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Congratulations On booking one of Alaska's Premier duck hunting trips. With over 36 years combined Alaska duck hunting guide experience between our staff, you will be assured a first class waterfowl vacation to one of the top waterfowl Destinations in the state including Kodiak Island, the Alaska Peninsula, and the Pribilof & Aleutian Islands. Here you will find the finest staff of guides that are committed to making your hunting trip a success.

Please carefully read the following information well in advance of your departure. It will help answer most questions concerning your hunting trip.

About Aleutian Island Waterfowlers

Aleutian Island Waterfowlers was founded in the mid 80's by Pilot/Guide Charles Summerville with a simple philosophy of offering the highest quality wilderness duck hunting trips throughout Alaska. Today AIW is made up of 4 of Alaska top waterfowl guides, each one specializing in Alaska duck hunting.

Policies & Procedures

Aleutian Island Waterfowlers is committed to offering only the highest quality Alaska guided duck hunts, by strictly following all state and federal rules regarding waterfowl and duck hunting. All rules have been clarified to our guides by leading US fish and wildlife officials.

Our policy is very simple; we will not aid or assist in any lawbreaking, and if you violate any state or federal laws, we will immediately contact the local State troopers and Federal fish & Wildlife officers to report you! No exceptions! We take our profession very seriously and we will not risk our business for anyone not respecting the great state of Alaska's fish & Game laws. Our limits are liberal and we intend to respect them. No Game hogs allowed!

Each group of Duck hunters will have a signed contract agreeing to our terms, outlining the hunt dates-total hunt cost, reasonable success expected, species legally available on their particular hunt, and all transportation cost's related to their hunting trip. We require a 50% non refundable deposit and highly recommend travel/hunt insurance to cover any weather delays or flight cancellations that can arise on short notice, as we will not be held responsible for anything until you arrive in our lodge.

There are no guarantees in duck hunting! The only guarantee is that we will give you 110% each and every day, we will abide by all regulations, and we will treat you with respect.



Our Guides will not hunt while guiding, unless you specifically are done for the day or you invite them to hunt. **Exceptions:** They will shoot to aid you in stopping a cripple from escaping after you have clearly wounded/crippled a bird and it is escaping on the water or in the air. We will not motor down, chase, haze, or harass waterfowl with our boats, so do not ask us to as we only hunt over decoys from a stationary position. Certain exceptions may arise when we drift with decoys out on certain winds utilizing layout boats or Zodiacs as it can be unsafe to anchor in large tides and waves.

There are no grey areas! If you cripple a duck we will make every attempt to legally retrieve it. If we do not recover it, the bird will be counted against your yearly and/or daily bag limits, so only take responsible shots that you are confident in. All birds, whether juvenile or mature that are harvested, will count against your limits. Duck identification is very important.

There will be no selling, bartering, upgrading, or trading of waterfowl in any manner with anyone at any of our locations, since this is highly illegal and immoral. All daily and yearly bag and possession limits will be monitored closely.

All birds will be immediately tagged with your personal tags before leaving the field and no birds will be left with us or discarded except to eat at the lodge. You are responsible for all your birds.

All our Professional Waterfowl guides are licensed and insured to hunt and guide in Alaska, and USCG licensed captains. While operating motorized vessels with passengers for hire, we enforce a 100% no Drug or Alcohol policy while onboard our hunting boats or while actively hunting during the day.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these rules, please don't hesitate to contact us at 1-877-359-3003 as we will be glad to talk with you about them.

We feel strongly that if everything is covered and agreed to ahead of time, there are very few issues that can, or will arise where you don't understand the consequences.

Where we Hunt

Island X is 700 miles from anchorage straight west out in the middle of the Bering sea. The island is 14 miles long and averages 5 miles across with about 500 full time Native residents living on the island. There is 1 general store selling food and supplies and 1 packaging store selling Beer and wine no hard liquor. There are 2 boat launches and 5 shore blind locations and about 50 miles of total road around the island. The road access can be very limited when we get snow drifts

as most of the roads are secondary roads and not plowed. The island is a windswept volcanic island and everything about this hunt is Extreme.

