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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### Dear Alaskan Guide,

Included in this issue of the Alaska Professional Hunters Association Inc. (APHA) Bare Facts Newsletter are reports regarding a number of happenings occurring within the professional guiding industry in Alaska. The Alaska Professional Hunters Association Inc. is sending this newsletter to every guide currently licensed in Alaska to help you understand the level of commitment APHA is making to you and the sustainability of our industry. For the first time in many years, we have State and Federal Administrations that care about our industry. More importantly, they care about wildlife/wildland conservation and consumer stewardship and protection, which are the most important internal components regarding the sustainability of our guiding industry.

Our Board of Directors represent a wide diversification of industry service providers who are dedicated to the long term sustainability of quality hunting opportunities in Alaska. APHA full time lobbyist representation in Juneau and Washington DC could not be better staffed or respected. Our presence within the State and Federal Administrations, Departments and Divisions is well

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respected and we have workable relationships. We have their support in many areas that affect our industry and we are constantly working to educate them on issues where we need their understanding and changes in policy.

Sitting on a hill on the flanks of the Western Alaska Range some years ago watching our industry and the wildlife deteriorate due to poor stewardship practices made me step forward and work to influence change. Alone, I had little voice on the concerns that were dear to my families livelihood. By joining the APHA I was able to find a number of like minded members who with a combined voice can and well influence the changes necessary to develop prudent management of our way of life. My only regret was that I had not made that decision many years prior. Enclosed you will find a membership application to do the same. I encourage you to do so. In closing I will leave you with this T. R. Jr. quotation that I hope means as much to you as it does to me. As always, please feel free to call me or any of our APHA Board members with any questions or concerns. Together, we can and will make a difference.

Very Best,  
Bobby Fithian

**"Defenders of the short-sighted men who in their greed and selfishness will, if permitted, rob our country of half its charm by their reckless extermination of all useful and beautiful wild things sometimes seek to champion them by saying the 'the game belongs to the people.' So it does; and not merely to the people now alive, but to the unborn people. The 'greatest good for the greatest number' applies to the number within the womb of time, compared to which those now alive form but an insignificant fraction. Our duty to the whole, including the unborn generations, bids us restrain an unprincipled present-day minority from wasting the heritage of these unborn generations. The movement for the conservation of wild life and the larger movement for the conservation of all our natural resources are essentially democratic in spirit, purpose, and method."**

Theodore Roosevelt , 1916

### Secretary of Interior Gail Norton Resigns, Bush Nominates Kempthorne as Replacement

Interior Secretary Gale Norton resigned her post as Secretary of Interior. In a letter to Bush, Norton said the resignation would be effective at the end of March.

"Now I feel it is time for me to leave this mountain you gave me to climb, catch my breath, then set my sights on new goals to achieve in the private sector," she said in the two-page resignation letter. Norton said she and her husband "hope to end up closer to the mountains we love in the West."

Bush called Norton a strong advocate for "the wise use and protection of our nation's natural resources."

On March 16th, President Bush nominated Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne as a replacement for Secretary Norton. Kempthorne, a former senator, will likely be confirmed quickly by the Senate.

In Idaho, Kempthorne has worked on wolf-management plans and has played a major role in the efforts to rehabilitate grizzly bears in Yellowstone, while at the same time pushing aggressively for state's rights to manage lands and resources. He will likely be an advocate for oil and gas development, including ANWR. In the past, Kempthorne has fought for logging, mining and drilling within public lands.

APHA is encouraged by Governor Kempthorne's nomination and will continue to be involved with with the Department of the Interior at this level in a number of issues important to our industry.

### **APHA ACTION ALERT !!!**

Dear Alaskans,

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game Wildlife Conservation Division is seriously short of funding to support their mandated objectives.

Judicial challenges and loss of non-resident hunting opportunity have taxed traditional funding of this vital part of our industry into a serious deficit. APHA urges you to contact your local Legislative Representatives and request their support for significant additional funding for ADF&G Wildlife Conservation Division.

The Legislature web address for contact information is <http://w3.legis.state.ak.us> If you need additional contact information or talking points please call the APHA office (907-822-3755).

***Please Act Now!***

## APHA IMPORTANT NEWS ITEMS IN BRIEF

### BOARD OF GAME NEWS

The **Winter 2006 Statewide** Alaska Board of Game meeting took place in Anchorage at the Fourth Avenue Theatre Jan. 27-30. Kelly Vrem, Paul Chervenak and Robert Fithian were present for most of this four day meeting. APHA commented on 18 of the 55 proposals. Overall we prevailed on the majority of the issues that were brought forward at this meeting.

