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Sitka Black-tailed Deer and Sea Duck Combo Hunt Gear List

Here's our suggested gear list for your Alaska hunting adventures.

Alaska Hunting License, Waterfowl Stamps, Tags, and Harvest Tickets:

- Alaska Big Game Hunting License (Non-resident and Non-resident Alien) for Deer, Fox and Sea Ducks.
- Alaska Small Game Hunting License (Non-resident and Non-resident Alien) for Sea Ducks only.
- Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp and the Alaska Waterfowl Stamp.
- Harvest Information Program (HIP) Enrollment. Bird hunters are required to carry HIP enrollment card.
- Deer Locking-tag and deer Harvest Tickets.
- Review current Alaska Hunting Regulations and Waterfowl Hunting Regulations available online at ADFG website.
- Zip-lock bag for hunting license, Federal and Alaska duck stamps, deer locking tag, and deer harvest tickets.
- Pre-purchase Alaska hunting license, Alaska waterfowl stamps, Federal duck stamp (at U.S. Post Office) and locking tags for Deer online at the ADFG website store or available in most sporting goods stores in Alaska. Also, obtain Deer harvest ticket(s) online at the ADFG website, no fee required. License, duck stamps, tags, and harvest tickets are always kept on the clients in the field.

Rifle, Scopes, Shotgun, and Ammunition:

- Rifle. Many options: 6.5 PRC, .270 Win, 7mm, .30-06, .308 Win, .300 WSM, .300 Win Mag, or .338 Win.
- Recommend rifle with synthetic stock and stainless-steel barrel. Weather resistant, reliable, and accurate. Practice!
- High-quality rifle scope w/ cover. Variable power, 2-15x range, tube 33 to 44mm. Leupold, Nightforce, or Swarovski.
- Shotgun: 12 gauge (3 inch or 3 ½ inch). Bring a variety of chokes: improved cylinder or modified, and full.
- Ammunition (two boxes, 40 rounds). Use high-quality bonded or solid copper hunting bullets.
- Shells. Steel shot is required. Size: 4s, 2s, BBs or BBB shells. Bring six boxes.
- Gun cleaning kit for your rifle/shotgun, gun oil, cleaning cloth, ear plugs, and electrical tape (muzzle cover).
- Hard case for shotgun/rifle for commercial airline travel. Leave hard case at air charter storage/shed.
- Soft case for rifle or waterproof case (Nomar Waterproof Rifle Scabbard) for air charter flights and boat rides.

Optics/Tech:

- Binoculars (high quality): Leica, Zeiss, or Swarovski (10 X 42). Bino harness, Kuiu. Let your glass do the walking!
- Range finder with angle composition built in (Leupold). Optional.
- iPhone with back-up battery charger. Recharging battery bank. Anker – PowerCore 20K.
- Lens cleaners.
- Camera (optional) with extra charged batteries and spare ScanDisk memory cards
- Communication (optional): Garmin InReach and/or Iridium satellite phone.

Backpack Gear:

- Quality Backpack a must! Barney's Pinnacle Pack or the Stone Glacier Sky Guide 7900. Include pack rain cover.
- Small Day Packs are used as a travel carry-on for personal valuable items.
- KUIU Large Waterproof Dry Bag or Duffel. Kodiak 6600 Duffel, SeaLine 120L Dry Pack or the Sea to Summit Hydraulic Dry Pack 120L. Or use two medium dry bags.
- Waterproof bags, compression stuff sacks/bags, (2-small, 2-medium, 2-large). Zip Top, Sea to Summit.

Other Gear:

- Platypus tube and Hydration bag or Nalgene 2-Quart Water Bottles.
- Headlamp and/or small flashlight with extra batteries. Petzl Myo or FENIX HP15.
- Knife w/ sharpener (Havilon or Victorinox), sharpening stone, duct tape. Two pair of skinning gloves.
- Small handsaw and leatherman tool (both optional).
- Game bag (Caribou brand), parachute cord, 50 ft (optional), flagging tape, small roll duct tape and small black tarp.
- Trash bag-3 mil (liner for pack) and trash bag-1mil.
- Head net/insect spray (DEET or equivalent), optional during Nov and Dec.