Keep in Mind: the Weather

The weather can be a major factor in your transport timing, personal comfort and hunting success. Unfortunately, we cannot control the weather, but we are accustomed to the changing conditions and the guides will make every effort to ensure the best possible hunting regardless of the weather conditions.

The weather in Alaska is often extreme and unpredictable which may cause delays. We do not reimburse clients for lost days, delays in flights/transfers, or any expenses due to weather. We will accommodate you at the camp at no extra charge if you are delayed and you are not able to get out. Travel insurance is highly recommended.

The weather in the Bearing Sea on Island X is nothing short of harsh, blowing snow, and very cold temps make this a very challenging hunt. The normal wind velocity is around 15-20 MPH and the average temp is 25 degrees Fahrenheit. Our hunting is very weather related and affects the method and location of where we hunt; a change in the forecasted weather may cause us to have to make a deferent game plane in the morning. Occasionally we have "WEATHER" days where it is unsafe to hunt and we may have to wait until the weather changes to safely hunt. Again, travel insurance is recommended.

The remote nature of our establishment and our distance from "civilization" is what allows us to provide such a unique wilderness experience, but it also prevents us from going to the local grocery or hardware store. All supplies must be transported to camp by plane. Consequently, we may temporarily run short of certain items. We appreciate your patience, should this occur. If you find yourself without something (a missing light bulb, no hot water, etc.), please let us know immediately and the problem will be corrected as swiftly as possible. If there are certain items you need to be comfortable (a particular candy bar, a favorite snack) make sure to purchase these before arriving at the lodge and bring them with you. We do not have phone service except in case of emergency. If you encounter any problem at the lodge, report it to the staff immediately. Please do not suffer in silence; our staff is here to help.

Weapons for Alaska Hunting

We recommend any of the high quality shotguns 12 gauge. Examples: Bennelli, Remington, Beretta, Ruger. Auto loaders have a higher chance of jamming if not cleaned daily.

We highly recommend that you completely disassemble and degrease your shotgun each day and only using a light coating of oil that is rated for extreme temps. The cold will cause ALL guns to jam if this is not done. We also highly encourage the use of one of the new nontoxic waterfowl loads such as Heavi-Shot or one of the other tungsten high density loads. The size shot and choke configuration is up to you, due to all gun/loads being different. We suggest the use of 2 ,3 or 4 hevi shot for Hevisteel or all the big sea ducks and 6s for the smaller ducks.

Travel & Hunt Planning

For travel information to Island X, Coldbay or Adak see specific destination sections. In general, all flights to our duck hunting destinations will start in Anchorage (ANC) Alaska and guests will stay over to the following morning to catch a flight to their final destination.

For your convenience we operate a full service travel agency, *Alaska Adventures Travel*, to help coordinate all your travel needs including airline tickets, hotels, and charter flights. If you are looking for a simple solution to all your travel needs, we are here to help you. Helen, our Alaska Travel specialist, will be glad to finalize your travel plans and take all the guessing work out of your planning. One call does it all!! 1-877-359-3003 Helen: alaska.helen@gmail.com

Travel Insurance

We make it mandatory that you purchase Travel Insurance for your Alaska hunt. Sometimes unforeseen circumstances occur that are out of anyone's control, such as flight cancellations, weather delays, and illness. Purchasing travel insurance will give you the peace of mind that your expenses will be covered if anything unexpected should happen. Give our office a call to help you set up your travel insurance. We will set up your travel insurance right after you book your airline tickets and pay your deposit.

Deposits & Balance Due

When booking your trip with us, we ask that you mail in a signed copy of the contract with your deposit. We accept checks made out to Alaska Adventures. Our address is 462 teal way Kodiak Alaska 99615, All major credit cards are accepted. A 50% deposit is required when booking the trip, unless arrangements have been made in advance. The balance of the trip is due Nov. 1st by check.

Buying Hunting Licenses / Tags

Aleutian Island Waterfowlers Clients: should purchase a small game lic ahead of time along with State duck stamp over the internet, Can purchase a small game hunting license, AK state duck stamp once you arrive as we are a licensed vendor although we highly recommend having prepurchased your Federal duck stamp prior to arrival as we have no access to them once in the field. Buy Online: <http://www.adfg.state.ak.us/> We highly recommend getting all licenses and stamps 30-60 days before travel, in case you have a problem. If you show up without all appropriate licenses, you will not be allowed to hunt.