Regarding proposals dealing with Dall's sheep, the Board adopted a new regulation that will require a permanent plug or seal to be affixed to all sheep harvested under State regulated hunts.

Regarding a number of proposals that would of allowed for the sale of big game trophies. We were fortunate to see the Board not pass any of these proposals that would of created significant conservation and enforcement problems. It was interesting to see that ADF&G took a neutral position on these proposals.

A proposal to redefine the North boundary of GMU 17C into 17B failed. This proposal was a result of an overcrowding concern. Additionally, a proposal to create a new sub-unit in GMU 19 was amended and put off until the Spring meeting. The amendment calls for the creation of a Big Game Hunting Reserve that will incorporate a large portion of GMU 19B and portions of 19A for the proposed purpose of protecting the area habitat from potential coal methane drilling in the area. Board member Ted Spraker suggested that a more appropriate venue to provide this protection would be the development of a Critical Habitat area that would not affect hunting or fishing activities. I am skeptical of this proposal and support member Spraker's recommendation.

We prevailed on a number of proposals that were attempting to classify a cub brown/grizzly bear as a bear in its first year of life, which would of allowed for the statewide harvest of one-two year old bears and or sows with one-two year old cubs. The definition will continue to stand in its current form as a bear in its first or second year of life.

There were a number of proposals recommending to allow for the sale of black and brown bear hides. APHA apposed all of these proposals except for ones dealing with sale of black bear hides harvested from Predator Management

Areas which we took a neutral stance on. The Board adopted a proposal that will allow for the sale of black bear hides with the claws attached from Predator Management Areas.

We did lose on proposals dealing with the sale of brown/grizzly bear hides. The Board amended and passed a proposal to allow for the sale of brown/grizzly bear hides with the claws attached from GMU 20E. The proposed goal of this proposal is to aid in ungulate enhancement. This was a sad loss for the integrity of all brown and grizzly bear hunts as it lowered the status of this species which will ultimately be utilized against us by those opposed to all bear hunting.

**(Please see page 7 for a report on the 2006 Spring Board of Game Meetings)**

### NEW DEC REGULATIONS PROPOSED

For the past four years, APHA has been deeply involved with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation dealing with development of remote camp provisions. We have been through as many sets of proposed new regulations as we have DEC Division Directors. The newest set of proposed regulations surfaced on March 17, 2006. They have come a significant distance in acceptability over the years but still harbor some real concerns.

They are not posted on the DEC web-site yet, but APHA is involved with the process and will keep our members informed. If you have additional questions contact the APHA office at (907) 822-3755 or DEC Program Director Mr. Ron Klein at: (907) 269-7583

### BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD REPORT

The Big Game Commercial Services Board (BGCSB) held their first meeting during early December. The new Board broke a substantial amount of ground and started working well as a team right from the start. There were a number of concerns brought forward which resulted in the formation of sub-committees that are currently working to develop recommendations for the Boards consideration. These sub-committees include the following: Client/Service Provider Contracts, Licensing Standards, DNR issues, Transporter issues, and Ethics. Additionally the Board adopted lan-

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guage regarding a new regulation dealing with guiding on State lands below mean high tide and water mark. Several of these sub-committees have continued to meet and develop recommendations for regulatory changes. These recommendations will be brought to the board at the next BGCSB meeting which is scheduled for March 29-31, 2006 in Anchorage. It has been a long time since we have had an oversight entity knowledgeable about our way of life. If you are interested in the stewardship of the guide and or transporter industries please try to attend this important meeting.

Additionally, there are new regulations that were created by establishment of this board that became effective January 1, 2006. For more information on this go to:

<http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/pgui.htm>

## **DNR REPORT**

On December 22nd APHA lobbyist Pat Carter and Bobby Fithian met with DNR Commissioner Mike Menge, Deputy Commissioner Ed Fogels and several DNR Staff members to discuss development of a new permitting system for guiding on State of Alaska lands. The stewardship of the consumer, our wildlife resources and our industry has continued to decline in this arena. Commissioner Menge advocated that DNR will no longer continue to shirk this responsibility. Governor Murkowski has also stated that we need to develop a system that will produce good stewards of our industry service providers and he believes as well that a better permitting system for State lands is in order. APHA is continuing to work with the Governors office and DNR to begin the process of development of a new permitting system. We will continue to keep you informed of what developments occur with this important initiative.

