pick greens we are hunting, when we are fishing we are hunting, when we are traveling to visit friends and relatives we are hunting.</p>
<p>Wolf and bear are taking to much game and need to be controlled more. I would like to see more Moose and Caribou.</p>
<p>Won DC827 in 2011 and a friend pilot took me to Alaska Range on his plane. I paid for gas. Great experience overall. This year I applied to Tier I RC566 (? not sure about number, it is Unit 13). I consider more caribou hunting opportunities very positive development. I think many people would switch for caribou instead of moose if there will be more hunting opportunities specifically for caribou. Tier I is a step in a right direction in my mind.</p>
<p>Wonderful non-motorized caribou hunt south of delta. Great wildlife, scenic views, hard work and a kill. Can't any better, next time i'd like to share it with family/friends...</p>
<p>Wonderful opportunity to hunt with family members.</p>
<p>Wonderful trip, well planned and executed. Lots of great information and resources made planning the trip very easy and thus an exceptional trip ensued. Was not shocked by much and was able to enjoy the trip. Doing another similar trip this year and have many outsiders wanting to join after hearing of the last successful trip.</p>
<p>Would be nice if you could make the Hunting Regs more user friendly</p>
<p>would be nice to see a point system, myself and many others never draw on any permits. I don't know if I will put in for Alaska draw permits in the future because it seems a waste of my time and I'm throwing money away for permit fees.</p>
<p>Would do it again in a heartbeat</p>
<p>Would like to see better enforcement of laws to protect wolves and other predators, especially on Prince of Wales Island where wolves seem to be missing lately.</p>
<p>Would like to see draw tags go more to resident hunters and cap nonresidents to a certain percentage. Overall, very pleased with way management is going. Thanks again.</p>
<p>Would love to see the hunting rules/regulations made simpler/easier for the common hunter who doesn't have a high degree to interpret what is federal/state/native lands and were to go to retrieve the info</p>
<p>Ya, I forgot to turn in my caribou tag one year and I couldn't hunt the next year. That sucked. Lucky my uncle gave me 1/2 a caribou!</p>
<p>Yeah...some other time. But I appreciate all your hard work.</p>
<p>Yearly trip to Adak to fill the freezer. Another fantastic trip. Unfortunately, with Alaska Air departing the market, I believe the hunt will be unlikely in the future for us due to cost increase pledged by the new carrier, reliability of new carrier decreasing significantly and serious questions about the ability to carry gear and meat to and from on the smaller aircraft.</p>

<p>You asked about one trip in 2011. My assumption is calendar year, not regulatory. How many times I went hunting, for a day or longer, during the regulatory year makes a huge difference in the answers given. Total days hunted in regulatory year 2011 was close to 40 days. If you included 2010 spring (up to June 2011) calendar year 2011 days hunted was closer to 60 days. Total time in the field, total dollars spent, all change dramatically. Your questions seem too narrow in scope. What if the last day I hunted was a 1 hour trip outside of town for snowshoe hare? That would further skew your data.</p>
<p>You can't beat the fishing, hiking, hunting, and wildlife viewing in Alaska.</p>
<p>You may find my fuel cost odd. The reason being is the only reason I made this hunt was my brothers house hold paid to haul me my son and 4 wheeler because my truck died. my brother covered much of the fuel cost. this year I'm probably going. thanks to him though my son got to see his first caribou hunt up close. get his first ptarmigan. it doesn't get much better than that. I'm looking at 300 dollars in gas cost total...maybe more depending on gas prices.</p>
<p>You need to get the commercial fishing and hunting cut back to let the stock increase.</p>
<p>You need to impose much harsher penalties on poachers and there needs to be more enforcement of poaching.</p>
<p>you need to offer more brown bear tags to residents for Kodiak Island. It's INFESTED with bears! It would be nice to be able to combine deer with bear hunting.</p>
<p>You need to work on controlling the overhunting, predation of cow and young bull moose in 20A. We went from seeing a lot of moose just 3 years ago during a normal hunting trip to an absolute 0 during 10 days of hard hunting in 2011.</p>
<p>You people are clueless</p>
<p>You randomly picked the cheapest/opportunistic hunting trip of the ones I said I participated in. Although all my hunting trips are low budget. I have hunted on the North Slope Atigun River for caribou in April. Hunting next to wolves was a thrill I will never forget. I took home a caribou, but left the wolves. We need them to keep the caribou herd healthy. My other trip was to fill an antlerless moose tag in the Mat-Su. I sought areas where motorized access was restricted because where the 4-wheelers can go reminds me of combat fishing, only with guns.</p>
<p>your hunting experience is what you make out of it.</p>
<p>Your Moose mgm Sucks we depend on the game animal for our Food Needs this years moose loss is unacceptable and affect the population Years to Come</p>
<p>Your question about the number of people and the enjoyment of the hunting experience is not logical, as worded. Crowded hunting areas make for the most unpleasant hunting experience.</p>
<p>Your survey asked me about my last trip of the year; just a day trip. This doesn't capture the 8 trips in Nov, couple days in Oct, an 3 weeks in the Interior last of August thru mid-Sept. Would have changed a lot of answers on success, importance of meat, expenditures, etc.</p>
<p>Youth moose hunt at Point Mackenzie Archery caribou hunt on the haul road</p>
<p>Yukon River scenery is fantastic</p>
<p>Zacher Bay is the place to go. Zacher Bay lodge is a great hunting opportunity. Lots of deer, bears, foxes, bunnies and otters. Great comfort and no pressure</p>