Additional Charges

The only additional charges on any of our Duck hunts are: hotels & meals before or after the hunt in Anchorage, your round trip commercial airfare and/or charters to the start of the hunt, shells if you need to purchase any once in the field, and your guide gratuities.

Gratuities

We are confident that we will provide a level of service that meets or exceeds your expectations. Our staff is committed to manifesting the best possible Alaska hunting experience for all of our guests.

Gratuities are based on 10%-15% of the normal trip fee. Remember: Tips are a part of the staff's & guide's income and makes it possible for them to bring you the quality hunts that they do.

Alcoholic beverages

We do not supply alcoholic beverages, nor do we sell them. If you wish to have alcoholic beverages during your stay with us, please purchase them in town (Anchorage or King Salmon). Please keep in mind intoxication will be avoided and not tolerated in camp or consumed while hunting, but feel free to bring some spirits to celebrate after a long days hunt. Also Beer and wine is available on the island from the local store although no hard liquor can be sold here.

Baggage Allowances

Each person is allowed a maximum of one bag up to 50 lbs and 1 gun case Along with a small carryon pack upto 20lbs, no exceptons. additional bags will be charged up to \$200 per piece and will probably go standbye and not probably make it the same day. Due to airline limitations and weight /Balance, no bag

should be more than 50 pounds each, and if over will be charged. We recommend soft sided bags, since they work well in the airplanes. Gun cases will go due to mandatory FFA rules, we recommend hunters traveling together share gun cases and put 2-3 shotguns in each one to limit extra bags.

Traveling with Firearms

Traveling with firearms is easy. All guns must be transported in approved hard lockable cases. Make sure guns are unloaded and that no ammunition is in the gun case. Most airlines are allowing you to travel with 4 boxes of shotgun shells but please check for specific regulations for your specific airlines. **NOTE: If 2 hunters are traveling together, then travel with both guns in one case if possible. Many Airlines allow 2-4 guns per case.

Taking Care of Birds & Shipping Skins

All birds will be cleaned free of blood and debris before being frozen and packaged and tagged to meet federal migratory bird shipping regulations. All birds are frozen either whole, or skinned, and tagged for shipping. You should bring a medium sized cooler as a part of your baggage.

The Guide Staff

Founder/Pilot-Guide Captain-Charles Summerville

While living on the Alaska Peninsula and guiding hunters and fisherman full time since 1985 Charlie has had the opportunity to hunt and fly over every major waterfowl population on the Alaska Peninsula. Charlie followed the birds from Kvichak Bay to Cold Bay and has pioneered a world-class duck hunting guide operation offering hunters some of the most remote, high quality, fly-in duck hunting, and fishing in the state of Alaska.

In the mid 90's Charlie started exploring the Aleutian Islands hunting where few, or no white men had previously Duck hunted, and pioneered King Eider hunting in a remote island location. Aleutian Island Waterfowlers now offers a high quality King Eider and Harlequin hunt on Island X. To this day, we are the only Duck hunting guides in the State specializing in King Eiders, using our brand new high quality custom Banks boats and hunting over custom hand painted decoys. Charlie will prove to you that Kings and Harlequin are great decoying birds.

Guide - Captain Russell Owen

Russell has been guiding Waterfowl professionally since 2005 with his roots based in the eastern south carolina region specializing in big water diver hunting, Field hunting for Geese and Mallards and marsh hunting for mixed bag hunts. 2017 will be Russels 7th year guiding with Aleutian Island Waterfowler's on Island X. With his unmatched intensity and natural ability you are assured of a world class hunt along with his worldclass Decoy carving skills as he is a competitive decoy carver and carves decoys for sale.

Duck Hunting Guide – Rex Aumstadt

Rex and Deb our husband and wife team of guide and chef has been working with Aleutian Island Waterfowlers off and on for 10 years and in 2007 he has decided to join our team full time as one of our top King Eider Guides. Rex has been hunting Waterfowl for 30 years in the midwest and has successfully survived the king Eider hunting weather without even a whine. We are very lucky to have such a fine Christian hunter added to our Professional staff and truly making us, Alaska's Premier Waterfowl Guides Specializing in King Eiders, Harlequin & Pacific Eiders.