Layering System:

- Travel clothes (one set).
- Base-Layers:**
- Boxer Shorts, 3 sets, KUIU Ultra Merion Boxer Brief or Stone Glacier Chinook Merino Boxer.
- Next to Skin Top, 2, KUIU Ultra Merino 120 LT SS Crew-T
- Next to Skin Bottom, 2, KUIU Ultra Merino 145 Zip-Off Bottom
- Mid-Layers:**
- Mid-Layer, 1, KUIU Peloton 97 Fleece Zip-T Hoodie or KUIU ULTA Merino 145 Zip-T Hoodie
- Mid-Layer, 1, KUIU Peloton 200 Zip-T Hoodie
- Pants (2-Lightweight). KUIU Attack Pants or Pro Pants.
- Gaiters (optional).
- Belt, KUIU belt.
- Puffy/Insulating Layers:**
- Insulating Jacket, Ultra Down Hooded. KUIU Super Down Pro Hoody or Barney's Brook Range
- Jacket (windbreaker/light weight), KUIU Guide DCS Jacket.
- Outer Shell/Rain Layers:**
- Quality rain gear is a must! Helly Hansen with hood (knee length) and pants. A rubber rain suit is the best. Or KUIU Yukon Jacket and Pants, KUIU Chugach NX Rain or Sitka rain gear.
- Headwear:**
- Head wear, 2-hats - one ball cap and one polar fleece cap for cold weather. KUIU or Smartwool.
- Buff or Bandanna. KUIU Merino Neck Gator or Smartwool.
- Gloves:**
- Waterproof Outer Shell Gloves. Mtn. Hardware or Absolute Zero Mitt.
- Gloves (2 sets). Lightweight leather gloves and wool gloves.

Footwear:

- Waders are a MUST! Lightweight and breathable chest or waist stocking foot waders: Simms, Cabela's, or Orvis.
- Wading boots. Boots go over stocking foot waders. Simms, Cabela's, & Orvis. Get them large enough for 2 pairs of socks (liner and medium socks).
- Quality leather hunting boots. Lowa Tibets or Kenetrek Mountain boots.
- 3-liner Socks, Darn Tough or Smartwool.
- 3-medium to heavy Socks, Darn Tough or Smartwool.
- Camp shoes (crocks or light weight hiking boots) for camp.

Personal Gear:

- Toiletry kit: toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, razor (optional), nail clippers, tweezers, and Q-tips.
- Towel, washcloth, shampoo, bar of soap, and deodorant. Chap stick, skin lotion, and sunscreen lotion.
- Glasses, contacts, sunglasses, and contact eye cleaner.
- Personal medication - 15-day supply. Aspirin, Advil, or Tylenol (for the aches and pains).
- First-aid: Neosporin Plus, antibiotic ointment, disinfectant wipes, band-aids, steri strips, and gauze.
- Leuko or sports tape to pre-wrap feet, Glacier gel, moleskin, and Ace wrap.
- Reading material (2 books). Book on phone.
- Commercial flight tickets/QR code.
- Personal/bank checks or cash. Note pad (waterproof) and pen.

Packing. Pack all hunting gear in one large waterproof bag or two medium bags, except day pack and rifle/shotgun (soft cases). Gear is hand carried on air charter flights. Weight limit on small air charter (Cessna 206 and DeHavilland Beaver) is approximately 100 lbs and rifle/shotgun with case. Hard case for rifle/shotgun, unnecessary luggage, and travel clothes can be stored at the air charter company for pickup upon return flight.

Alaska Weather. Prepare for cold weather, temperatures range from low-30's to high-40's with strong winds, rain, sleet, and possible snow.

Sleeping bags and bedding are available at our lodging accommodations.

Suggested Gear List: This is not an all-inclusive list; it is a reference to help determine the things you may need for your hunt. Suggest you add or remove items for your personal use.