



As winter gives way to spring, and hunting season fast approaches, we thought it was timely to share with our friends in the hunting world some of the highlights from our 2006 and 2007 seasons, and to make you aware of some of the incredible hunting opportunities still available for our 2009 season and beyond. While our 2008 Black Bear and Roosevelt Elk hunts are now fully booked, it's a good time to start planning, as we have found over the years that discriminating hunters reserve their premier hunts at least a year or more in advance to avoid the disappointment of being unable to book their dream hunt on relatively short notice. Such is the case with hunters who choose to hunt with the Fyfe family's North Island Guide Outfitters, and quite frankly we're very proud of that!

As you may know, North American coastal Black Bears have been reclassified by Safari Club International's record book committee as 'Island Bears', and for good reason. The density of the Island Bear's population, combined with their tremendous body size (not to mention genetic differences with mainland bears identified through DNA analysis), makes them a truly unique animal, and one of North America's greatest trophies. Northern Vancouver Island is known to have one of the highest population densities throughout any of the Island Bear's distribution and our exclusive 2700 square mile guide territory is located in the heart of Island Bear paradise! Each of our hunters can expect to see 30 to 80 bears or more on a typical 5-day hunt with us, and will take their bear not over bait, but by a classic spot-and-stalk hunt accompanied by an experienced professional guide to help them select the best possible trophy during their hunt. It doesn't get any better than this! Because of the extremely high bear population this is a tremendous hunt for young and old hunters alike, beginning hunters, those who want to share the experience with their spouse, and of course it is the ultimate hunt for serious trophy hunters.

Not only is Vancouver Island famous for its Black Bears, it is equally well known for having the largest Roosevelt Elk in the world. Vancouver Island's elk herds are a model of careful management; there are very limited hunts available for this species, and we stay booked for this hunt two years in advance. If you're on a journey to collect the North American 29 species slam or the North American Elk slam, there is no better place to hunt a Roosevelt Elk, and we invite you to speak with us about your plans to collect this very special animal.

Much has been written about North Island Guide Outfitters over the years, and we've been featured at one time or another in almost every major hunting publication in North America, so for your enjoyment and information we have posted a sampling of some of these stories on our website – just click on the hunting stories tab.

As good as our hunting is – and it is truly world-class – perhaps even more appealing to our hunters is the stunning natural beauty of the Black Bear and Roosevelt Elk habitat here on northern Vancouver Island. If you have hunted with us, you know exactly what we mean, but if you haven't yet made Vancouver Island a hunting destination, check out a sampling of the stunning backdrop to your hunt available on our website.

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Perhaps the best way to share our 2006 and 2007 seasons with you is through photos and unsolicited comments from our hunters, so that's what we've chosen to do in this newsletter and accompanying photo and story pages.

Consider this a personal invitation from Dave & Irene Fyfe and North Island Guide Outfitters to come share with us in the hunt of a lifetime. Hunting, fishing and guide-outfitting is our passion, and we consider it an honor to share this incredible part of the world with our many friends and guests.

Sincerely, Dave & Irene Fyfe & sons – North Island Guide Outfitters

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