Guide-Capt Charlie Barberinin

Capt Charlie Joined team X-treme in 2013 on Island X and showed us why he deserves to be part of one of Alaska's Top waterfowl operations.

Guide-Capt Jeremy Ulmann

Jeremy joined our team after many recommendations of his past clients in Michigan to us who hunted with him there. Jeremy runs a full time waterfowl operation there MIguideserve all fall and guides Snowgoose hunts all Feb, March and April our off season. He is a very seasoned waterfowl guide and experience big water captain from Alaska and Lake Michigan.

Island X Hunts: \$4900 pp Dec 28th – Jan 23rd

Travel

Fly to Anchorage, Alaska and spend the night at the Millenium hotel. The following day your charter flight will leave Anchorage and fly you to Island-X. It is approximately a 3 hour flight on a twin engine turbo prop the round trip charter flight is around \$900pp. We will meet you that day when you arrive on Island-X at the small airport and transport you and your gear to our lodge.

The Hunt

Our Island X hunt is 4-6 days long with 3-4 ½ days of fully guided duck hunting depending on flight schedules. As Penn Air only flies 3 days a week. On day 1 you will arrive late in the afternoon around 3:30 get a quick tour of the island and head to the Lodge where you will get checked in and unpacked eat some appetizers and have a nice dinner around 6:30 after dinner you and the guides will talk about the following days hunt and come up with a game plan. Days 2 -5 a normal hunting day will occur as listed below in the daily Schedule. Day 5 or 6 if you have your birds and are done hunting then you can sleep in late, get up and have breakfast and pack your clothes to get ready to go home the guides will help you pack your birds from the freezer and call the airport around noon the confirm your flights then take you up around 2- 3pm to check in. If you missed a day of hunting due to weather or did not get your eiders we will be glad to take you out from legal shooting time till noon to give it one last try before leaving.

Limits

The limits for non-residents are 20 Sea-Ducks a year with no more than 4 of each species per year. We highly encourage and support the limit of only 3 Drake King Eiders and 1 Hen for a total of 3 so that everyone in the future will be able to hunt these magnificent birds.

The Accommodations

You will be staying in a private camp that has four private guest rooms with 2 beds per room and 2 bedrooms for the staff. There are 2 separate bathrooms with showers, for everyone to share the Modern facilities include: satellite TV, comfortable but compact living spaces, unlimited modern hot showers, heat, and a full-time cook/housekeeper- Deb . The facilities on Island X are modest but comfortable, warm and clean this is not a 4 star lodge facility it is a remote hunting camp, with 2 freezers a gun cleaning room and a drying room with boot dryers along with washers and dryers for laundry.

The Equipment

We utilize a 17 foot Ron Banks boat with a 60hp 4 stroke yamaha, along with numerous Zodiac inflatable's ranging from 14-18ft to access other areas of the island without boat ramps. we have a 4-wheel drive Suburban and a 4 x4 Ford f250, 1 chevy c1500 4x4 pickup along with 2 snowmobiles for access during the snow periods when access is limited to get around the island. We hunt over all custom hand painted decoys including E allen and LZ decoys along with handmade decoys by WRO decoys. All equipment is well maintained and updated when needed.

Hunting Techniques

We try to hunt all hunters from the boats each day weather dependant and on certain days we will utilize the rocky points and shore blind locations when needed. While in the boats we will be hunting over Decoys. The hunters take turns rotating who has first shot. When the weather is right, we pass shoot from one of the major rocky points. Much of the hunting from shore is utilizing snow camo as there is usually a covered background of snow. Be prepared for bad weather days not allowing us to hunt from the boats in big seas, if this is the case we will do everything within our power to hunt from the shore blind locations, but keep in mind safety is our first concern and our guides will make the final call on when its safe and not safe no whiners allowed.