## **WASHINGTON DC NEWS**

APHA has initiated the request for a combined meeting with ADF&G and the Secretary of Interior to discuss predator management on Department of Interior Lands in Alaska. This plan was conceived nearly eight months ago at a Guide and Outfitter Association workshop and originally included Wyoming, Idaho and Montana G&O Association Representatives and their appropriate State Wildlife Conservation Commissioner level representative as well. However, Wyoming now has an existing lawsuit that disallows their participation, Idaho has had some wolf delisting success and currently has bigger issues with the US Forest Service and Montana's Association leaders are now hesitant to participate. Because of ANILCA and wolves not being endangered or threatened in Alaska we truly have a different status and concern than the other States do. APHA

will continue our effort to facilitate this meeting and address this serious issue. We will keep you informed of our progress.

## **APHA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CO-OP NEWS**

In an effort to better control our own destiny APHA is furthering a program to secure the services of a Wildlife Management Master Degree Intern to work on development of science and biology needed to assist in ungulate enhancement programs in geographical areas where data is lacking to promote stewardship initiatives. We are currently working with Texas A&M professor Dr. Fred Bryant to produce the intern. Dallas Safari Club has offered some financial assistance for this program. Additionally, we are looking for housing to help support this position somewhere in South-Central Alaska. If you have or know of a place that would support a low-expense living and office quarters for this person please contact APHA. We are currently discussing a two-three year tenure of this position.

## **DALL'S SHEEP CONCERNS**

In an effort to develop better data to help manage Alaska's wild sheep populations APHA has initiated the following project request. One of the significant failures in the Full-Curl law in Alaska is that as long as the annual human harvest fall in to somewhere between the historic harvest of 670 and 850 full curl rams, ADF&G finds little reason to fund sheep management projects. It is our belief that most of Alaska's wild sheep population densities are at or near low-level equilibrium status. APHA is recommending that The Simon-Waugh Foundation work with various chapters of FNAWS and ADF&G to plan, conduct and then produce summaries from these projects to better allow the Board of Game and ADF&G to manage Alaska's Dall's sheep population. The project is in it's infancy at this time but there is considerable interest in helping to Put More Sheep On The Mountain. We will keep you informed of the development of this much needed project.

## **APHA/CABELA'S**

APHA has been working with Cabela's retail marketing staff for nearly two years to develop a co-operative marketing agreement strategy. In the past, a number of products marketed by Cabela's have been labeled as Alaska Guide Model or Master Guide Model products. In the future, APHA membership will have access to these and any new products developed within this labeling window that are marketed by Cabela's, to field test and sanction as worthy of the label they carry. One of the real unique benefits of this

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agreement is that *The Alaska Professional Hunter* magazine will now be available for sale at all Cabela's retail outlets. Consumers will have the opportunity to purchase our magazine, see our advertisers, and eventually a page of Cabela's products that we favorably recommend. This represents a great advertising opportunity for APHA Professional members. If you do not currently advertise in *The Alaska Professional Hunter* we urge you to consider placing an ad. This publication continues to produce results. Much Thanks goes to Cabela's Retail Marketing managers Pat Hudak and Joe Aurterburn for their help and cooperation in this unique effort.

## **ALASKA WILDLIFE INTENSIVE MANAGEMENT COMMENTS**

Existing Intensive Management law has several significant failure aspects that stray from our constitutional mandates and objectives that are designed to provide for balance of the whole. Some of these failures are defined as follows.

1. Primary to the failure aspect is that ADF&G does not have base line history data that is substantive enough to recognize, predict or respond to population trend problems until after they occur. This failure, more than any other puts a significant strain on all users and entities that depend on prudent management. This failure occurs primarily as a lack of historical support for ADF&G Division of Wildlife Conservation.

2. When predator prey ratios trigger intensive management decisions, they occur in geographical areas where subsistence use is generally a significant aspect of the wildlife harvest. These decisions usually result in the elimination of non-resident and non-local hunt participants who usually "foot the bill" for wildlife conservation in Alaska. The result is less revenue to achieve higher cost management objectives.

