

## **What the Hunter Receives**

Each client who pays the NRHPF will receive the following:

- Full time lobbyist and Legal Representation in Washington DC
- Full time Legislative lobbyist in Juneau
- Alaska Board of Game Representation
- Wildlife Conservation Initiatives that are designed to enhance hunting opportunities
- Two year sustaining membership in The Alaska Professional Hunters Association
- APHA Collector Quality Conservation Pin
- 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**



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# **Alaska Non-Resident Hunting Preservation Fund**



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**This fund represents the most direct and effective contribution any non-resident can give to help preserve and enhance quality-hunting opportunities in Alaska. With your participation, we can provide substantial inroads to continue our hunting and guiding heritages. Without your help, we will continue to see our hunting opportunities restricted and eliminated.**

**E**stablished in 2004, the Alaska Non-Resident Hunting Preservation Fund helps ensure that the non-resident hunter will continue to have hunting opportunities in Alaska. Anti hunting sentiment, public lands access, hunting rights, subsistence, reduced hunting seasons, restrictive regulations, predator-prey ratios and ballot initiatives are all serious challenges facing hunters anywhere today. The organizations that sponsor these challenges are well organized and have the financial and political horsepower to seriously reduce or stop sport hunting throughout North America. They capitalize on the sentimental naive of the misinformed public to generate their support.

**A**laska, long a premier hunting destination is seriously at risk. This is especially true for non-resident hunters in Alaska who have lost opportunity to hunt on over ninety million acres of public lands since 1980. This geographical area loss is comparable in size to the State of Montana. Consider Alaska's status: over eighty percent of the US National Wildlife Refuge lands, over sixty-five percent of the US National Park and Preserve Lands, over thirty-three percent of the US Bureau of Land Management Lands and the two largest National Forests in America are located in Alaska. State owned lands in Alaska represent a geographical area larger in size than the states of Washington and Oregon combined.. Alaska's human population is small and public service related jobs make up the majority of the employment opportunities within the state. These facts represent a star attraction to groups that want to eliminate sport hunting by influencing public policy.

**S**ince 1970, the APHA has been a leader and often times the only watchdog organization guarding the continual flow of regulatory restrictions on hunting and public land access being attempted by anti sport-hunting groups or government agencies in Alaska. 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.** APHA led the effort to create the new Alaska

Big Game Commercial Services Board that is working on developing better ethical standards and licensing provisions for guides and transporters. We have been at the forefront of advocating for predator management programs that will provide balanced predator-prey ratios. APHA sponsors wildlife conservation initiatives that are designed to enhance hunting opportunities. To continue to be effective we have provided the best full time representation possible in Alaska, Washington DC and Juneau. The Alaska Non-Resident Hunter Preservation Fund was established to help support these initiatives.

## ***How It Works***

**T**he NRHPF is a \$150 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 1st of each year. To protect the privacy between clients and guides, personal information is kept strictly confidential by APHA. Anyone wishing to make an independent donation to this fund can do so by calling or mailing to APHA.