Packing List

- 1 Waterproof insulated parka
- 2 Pair Fleece wader pants
- 2 Pair long underwear
- 2 Pair heavy hunting socks
- 2 Pair light socks
- 1 Pair crocks/slippers -house shoes
- 1 Pair warm hunting boots
- 1 pair heavy hunting gloves
- 1 pair light shooting gloves
- 1 face mask
- 2 heavy hunting shirts
- 2 light shirts for layers
- 1 gun cleaning kit
- 1 medium collapsible cooler as your carryon for transporting game home
- 4-5 boxes hevishot/hevisteel #4
- 1 16-32gb thumbdrive for taking pictures and videos home from the week

Very Important = Do not bring extra traveling clothes, suit jackets or non essential items as space is limited and our hunting camp is very casual, also when getting dressed in the morning in anchorage at your hotel leave your street clothes and shoes in the storage area at the hotel, as you do not need them on Island X, you should travel in warm hunting clothes along with wearing your parka and warm boots along with gloves and Warm hats in case of a weather delay along the way as it is winter and space is limited. It also is in case one of your bags get lost or bumped due to any reason, also carry on any medications or essential items you need for the week as occasionally the airlines can bump or temporarily have luggage delayed due to Weight and Balance issues, Don't worry about waders, guns and ammo as we have extra of all of it in case of emergency along with extra clothes.

Island X Daily Schedule

Wakeup is around 7:30am with a hot breakfast being served each morning by our cook consisting of Pancakes-bacon, Omelets-hash browns, Scrambled eggs-sausage, and Biscuits & Gravy. Lunches and snacks are packed to go as we will eat lunch in the field most days, although weather permitting we do stop back at the house for hot coffee or cocoa along with some hot soup mid day to warm up and regroup. We are on the water 20-30 minutes before legal shooting time which runs at sunrise, which is between 10:10-10:25 in the winter in Alaska. We can hunt until dark on most days, although the best hunting is the first 2 hours of the day. Dinner is served at 7pm and we have American style meals consisting of Steaks, Pork, Pasta, Chicken, Halibut, Crablegs with side dishes of Potatoes-rice-pasta or salads with a vegetable and dessert each night. On the last day of your trip the normal departure is around 3-5pm from the island and returning around 7-8pm so make your flight schedules accordingly. We can hunt ½ day on your departure day if you still need a king or we lost days due to bad weather.

Species

King Eiders

The King Eiders are regal in appearance and average 23 inches in length. They are identified from other male eider Sea ducks by the red bill and large orange frontal lobe extending from the bill up to the forehead. This lobe is outlined in black, which sets off the pale blue-gray top half of the head and sea-green shaded cheeks. While the King Eider has a white chest like the Common Eider, Kings have black backs. We allow each hunter to take a maximum of 3 Alaskan King Eider Drakes per hunt and 1 hen.

Harlequin

The Harlequin is one of the most prevalent sea ducks in many areas of Alaska. With Their outstanding markings are what set them apart as one of the most beautiful of all the Sea ducks. Also being one of the smallest in the Sea duck

family this unique duck is fascinating to watch as it has very good social skills and is a great diver. Although We allow our hunters only 2 trophy Harlequin per hunter due to the limited resources of resident birds on the small island to preserve the birds for many years to come.

Old Squaw

Alaska offers some of the finest Oldsquaw hunting found anywhere. Oldsquaw duck hunting with Aleutian Island Waterfowlers is a great addition to our other Sea Ducks and Puddle Ducks. Our professional duck hunting guides will put you on Oldsquaw, Harlequin and Eiders during the late season. Our limit on Oldsquaw is also 4 ducks per year for a non resident.

Scoter

Island-X offers some Scoter hunting. White Winged Scoters can be taken on these hunts along with Common Scoters although they are not a guarantee by ant means and just an extra bonus if taken. 4 Ducks per hunter are allowed with Aleutian Island Waterfowlers

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Please understand that we operate numerous remote lodge operations and are hard to reach by phone most of the year June – Jan when we are in the field guiding, although we have Satelite internet connection and emails are a better way to contact us during our busy season .

Thank You for considering Aleutian Island Waterfowlers for you Dream hunt in Alaska. We also operate a 4 star flyin fishing lodge in Katmai Park June –Sept

We also offer Hunts in Coldbay Sept 15-Oct 30, Adak Nov 15- Dec 15 if your interested in another type of adventure. www.alaskaduckhuntingguides.com

Thank you again and look forward to hunting with you soon.

Sincerely Capt Charlie Summerville & Staff