3. The implementation of intensive management projects will continue to be prevalent in geographical areas where a subsistence use priority has occurred, which causes Wildlife Conservation funding to be spent in these areas, this fact deletes budget requirements necessary to manage areas where sport hunting has traditionally occurred. In these vast regions of Alaska it is quite perceivable that there will never be the budget to manage for abundance or high level sustained yield.

4. Elimination of non-resident and often times non-local resident hunters in an effort to rebuild declining ungulate populations quickly turns all hunters into separate categories of users and pits hunters against hunters.

5. The equation of how to eliminate other user groups is now easily recognized and becomes useful to those who want to use it for this purpose and not the best interest of the whole.

6. Implementation of Tier II status does not provide for equitable allocation and does not work for any user group.

7. Non-resident hunters in many cases provide for the majority of harvest of predators wolves and bears during the hunting season. Elimination of this user group only compounds the predator-prey ratio problem.

8. As the problem of low-density ungulate populations continues to spread, it stimulates hunter effort to move to where there is availability of resources. This results in a continuous chain of user groups hopping from one area to another all vying for declining ungulate population trends, which continues to pit hunter against hunter.

9. No matter how well we manage our wildlife; there will not be a moose for every pot and the same goes for caribou in most of the state. Current trends in defining the amount necessary for subsistence are often times established at the highest-level densities of moose, caribou or sheep that areas have ever had. The result is that these populations densities will never be that high again and the eliminated user groups will never have another allocation in these areas.

10. In many cases, the customary and traditional use of certain species is not any more historical for subsistence use as it is for non-local hunting use. Why is one given customary and traditional use over the other?

11. In many of these same cases, the high level densities of certain wildlife species has occurred over a period of time when non-local hunting has risen at the same time. Once again, why do customary and traditional use or the amount necessary for subsistence factors not reflect this fact?



<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Material Deadline for</b> <b><i>The Alaska Professional Hunter</i> magazine</b> <b>Spring--March 1st</b> <b>Summer--May 1st</b> <b>Fall--August 1st</b> <b>Winter/Convention--November 1st</b></p>
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## *THE ALASKA NON-RESIDENT HUNTING PRESERVATION FUND*

**This fund is the most important and effective contribution you can give to future hunting opportunities in Alaska. It represents the most direct contribution any non-resident can give to help preserve and enhance quality hunting opportunities. With your participation, we can substantially help control our own destiny. Without it, we will continue to see our hunting rights reduced and restricted.**

For each of the past several years a similar program has generated over \$450,000 for The Guide and Outfitter Association of British Columbia. It has elevated their industry to a high level of respect within their Government programs, allowed for them to develop science to help manage their wildlife and given them comprehensive knowledge to be proactive with issues that threaten their way of life. We need to rise to this level. Please get involved with this process, it is vital to the sustainability of our way of life without economically challenging our businesses. The BC guides we have spoke with all tell us the same thing; I support the Non-Resident Hunter Preservation Fund because it keeps me in business and does not cost me to do so. I'm glad to do my part for something that works well. Friends, Alaska needs to make this happen. Please read this article and if you have additional questions contact the APHA office.

### *WHAT IT IS*

The Alaska Professional Hunters Association Inc. established the Non-Resident Hunting Preservation Fund in 2004 to help ensure that non-resident hunters will continue to have hunting opportunities in Alaska. Anti hunting sentiment, public land access, hunting privileges, subsistence, reduced hunting seasons, restrictive regulations, predator-prey ratios and ballot initiatives are all challenges that are facts of life for hunters today. This is especially true for the non-resident hunters.

Since 1973 APHA has been a leader organization in Alaska guarding the continual flow of regulatory restrictions on hunting and public land access being attempted by anti sport-hunting groups or government agencies. APHA provides full time representation in Washington DC and Juneau, is a active and respected participant in Alaska Board of Game process, initiates predator harvest fee programs, and continually is at the forefront of avocation demanding management of our wildlife for balance and abundance. The APHA role in this arena is vital to all hunting opportunity and access rights on public lands throughout the US. We can no longer have only a reactive position to the continual stream of challenges being presented to us. It is past time to become proactive. Our goal is to continue to create conservation partnerships, help with scientific needs, challenge policies that continue to take away our hunting and access rights and to preserve and

enhance quality wilderness hunting opportunities in Alaska.

Professional members of the APHA support industry and resource stewardship efforts through their annual membership dues. In addition, the APHA receives support funding from numerous sportsman and conservation organizations. These important traditional funding sources do not meet the needs for APHA to be successful with the present and future challenges we are faced with.

