

# Alaska Brown Bear Hunt 2012



My good friend and RMR member Kent Stevenson and I went to Sitka Alaska on a Brown Bear hunt after meeting Scott Mcleod with Raven Guides. Member Roger Nichols had hunted with him several years ago and had a great time so we booked with Scott too. We saw over 60 bears on this trip between the two of us and our guides. This hunt is done from a main boat and then we would take 14 foot skiffs out to tour along the many miles of island coast line looking for bears. Once we spotted a bear, and thought is was worth taking a better look at (is wasn't a sow with cubs, or obviously small), we would 'park' the skiff and stalk the bear.

I had 9 stalks on bears before I went in on this big guy. It was a nearly a 2 mile hike and a 900 open area that we had to cover to get a shot. The first 380 yards was on our hands and knees, and the last 130 yards was on our belly....very wet! I made the shot at 276 yards using my Sako .375 and custom loads from Rich Reily and High Tech Custom Guns using Swift Aframe bullets, 270 grains. One shot put him down hard, but I followed up with two more for good measure.

He is 9' 6" nose to tail and his skull is 25 2/16. The mounted bear in the photo above in the Sitka airport is the exact same size as mine, to show you how big this will be when he is mounted.

Kent did not opt to shoot a bear, and had several chances, but was looking for a bigger one than he has already, and he saw a few, but they were rubbed off as far as the fur goes.

This was one of the best hunting trips that I have been on, and you are really fur hunting on this trophy hunt, so you are really looking for a prime furred bear. Size is luck of the draw. They say there is 1 bear for every square mile in this area. Really amazing number of bears. If you would like more info on this hunt, email me and I will get it to you.

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