### *HOW IT WORKS*

The NRHPF is a \$150.00 fee per contracted client, which each APHA professional member is responsible to collect and pay to APHA. NRHPF funds received by the contracting guide may be paid to APHA at any time during each year but are due by December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. To protect the privacy between clients and guides, personal information will be kept strictly confidential by APHA. Additionally, anyone wishing to make a direct donation to this fund can do so by direct mailing to APHA.

### *HOW BEST TO IMPLEMENT IT*

APHA members that have already become involved with the NRHPF have found that it works the most efficiently to implement the fee as follows:

- Include a description of the fee and what it does in your advertising media.
- Mention it to all prospective clients during original correspondence.
- Include it as a line item expense on your guide/client contract, due with deposit.
- Send the funds and new NRHPF member information to APHA

### *WHAT THE HUNTER RECEIVES*

Each client who pays the NRHPF will receive the following:

- Two year sustaining membership in The Alaska Professional Hunters Association
- APHA Conservation Pin (Special Design by Rob Holt)
- Two year subscription to *The Alaska Professional Hunter Magazine* and *Bare Facts Newsletter*
- APHA membership Certificate
- APHA Patch, Lapel Pin and Decal

The knowledge that they have helped to give future generations the ability to hunt in Alaska.



**Big Game Commercial Services Board Meetings**

**Anchorage, Alaska**

**March 29-31, 2006**

**Egan Civic & Convention Center**

**555 West Fifth Ave.**

The Big Game Commercial Services Board will conduct their second meeting in Anchorage beginning at 8:00 AM on March 29, 2006. The agenda for the meeting is available for download on the State's website at:

<http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/pgui14.htm>

You can also find it on the APHA website at: [www.alaskaprohunter.org](http://www.alaskaprohunter.org) by clicking on the link on that page.

Those wishing to give public testimony must sign up no later than 12:30pm March 29, 2006. APHA representatives will be present at the meetings and will give oral testimony.

There will be a complete reporting of BGCSB issues in the Spring Issue of *The Alaska Professional Hunter*.

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**Spring 2006 Board of Game Interior Region Meeting, Fairbanks, Alaska**

The Board of Game met in Fairbanks, Alaska March 10-20, 2006 to deal with 167 proposals affecting 16 GMUs. There were a number of important concerns incorporated into these proposals. The APHA State Oversight Committee met to discuss and strategize our effort, and developed eight pages of written testimony dealing with 61 of the proposals. Additionally, a sub-committee dealing with GMU 19 specific proposals was formed and met to discuss additional strategies. This sub-committee meeting was followed with a visit to ADF&G Interior Region Supervisor David James in Fairbanks. APHA Board member Kelly Vrem and Executive Director Robert Fithian made this trip to bring our recommendations and concerns forward to the Department prior to the BOG meeting.

The BOG meeting was held at the Princess Riverside Lodge and there were a number of big issues on the table for the guiding industry. Seats of Board of Game members Sharon McLeod-Everette of Fairbanks and Cliff Judkins of Wasilla expired this spring and Governor Murkowski replaced McLeod-Everette with Richard Burley of Fairbanks and extended Judkins for another term. Additionally, Board Member Carl Morgan has decided to make another bid at a State House seat and resigned his seat during this meeting. Mr. Burley has a significant history in this arena as a former member the Board of Game and the Big Game Commercial Services Board.

This Board of Game has a sincere regard for the guiding industry and spent a very significant amount of the eleven-day meeting working hard to help and sustain our way of life. As a short report, we prevailed on the vast majority (53 out of 65) of our concerns and the Board adopted a number of proposals that included helpful amendments for the guide industry. Additionally, a new Board of Game policy was established that will be used to allocate a percentage of drawing permits to guided hunts.

APHA representatives gave a Power Point presentation which highlighted many of our concerns and recommendations depicted to the Board. This was well presented and also well received. We recommended formation of a subcommittee to deal with drawing permits which was granted and consumed night 4 of the meeting. We were successful in retaining the moose season in GMU 19B where there were 8 proposals attempting to shorten or eliminate it. To accomplish this, the Board needed to revisit and readjust the "amount necessary for subsistence" finding in GMU 19A to allow for any allocation in 19B or 19C.

The APHA presence in this arena is respected and the guiding industry as a whole is receiving unparalleled support from many other user groups. We urge our members to participate in the APHA state oversight process to help continue this trend.

For a complete summary of board actions on the proposals go to:

<http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us/gameinfo/meetsum/meetsum.php>



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If you are not a member of the Alaska Professional Hunters Association, please consider this an invitation to join. We receive the majority of our financial support from individuals such as you, who choose to join us in an appropriate class of membership.

All new members receive a certificate, arm patch, decal, pin and a year's subscription to The Alaska Professional Hunter magazine and this monthly newsletter, The Bare Facts.

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\*Indicates these new members also receive a Sid Bell Pewter Belt Buckle displaying the APHA logo.



## APHA CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP LEVEL CREATED

At the December 2005 General Membership meeting held at the Millennium Hotel in Anchorage, members voted to institute a new level of membership called Corporate Sponsorship. This level of membership is aimed at organizations and larger corporate businesses who wish to support APHA.

We would like to take this opportunity the acknowledge and thank the **SCI Southeast Michigan Bowhunters Chapter** for becoming our first Corporate Sponsor!

If you know of an individual or corporation that may be interested in becoming a APHA Corporate Sponsor please encourage them to do so or contact the APHA office with your recommendation.

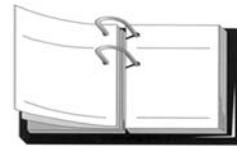
## SCI/APHA OUTSTANDING ANIMAL AWARDS

The 2006 SCI/APHA awards (for animals taken in 2005) will be presented at the APHA Annual Meeting in December, 2006. The deadline for entry is July 15, 2006. Plaques will be given to both the hunter and outfitter for the largest 3 animals taken in each of the following categories and the winners will be listed in APHA Magazine.

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|------------|---------------|
| Brown Bear | Mountain Goat |
| Caribou    | Grizzly Bear  |
| Dall Sheep | Moose         |
| Sitka Deer | Black Bear    |
|            | Wolf          |

The Guide/Outfitter must be a Professional Member of APHA when the animal is taken and the client must be guided and on contract. The animal must be scored using the new SCI scoring method, copy of the Hunt Record and photograph must be enclosed. For more details, please contact the APHA office (907) 822-3755.

## IMPORTANT DATES & HAPPENINGS



**March 10-20, 2006**  
**Spring Board of Game Meetings**  
Princess Riverside Lodge  
Fairbanks, Alaska

**March 29-31, 2006**  
**Big Game Commercial Services Board Meetings**  
Egan Convention Center  
Anchorage, Alaska

**November 1, 2006**  
**Simon-Waugh Photo Contest Deadline**  
**Winners Announced at the Annual Convention & Banquet**

**Dec 14-15, 2006**  
**APHA Annual Convention & Banquet**  
Millennium Hotel, Anchorage, AK; contact APHA Office for more info at 907-822-3755;  
email: office@alaskaprohunter.org or our website: www.alaskaprohunter.org

**Jan 24-27, 2007**  
**Safari Club International Convention**  
Reno, Nevada; contact phone: 888-746-9724 or www.scifirstforhunters.org

**Jan 11-14, 2007**  
**Dallas Safari Club Convention**  
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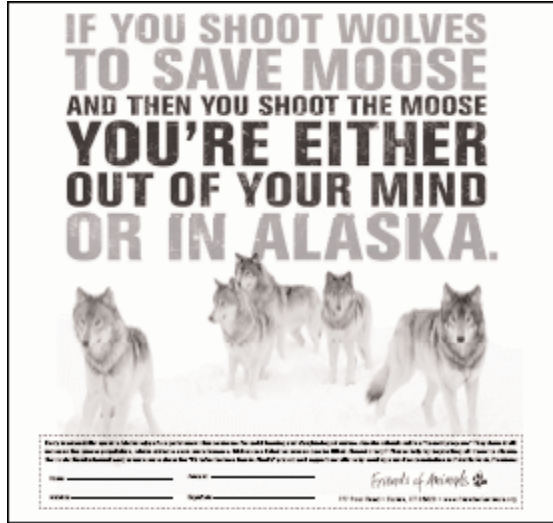
**Jan 17-20, 2007**  
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**Feb 15-17, 2007**  
**EFNAWS Convention**  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania; contact phone: 717-336-3743 or Website: www.ecfnaws@ecfnaws.com

**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...**

...Recently Friends of Animals re-upped their campaign to halt predator control in Alaska by running an ad in USA Today on March 13th. They have scheduled ads to run in other publications in April & May 2006.



Boycott Alaska ad, appearing in USA Today on Monday, March 13, 2006

**FNAWS/APHA  
OUTSTANDING  
ANIMAL OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The 2006 FNAWS/APHA outstanding animal of the year rifle award will be presented to the outfitter whose client takes the highest ranking Boone and Crockett animal listed below during the 2005 season. The rifle will be presented at the APHA annual meeting in December, 2006. Deadline for entry is July 15, 2006.

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|------------|---------------|
| Brown Bear | Mountain Goat |
| Caribou    | Grizzly Bear  |
| Dall Sheep | Moose         |
| Sitka Deer | Black Bear    |
|            | Wolf          |

The Guide/Outfitter must be a Professional Member of APHA when the animal was taken and the client must be guided and on contract. The animal must be scored using the Boone and Crockett scoring method, copy of the Hunt Record and photograph must be enclosed. For more details, please contact the APHA office (907) 822-3755.

**APHA Wolf Dividend Program**

Beginning in 2004, the APHA instituted a wolf dividend program in GMU 19A & B based out of the village of Aniak. Response from local wolf hunters and trappers has been enthusiastic and dividends have been paid on twenty-eight wolves trapped or hunted by local residents.

The program is open only for wolves harvested on the ground and not open to the aerial gunner teams from GMU 19. Wolves harvested from GMU 19A & 19B were presented to an APHA representative in Aniak after they were sealed by the local state official. Tag numbers were recorded along with information on the wolf--color and sex--and how and where it was harvested. Participants were also asked to provide information on wolf pack sizes, moose numbers seen and various other items such as number of wolf-kills and moose calf numbers.

The program has been well received by ADF&G, Division of Wildlife Conservation and the Board of Game.

APHA urges our members to support **The Alaska Outdoor Council (AOC)**. Many of our goals and concerns are very similar. Remember, United we stand and Divided we fall. The Alaska Outdoor Council (AOC) is dedicated to the preservation of outdoor pursuits in Alaska - hunting, fishing, trapping, firearms ownership, and public access - and conservation of the habitats upon which they depend. You can contact AOC through their web-site at: [www.alaskaoutdoorcouncil.org](http://www.alaskaoutdoorcouncil.org) or by phone at: (907) 455-4262

# THE GUIDE POST

## Help Wanted

Looking for two Assistant Guides for the Spring 2006 Bear Season on the Alaska Peninsula.

Phone Mel Gillis at: 907-344-8589  
or email: hntfshak@ak.net

Need an experienced guide for one Spring 06 Bear hunt, two Fall 06 Sheep hunts and two Fall 06 Grizzly/Moose hunts.

Contact Litzen Guide Service @ (907)776-5868  
or email: mlitzen@kenai.net

## For Sale

The APHA Office has back issues of our magazine, *The Alaska Professional Hunter* for sale. Years: 1980 - 2006.

Prices as follows: 1980's issues \$7.00 each; 1990's issues \$6.00 each; 2000's \$5.00

Contact the office at: 907-822-3755 or email: office@alaskaprohunter.org for a complete listing of issues available.

**For Sale**--Northern Outfitters Gear. 1 Exp. Boots, black size M; 1 Exp Parka shell, camouflage sz L, ; 1 Hi Arctic 1" liner, black sz L, ; 1 Exp Pants w/suspenders, camouflage sz L, ; 1 Exp Mittens w/Vaetrex Ins., Black sz L; 1 Exp Wind Mitts, sz L; 1 polypro gloves, L; 1 Exp Lanyards; 1 Musher's Hat, camouflage size L ; 1 Wind anorak pullover, white size L; 1 Turtle Fur Neck Gator w/ windtek; 1 Bolle Goggles. The suit fits a person that is aprox 5'9" tall and weight of 200lbs. Used 1 afternoon and next morning. Cost new with shipping and handling--\$1250.00. Will sell complete set including shipping for \$900.00. Contact Mike Gejeske 3401 Hwy 36 South, Brenham, TX 77833; phone: 979-251-9212 (3/06)

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## DID YOU KNOW....

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Ad rates are as follows:

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Contact **The Bare Facts** Newsletter Editor:

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**APHA reserves the right to refuse any ad.**